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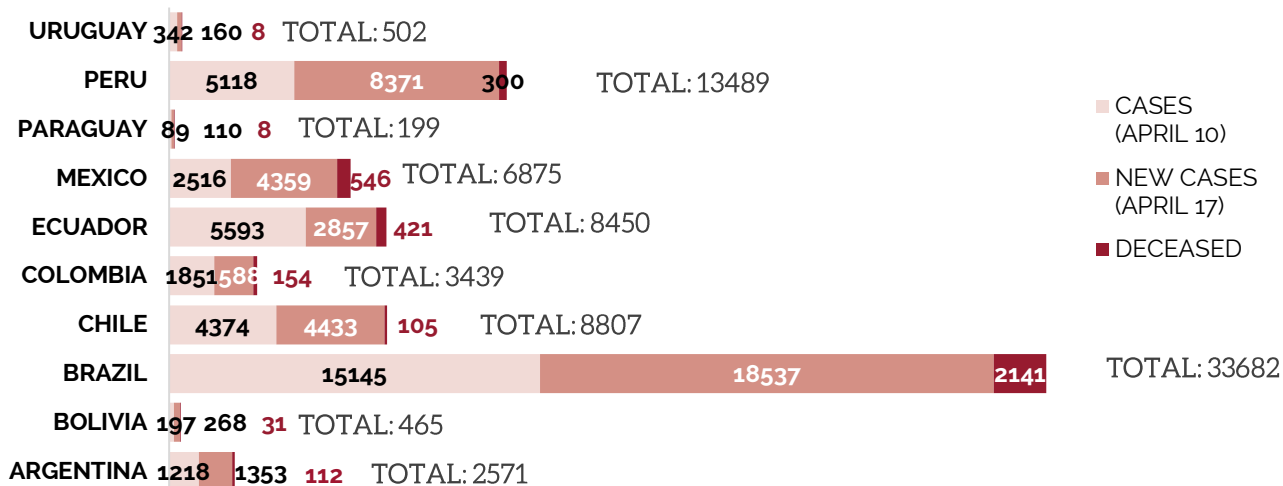
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COVID-19 CASE EVOLUTION IN LATIN AMERICA



GENERAL OVERVIEW ENFORCED MEASURES

MEASURE	ARG	BR	BOL	CHI	COL	ECU	MX	PAR	PER	URU
MANDATORY QUARANTINE	X	NO	X	X	X	X	NO	X	X	NO
CLOSED BORDERS	X	P	X	X	X	X	P	X	X	X
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	X	X	X
RESTRICTIONS IMPORTS/EXPORTS	X	NO	X	X	NO	X	NO	X	NO	NO
PRICE CONTROL MEASURES	X	NO	NO	NO	X	X	X	X	NO	X
HEALTH EMERGENCY	X	X	X	X	X	S.O.E	X	X	S.O.E	X
EXCEPTIONAL PROCUREMENT MECHANISMS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NO
TAX FLEXIBILITY	X	X	X	X	X	X	NO	X	X	X
INCREASE IN HEALTH BUDGET	X	X	X	X	X	P	NO	X	X	NO
CREDIT AID	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FOOD AID	X	X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	X

Source: National Ministries of Health
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S.O.E: State of Emergency
 P: Partial

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ARGENTINA		
No. of cases		2571
Identified cases in:		City of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires Province, Chaco, Tierra del Fuego, Santa Fé, Córdoba, Neuquén, Santa Cruz, Mendoza, Río Negro, Entre Ríos, Jujuy, Salta, Corrientes, La Rioja, La Pampa, Misiones, San Juan, San Luis, Santiago del Estero, Tucumán, Chubut.
Government Measures	Economic	• Debt restructuring proposal delivered.
	Circulation	• Lockdown to be flexibilized by regions and economic sectors on April 20. Governors to impact the decision. • City of BAs established mandatory use of face masks in public spaces
	Health	• Definition of suspected case expanded to enable more testing. Health personnel has differentiated criteria. • COVID-19 included in non-listed professional diseases. • Over 200 cuban doctors will be authorized to work in the province of Buenos Aires.
	Social	• ANSES pushed back delivery of Emergency Family Income aid to April 21.
Other		• Government signs letter in support of WHO. • Judicial electronic signatures and remote filing of lawsuits authorized by Supreme Court. • Requests for inmate excarceration continue to rise. • New humanitarian flights for stranded citizens scheduled. • Penal implications for spreading fake news on coronavirus.

BRAZIL		
No. of cases		33682
Identified cases in:		All states in the country have confirmed cases.
National Government Measures	Economic	• Ministry of the Economy is establishing partnerships with industries related to hand sanitizer • Ministry of Regional Development will offer up to BRL 6 billion in credit to the Constitutional Financing Funds • Senate approved "War Budget" in the second instance, it will move to the House for a vote

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National Government Measures	Health	- President Bolsonaro fired Minister of Health Mandetta, Nelson Teich <u>takes</u> over as the Minister of Health - MoH <u>purchased</u> 4,300 respirators - Ministry of Science and Tech is <u>financing</u> research for the use of the BCG vaccine to prevent COVID-19 - Scientific community <u>carried</u> out testing of drugs for a COVID-19 treatment - Min. Infrastructure <u>established</u> contracts to facilitate the import of face masks from China
	Social	<u>Launch</u> of <i>Brasil Acolhedor</i>, a government-civil society project to promote support actions to vulnerable populations
	Circulation	STF rules that quarantine measures <u>will</u> continue to be managed at the local level
Other		- Security forces are <u>escorting</u> the distribution of medical equipment and supplies <u>Measure</u> that establishes new norms on purchasing and procurement

BOLIVIA		
No. of cases		465
Identified cases in:		Beni, Chuquisaca, Cochabamba, La Paz, Oruro, Pando, Potosi, Santa Cruz, Tarija.
National Government Measures	Economic	- Fiscal stimulus <u>expanded</u> including more vulnerable sectors, such as students and unemployment population. - A robust post-coronavirus reactivation <u>economic plan</u> is in design. - More than BS \$1,500 millions will be destined for SMEs through a 5-year term credits <u>plan</u> to help maintain normal business operability.
	Health	- Government <u>increased</u> measures for protecting health service operators at risk of contagion. <u>Enactment</u> of annual life insurance plan will grant wider guarantees for health workers. - Health institutions and government <u>prompted</u> the COVID-19 National Strategy Response as the principal action plan to contain the epidemic

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BOLIVIA		
National Government Measures	Health	- Laboratorios IFA will <u>produce</u> hydroxychloroquine after acquiring its active principle. - While the country is one of the least performing tests in the region, <u>efforts</u> are being made to increase COVID-19 diagnostic laboratories in local areas.
	Circulation	Mandatory lockdown were <u>extended</u> for two more weeks until the 30th of April.
	Trade	Tariffs on imports <u>were removed</u> for some medical and compulsory supplies.
Other		While cases continue to rise, Minister of Health announced that the country has not yet <u>entered</u> to the community transmission phase of the coronavirus.
COLOMBIA		
No. of cases		3.439
Identified cases in:		Bogotá, Cundinamarca, Valle del Cauca, Antioquia, Bolivar, Huila, Norte de Santander, Risaralda, Atlántico, Quindío, Santander, Caldas, Tolima, Meta, Cauca, Nariño, Boyacá, Casanare, Cesar, San Andrés y Providencia, Sucre, Córdoba, Magdalena, La Guajira, Amazonas.
National Government Measures	Economic	- Economy <u>expected to reopen</u> on April 27. - Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism <u>enacted special transitory measures</u> on tariffs for SMEs. - Central Bank removes barriers to <u>inject liquidity</u> into financial sector.
	Circulation	<u>ID-based restrictions</u> enforced in eight cities. - President Duque stated that stadiums, bars and concerts <u>will not be open in at least 18 months</u>.
	Health	- Minister of Health summoned to <u>political control debate</u> in Congress. <u>Flexibilization</u> of import requirements for medical supplies and PPE. - Decree aimed at <u>strengthening</u> health services. - Mandatory call for health workers <u>will be limited to shortage of personnel</u> after controversial decree met resistance from the Colombian Medical School.

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COLOMBIA		
National Government Measures	Social	<u>Middle income households</u> will be able to pay public services in 24 quotas. - Decree establishes that national <u>pension fund</u> will cover part of private public funds.
Other		- Additional international cooperation funds requested for health attention of <u>Venezuelan migrants</u>. - Looting and protests reported in Bogotá after delays in subsidies and aids.

CHILE		
No. of cases	9,252	
Identified cases in:		All regions have reported cases.
National Government Measures	Economic	- Ministry of Economy and the chamber of commerce <u>launched</u> a campaign to for small and medium-sized companies on electronic commerce. - Health protocols for business operations were <u>released</u> for supermarkets, home delivery, business establishment and construction areas. - President Piñera begins process <u>payment</u> of COVID-19 Bond to 2.7 million beneficiaries.
	Circulation	Government continue to <u>raise</u> lockdown measures for local regions within its strategic and differentiate quarantine plan.
	Health	- Ministry of Health <u>announced</u> mandatory use of face masks in public closed places. - FONASA <u>maximum price</u> was set for patients drifting from the public to the private system.
	Social	Cases continue to increase in Puente Alto jail, the MoH temporarily <u>suspended</u> new convicts, increase of diagnostic coronavirus tests as well as a special <u>law</u> that permits commutative pardon, for those that didn't committed serious crimes.
	Other	Government <u>released</u> a new digital application which embraces coronavirus relevant information, nearby hospitals locations as well as recommendations and tips for patients with symptoms.

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ECUADOR

No. of cases		8,450
Identified cases in:		All states in the country have confirmed cases.
National Government Measures	Economic	- A <u>contribution of 5%</u> from companies that have made more than USD 1 mill/year to help the fight against COVID as a part of the creation of the so-called <u>National Account of Humanitarian Emergency</u>. - Moreno will request loans from international organizations such as the World Bank to finance Ecuadorian companies. - IMF calculates that the country will <u>decrease 6.3%</u>
	Circulation	<u>An app called SaludEc was launched</u> by the government - The Ecuadorian government will ask the National Assembly for legal provisions that <u>prevent the eviction of families</u> for non-payment of rent while the state of emergency lasts.
	Health	- Over <u>70 doctors have died</u> of COVID and 700 more are presumed to be infected. - Quick COVID-19 tests are carried out <u>house by house</u> in Guayaquil.
Other		- The government has reported <u>a gap in the death toll</u> of Guayas province: in the first 15 days of April there were about 6,700 deaths in that region, in which there are normally 1,000. <u>15 days of national mourning</u> mandated for coronavirus deaths - Ecuador denounces <u>fake news campaign</u>

MEXICO

No. of cases		6,297
Identified cases in:		All states in the country have confirmed cases.
National Government Measures	Economic	<u>Downgrade</u> of Mexico's rating - IMF urged the country to use its <u>flexible credit line</u> <u>7 out of 10</u> Mexicans have seen their economy affected. - President AMLO has announced one million <u>credits for SMEs</u>

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National Government Measures	Economic	- President AMLO has asked governors not to use the virus as an excuse to contract debt. - Companies of non-essential sectors that refuse to suspend operations could face closure. - Senate has donated 250 Million Mexican Pesos to the fight against COVID-19
	Health	Private hospitals came to an agreement with the government to support over 3,000 hospital beds. - Health Ministry has decided to use the Sentinel Model instead of applying massive testing. - GM Mexico will produce 9 mill masks - Mexico seeks to buy health supplies from the US. - Scientists from the National Autonomous Mexican University (UNAM) are working on a quick COVID test. - The first Mexican patient younger than 25 years has died; 9 babies under one year old have tested positive. - The National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) summoned the scientific community to present projects for COVID-19.
	Social	20% salary bonus will be given to workers dealing with COVID patients, including cleaning workers. - Formal employment had the worst quarter of the last decade.
	Circulation	- Social Distancing – and current measures – are to be maintained until May 30; except for municipalities with no cases. - Masks are now to be worn in Mexico's City public transport.
Other		Multiple attacks on health personnel, have led state governments to provide private transport

PARAGUAY

No. of cases		199
Identified cases in:		Asunción, Boquerón, Cordillera, Central, Caaguazu, Alto Paraná, Misiones, Amambay, Guaira, Itapua, Canindeyu, Caazapa, Ñeembucu.
National Government Measures	Economic	- Ministry of Finance announced bonds to fund COVID-19 response measures. - New package of measures announced for SMEs.

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National Government Measures	Circulation	• <u>Quarantine extended</u> until April 26 under same conditions. • Transport companies that allow citizens without face masks <u>will be fined</u>. • <u>Entry controls</u> in Caazapá enforced by police.
	Health	• Government <u>suspended specific procurement process</u> of face masks after corruption accusations. • <u>Tax exemptions</u> for health supplies.
	Social	• President <u>apologizes for delays</u> in subsidies and aids.
Other		• Small-scaled and focalized <u>protests</u> have been reported in indigenous communities and low income neighborhoods.

PERU

No. of cases		13489
Identified cases in:		All regions in the country have confirmed cases.
National Government Measures	Economic	• Ministry of Finance moved forward with a <u>USD \$3 billion sovereign bond emission</u>. • <u>Additional subsidy granted</u> for independent workers who are economically vulnerable.
	Circulation	• Gender-based restrictions <u>withdrawn</u>. • <u>Flexibilization of lockdown measures</u> expected in May • <u>Stricter sanctions</u> for breaching quarantine measures approved.
	Sanitary / Health	• <u>Foreign doctors</u> enabled to work during the crisis. • Decree <u>expands</u> shift extensions for complimentary health services. • <u>Benefits for health personnel</u> ranging from life insurance to transport benefits.
	Social	• Measures to <u>guarantee the provision</u> of public utilities through the emergency in case of expired or pending bills. • Creation of a <u>Support Network</u> for Senior Citizens under High Risk and for Persons with Severe Disability. • <u>Transfer</u> of second round of cash aids for urban vulnerable families approved.

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Other

- Flexibilization on receiving [international cooperation funds and donations](#).
- Health workers have carried out protests calling [for PPE](#) and improvement of [working conditions](#).

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URUGUAY		
No. of cases	502	
Identified cases in:	Canelones, Colonia, Durazno, Lavalleja, Maldonado, Montevideo, Paysandú, Río Negro, Salto y San José.	
National Government Measures	Economic	- While tourism has been one of the most affected sectors, the government prompted actions including deferral of maturity payments and aid to hotel ventures. Coordination between private sector and public entities look out for the reactivation of economy through roadworks projects.
	Circulation	"Todos en Casa" government repatriation plan will be extended for two more weeks as flights are coordinated for the return of Uruguay's citizens throughout the globe.
	Social / Labor	As petitions for food supplies and aid bonds increases rapidly, the government prepares special measures to control future demands
	Health	More technological strategies are being used to contain the virus as well as a free telephonic line to resolve questions and requests regarding coronavirus matters.
Other	- Uruguay's Consumer Protection Area published a comparative chart of the main health supplies prices to help established consumer protection and transparency of information. - A reduction in number of confirmed cases from the 11th to the 12th of April report gives to believe that there was a mistake in registration of cases and tests.	



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