

COVID-19 pandemic

PAHO's Opening Remarks

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North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) States

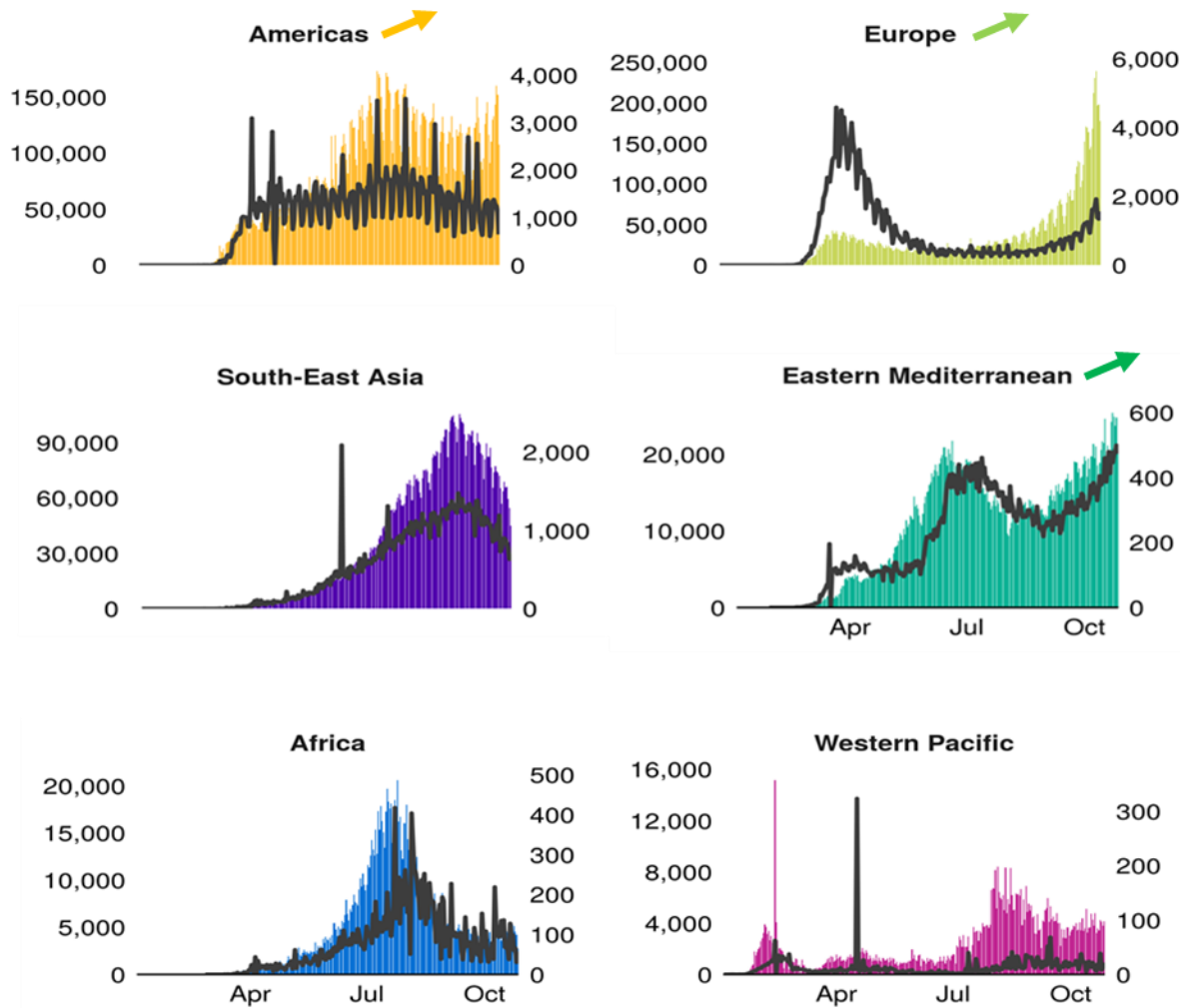
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COVID-19 pandemic - Epidemiological situation

As of 27 October 2020 at 10.00 CEST

Confirmed cases ~43,3 mln (~20 mln in **Americas**, 45.5%)

Deaths ~1,2 mln (~625k in **Americas**, 54%)



Countries in the **Americas** with highest number of new cases in previous 24 hours

Country	New Cases	Total Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths
United States of America	62,364	8,548,111	371	223,699
Brazil	13,493	5,394,128	231	157,134
Argentina	9,253	1,090,589	283	28,896
Colombia	8,174	1,015,885	154	30,154
Mexico	4,360	891,160	181	88,924
Peru	2,501	888,715	54	34,149
Canada	2,145	216,104	24	9,946
Chile	1,535	503,598	59	14,003
Panama	685	129,200	5	2,633
Puerto Rico	632	63,135	3	804

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Lights and shadows of the national responses

- **Leadership** at the highest possible institutional level
 - Governance by health sector vs Facilitation by other sectors
- Rapid and complex **decision making** amid acute and dynamic uncertainties
 - Lockdowns and closure of borders
- Sustained activation of **whole-of-government** and whole-of-society response
 - Over time, magnification of geopolitical and internal political tensions
- Rapid **mobilization** of national **resources** (financial and human)
- **Response** coordination mechanisms **overcoming** any **model** anticipated in existing, **documented** arrangements
- **Reactive, adaptive, and innovative actions**, conducted over a **short period**
 - Potential to drive and shape a sustainable transformations

The “foreseeable” future: Perfecting the “new normal”

Based on:



- Case detection, testing, isolation of cases
- Contact tracing and quarantine of contacts
- Personal protection and hygiene
- Environmental hygiene
- Social/physical distancing

Striving to:

- Overcome social fatigue
- Reactivate the economy
- Apply public health measures in an increasingly targeted manner
- There is no



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Introduction

1. As of 15 July 2020, the pandemic. The Region include States of America) of the 10 c globally, with two of those (Br All 54 countries and territori measures to control the pand success.

2. Although not yet quan COVID-19 pandemic in the sh levels, is believed to be unpr national authorities to strengthe and lessons learned through engagement in responding to t have succeeded in responding v is increasing pressure to resolv in a manner that does not comp

3. This document provides an update on the COVID-19 pandemic in the Region of the Americas and on the response of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB). It provides information for Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) on how to strengthen and support responsive and adaptive health systems in the face of risks from this pandemic so that the health and well-being of societies, as well as social and economic development in the Region, can be sustained. It assumes that the Region will experience recurring epidemic waves and outbreaks interspersed with periods of low-level transmission over the next 24 months, pending development of a safe, efficacious, and equitably accessible COVID-19 vaccine and achievement of appropriate population coverage

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g) provide support to Member States, in the framework of the IHR and in coordination with the World Health Organization, through the development and publication of regional guidelines and recommendations on the management of international travelers, for example, the effectiveness of traveler screening tools, among others, in order to allow Member States to undertake the corresponding risk management activities;

pandemic is, and will be, requiring national leadership and responsibility as well as the whole-of-government and the whole-of-society commitment to sustain consistent and robust response, mitigation, and recovery efforts in the medium and long terms;

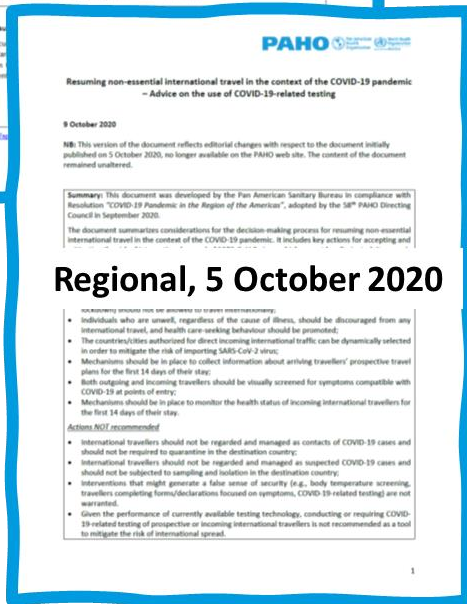
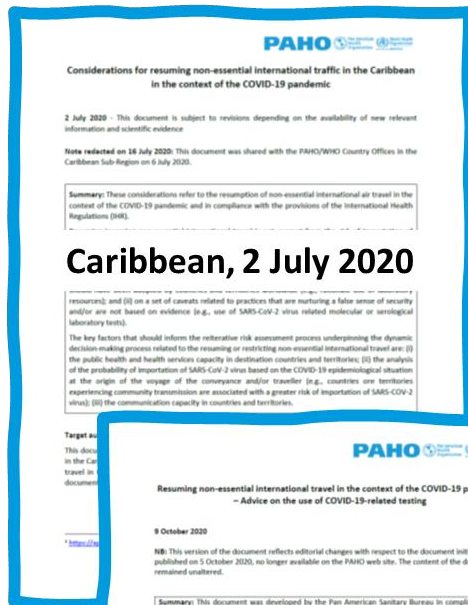
Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA73.1 on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular the call, in the spirit of unity and solidarity, to intensify cooperation and collaboration at all levels in order to contain and control the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate its impact;

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Resuming non-essential international air traffic

PAHO's advice

- ✓ Risk assessment driven approach
 - Risk of international spread cannot be eliminated
- ✓ Use of medical surgical masks
- ✓ Visual screening at airports
- ✓ Health monitoring of incoming travellers for 14 days
- ✗ No quarantine of travellers
- ✗ No testing of travellers as condition to...
- ✗ No other practices generating false sense of security



Thank you