

Update 24: Costa Rica - Reports UK and South African Variants of COVID-19

- On February 23, 2021, the Costa Rican Ministry of Health (CRMH) reported the first cases of the UK and South African variants of COVID-19 detected in the country
- The detection was carried out in the laboratories of Costa Rican Institute for Research and Health Education (INCIENSA) through the genomic surveillance process of the virus
- The INCIENSA identified two cases of patients with COVID-19, associated with the variants VOC202012 / 01 (lineage B.1.1.7) and 501Y.V2 (lineage B.1.351) originally described in the UK and South Africa
- The UK variant was detected in a 35-year-old Costa Rican patient, who began symptoms on January 27, 2021, and is now recovered, without requiring hospitalization
- The authorities are investigating the origin of this contagion which, preliminarily, has not led to other cases
- The South African variant was detected in a 65-year-old French tourist, who began symptoms on January 31, 2021 and who was hospitalized in a public medical center of the Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS)
- This patient was part of a group of 20 French tourists who tested positive for COVID-19 and who entered Costa Rica on January 16, 2021
- 16 have already recovered and left the country of the group of 20, while four remain hospitalized in CCSS medical centers
- The CRMH explained that the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that for the South African variant, an increase in the severity of cases has not been identified so far
- For the UK variant, the WHO indicates that there is an increase in transmissibility and that the data regarding severity are varied
- The Costa Rican authorities informed that they will continue with the genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2, in order to identify new genetic or structural variants
- As of now, Costa Rica has reported 203,097 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 2,785 related deaths, ~1.3% of total reported cases and 173,591 recoveries, ~85% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 3.96% and 0.05%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (<https://www.ministeriodesalud.go.cr/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Costa Rica

Source(s)

<https://www.dw.com/es/covid-19-costa-rica-detecta-variantes-brit%C3%A1nica-y-sudafricana/a-56668761>
<https://qcostarica.com/costa-rica-confirms-presence-of-coronavirus-variants-emerged-in-uk-and-south-africa/>
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/costa-rica/>

Targets Affected:

Costa Rica

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

Related Alerts

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Update 23: Costa Rica - Extends Closure of Land Borders for Tourists Until April 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infection

Feb. 6, 2021

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Update 22: Costa Rica - Records Unemployment Rate of 20% During October-December 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Feb. 4, 2021

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Update 21: Costa Rica - Extends the Closure of Land Borders for Tourists Until March 1, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infection

Jan. 31, 2021

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Update 20: Costa Rica - Canadian Airlines Suspends Flights to Costa Rica for Three Months Effective January 31, 2021

Jan. 27, 2021

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Update 19: Costa Rica - Announces COVID-19 Restrictions for February 2021

Jan. 23, 2021

Low

Update 18: Costa Rica - Pfizer Suspends Vaccine Shipments for Three Weeks

Jan. 5, 2021

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Update 17: Costa Rica - Government Decides to Keep Land Borders Closed Until February 1, 2021 to Contain COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 10, 2020

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Update 16: Costa Rica - Reports 148,688 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, CDC Advises US Citizens to Avoid Travel to Costa Rica Due to High COVID-19 Infection

Dec. 4, 2020

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Update 15: Costa Rica - Records
Unemployment Rate of 21.9% During
August - October 2020 Amid COVID-
19 Pandemic

Nov. 7, 2020

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Update 14: Costa Rica - Records
Unemployment Rate of 22% in Q3
2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 1, 2020

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Update 13: Costa Rica - Reopens
International Airports

Oct. 24, 2020

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Update 12: Costa Rica - Removes
Negative COVID-19 PCR Test
Requirement for Travelers Effective
October 26, 2020

Oct. 16, 2020

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Update 11: Costa Rica - Eases Travel
Restrictions with US and Other Central
American Countries

Sept. 30, 2020

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Update 10: Costa Rica - Extends
COVID-19 Measures Until October 31,
2020

Aug. 27, 2020

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Update 9: Costa Rica - Announces
New Restrictions Starting August 31,
2020 to Contain Surge in COVID-19
Cases

Aug. 20, 2020

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Update 8: Costa Rica - Eases Travel
Restrictions for US Citizens
Commencing September 1, 2020

Aug. 17, 2020

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Update 7: Costa Rica - Lifts Entry Ban
for Travelers Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

July 30, 2020

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Update 6: Costa Rica - Plans to Reopen Businesses Commencing August 1, 2020

July 24, 2020

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Update 5: Costa Rica - Plans to Resume International Flights for European Union, United Kingdom, and Canada Commencing August 1, 2020

July 17, 2020

Medium

Update 4: Costa Rica - Records Highest Unemployment Rate of 20.1% in May 2020 Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

July 5, 2020

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Update 3: Costa Rica - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 310 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 4,621

June 22, 2020

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Update 2: Costa Rica - Enters Phase 2 of Easing COVID-19 Restrictions

June 20, 2020

High

Update 1: Costa Rica - Suspends Economic Reopening Plans as New COVID-19 Cases Increase

May 30, 2020

Immediate

Costa Rica - Extends Border Closure Until June 30, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.