

LatAm Healthcare Pulse

Key data and perspectives on **patient care**

Colombia

GHI has been monitoring health care trends in Latin America throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Our team of analysts and in-country experts interview physicians, surgeons, hospital administrators, personnel and medical staff on a regular basis to understand how the pandemic, supply chains, and government policy are affecting patient health outcomes and healthcare market dynamics.

In this brief, we report key insights and local medical perspectives from Colombia in the third quarter of 2020. We conduct our analysis based on primary research with experts in epidemiology, healthcare, environmental, demographics, genomics, and other areas of general interest. Our focus fluctuations in hospital readmission, disease, purchasing patterns, and procedure volumes, from quarter to quarter. Findings from the second quarter are available [here](#).

"This is a pandemic in modern times, something that has not happened in the last hundred years. I believe we will see a gradual return to a new normal, where COVID is just another disease. This will go hand-in-hand with vaccines and possible treatments for the disease."
—Neurologist, large private hospital, Bogotá, Colombia (Q3 2020)

Key data on COVID in Colombia

- **COVID deaths attributed to COVID** - 14,230*
- **Excess deaths attributed to COVID** - 14,230*
- **Vaccination rate** - population having received first vaccine shot - 5.2%
- **Vaccination rate** - Fully vaccinated population - 0.0%
- **Health insurance speed** - estimated date for herd immunization - Q3 2022

Source: American Market Intelligence, Council of the Americas, The Economist.

*Estimate for the period from April 8, 2020 to August 3, 2020, based on the 2020 data. While official death counts have been reported in many public health systems, estimates that have taken significantly underreported the number of life. Use of these estimates in The Economist, which has estimated a total death toll of 14,230 for the same period in other cases, to estimate the excess number of deaths attributed to the virus.

*Estimate as of November 20, 2020.