

LATAM has transported over 100M COVID-19 vaccines free of charge as vaccine rates sour in South America

LATAM has transported more than 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines free of charge within Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and Peru. The initiative is part of LATAM's Solidarity Plane program that uses passenger and cargo capacity for the benefit of people and the environment, at no cost.

"Each of LATAM's collaborators are proud to be able to contribute to overcoming the pandemic. Today, we have transported the 100 millionth dose of COVID vaccine for free. We will remain committed to making our network available to benefit the lives and health of the people of South America," said Roberto Alvo, CEO of LATAM Airlines Group.

With more than 10 years of history, LATAM's "Solidarity Plane" program is part of the Shared Value pillar of the group's sustainability strategy. It seeks to generate value in society through connectivity. To date, it has mobilised more than 2,400 health professionals and patients with urgent medical needs, and more than 770 tons of cargo, including medical supplies and vaccines, in South America.

LATAM's efforts to combat COVID-19 in South America:

- Transported doses: More than 100M
- Flights involved: More than 1,700
- Health professionals: More than 2,400 transported

Vaccination rates are rising quickly in South America with the following rates reported in the past week:

Brazil: nearly 64 per cent of the population has received at least one dose of a vaccine

Chile and Uruguay: more than 70 per cent of the population has been fully vaccinated

Argentina: more than 61 per cent of the population has received at least one dose of a vaccine.

Source: Sydney Morning Herald

LATAM flights will resume from Sydney to Santiago in early 2021.