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## **Boletín de noticias sobre pueblos indígenas y COVID 19**

Del 16 al 22 de mayo 2020

### **1. America Latina**

#### **Brazil: Coronavirus pandemic reaches dozens of Indigenous groups**

The coronavirus pandemic has hit 38 Indigenous groups in Brazil, raising fears for populations that have a history of being decimated by outside diseases.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/05/brazil-coronavirus-pandemic-reaches-dozens-indigenous-groups-200516055239315.html?fbclid=IwAR2UU0arKxzR3lJoS5JYFU4mBoyZPwefQVhl-H3U6VZywZhnRCFmNuuKtg>

#### **Indígenas tratan el Covid-19 con plantas medicinales en el Amazonas**

Un grupo de indígenas sateré mawé busca en la Amazonía brasileña plantas medicinales para combatir los síntomas del Covid-19. Con el sistema de salud del estado de Amazonas saturado y dificultades burocráticas para obtener atención médica en la capital Manaus, los indígenas recurren a sus conocimientos ancestrales sobre la naturaleza para mantenerse saludables.

<https://www.jornada.com.mx/ultimas/mundo/2020/05/19/indigenas-tratan-el-covid-19-con-plantas-medicinales-en-el-amazonas-7678.html?fbclid=IwAR2VDuebTXz70TJdcIGTSaXB7AG27-kS4EmsWIThs78EmDj4vj1bbMIQL34>

### **Desmatamento da Amazônia em abril de 2020 é o maior em dez anos**

O desmatamento da floresta amazônica aumentou 171% em abril deste ano com relação ao mesmo período de 2019. De acordo com um levantamento do Instituto Socioambiental (ISA), a TI Yanomami é uma das mais vulneráveis à pandemia causada pelo novo coronavírus. E é justamente nesse período de recomendações de isolamento social que a comunidade é uma das mais atingidas pelo desmatamento, refletindo exploração ilegal no local.

<https://www.brasildefato.com.br/2020/05/19/desmatamento-da-amazonia-em-abril-de-2020-e-o-maior-em-dez-anos>

### **Justica obriga governo federal a conter desmatamento e proteger povos indígenas**

<https://sustentabilidade.estadao.com.br/blogs/ambiente-se/justica-obriga-governo-federal-a-conter-desmatamento-e-proteger-povos-indigenas/>

### **Casos de covid-19 entre povos Kaiowá e Guarani saltam de 1 para 30 em cinco dias**


Na maior reserva indígena do país, em Dourados (MS), os números de casos confirmados da covid-19 saltou de um para 30 em apenas cinco dias.

O rápido avanço da doença sobre o território que abriga mais de 50 mil indígenas das etnias Guarani e Kaiowá, acendeu um alerta entre as lideranças dos povos e entidades, que falam em um “estado de emergência” diante da “inoperância dos setores da saúde em relação aos casos de contágios na Reserva”.

<https://www.redebrasilatual.com.br/cidadania/2020/05/casos-de-covid-19-entre-povos-kaiowa-e-guarani-saltam-de-1-para-30-em-cinco-dias/>

### **Novo coronavírus já atingiu 44 povos indígenas, diz entidade**

Após 69 dias da declaração da pandemia do novo coronavírus (covid-19), a doença já atingiu 44 povos indígenas, de acordo com a Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil (Apib), que acompanha o avanço do vírus por meio do Comitê Nacional pela Vida e Memória Indígena, que já contabilizou 610 casos de infecção e 103 mortes.



<https://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/saude/noticia/2020-05/novo-coronavirus-ja-atingiu-44-povos-indigenas>

### **Indigenous COVID-19 cases top 500, danger mapped in Brazil agricultural hub**

537 COVID-19 cases and 102 deaths are being reported by 38 indigenous groups in Brazil. Most of the cases are in the remote Brazilian Amazon, where communities are located far from medical assistance. Experts, citing the vulnerability of indigenous peoples to outside disease, worry the pandemic could result in a many more deaths.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/05/indigenous-covid-19-cases-top-500-danger-mapped-in-brazil-agricultural-hub/>

### **Casos de COVID 19 aumentan en nacionalidades Siekopai y Achuar en la Amazonía**

Los casos de coronavirus en la nacionalidad Siekopai ascendieron a 30, de acuerdo con información del presidente de la nacionalidad Justino Piguaje. El presidente de la Nacionalidad Achuar, Tiyua Uyuncar, informó en una rueda de prensa virtual, que hay siete casos positivos en la comunidad Charapa y cinco en Copataza.


El dirigente llamó a la "unidad" de las nacionalidades para enfrentar la pandemia, y anunció que convocará a organizaciones no gubernamentales para buscar apoyo.

<https://www.eluniverso.com/noticias/2020/05/20/nota/7847118/50-casos-covid-19-nacionalidades-siekopai-achuar-amazonia>

### **Colombia y Perú instalan comité COVID-19 para proteger a indígenas amazónicos**

Los gobiernos de Colombia y Perú instalaron un comité binacional para proteger del COVID-19 a las poblaciones indígenas que habitan las regiones de la Amazonía donde esos países comparten frontera, informó la cancillería peruana. Con el plan se pretende frenar la propagación del COVID-19 en las zonas selváticas de la frontera. Las regiones amazónicas figuran, junto con Lima, entre las más afectadas en Perú por el coronavirus.

<https://www.nodal.am/2020/05/amazonia-gobiernos-de-colombia-y-peru-instalan-un-comite-para-proteger-a-indigenas-del-covid-19/>



### **Ecuador: COVID-19 llega a los indígenas waorani mientras que otros pueblos enfrentan nuevos problemas**

Dos casos confirmados de COVID-19 en la comunidad waorani de Miwaguno. Por lo menos 10 personas presentan síntomas asociados y un anciano murió pero no se le realizó ninguna prueba. Este pueblo es de contacto reciente y hay temor pues habita cerca de los tagaeri y los taromenane, indígenas en aislamiento y no contactados en Ecuador.

<https://es.mongabay.com/2020/05/covid19-indigenas-ecuador-waorani-kichwa-cofan/>

### **COVID-19: organizaciones indígenas demandan acciones concretas en la estrategia aprobada para estos pueblos en Perú**

El domingo 10 de mayo, el gobierno peruano publicó un decreto legislativo destinado a la protección de los pueblos indígenas por el COVID-19. La Asociación Interétnica de la Selva Peruana (Aidesepe), que agrupa a 64 pueblos indígenas amazónicos, emitió un crítico pronunciamiento refiriéndose al Decreto Legislativo 1489.

<https://es.mongabay.com/2020/05/peru-pueblos-indigenas-covid-19/>

### **Demandan atención especial para los pueblos originarios**

Un informe de la Dirección de Epidemiología de la Secretaría de Salud (Ssa) advierte sobre la importancia de garantizar atención médica oportuna a los integrantes de pueblos originarios.

En tanto, el Movimiento de Pueblos, Comunidades y Organizaciones Indígenas, Movimiento Nacional llamó al gobierno federal a establecer un plan de emergencia para atender a los pueblos originarios, en el contexto de la pandemia.

<https://www.jornada.com.mx/2020/05/20/politica/002n2pol>

### **Alto al extractivismo, la militarización y el despojo de nuestros territorios aprovechando la contingencia y sin ella**

Campaña de la Red en Defensa del Maíz que exige, entre otros, el respeto al derecho de los pueblos originarios, comunidades y organizaciones a estar o permanecer en aislamiento y determinar cuándo debe ser el regreso a las actividades.

<http://www.biodiversidadla.org/Campanas-y-Acciones/Alto-al-extractivismo-la-militarizacion-y-el-despojo-de-nuestros-territorios-aprovechando-la-contingencia-y-sin-ella?fbclid=IwAR0wr93sKMs08hl13k5hzYObAN8e-ow1TVkgfbtqTNIQXUWYRO9cah6tQnc>

### **Las voces de la pandemia desde Amazonas**

En Leticia -Colombia- el 17 de abril se confirmó el primer caso proveniente de Manaus (Brasil), la ciudad con mayor cantidad de contagios de todos los nueve países amazónicos. En cuestión de un mes, el departamento acumuló un total de 1.003 contagios confirmados y 30 muertes (a fecha del cierre de esta edición)

Los más afectados por la pandemia son los indígenas, que representan el 70 % de la población de ese departamento, y que ya anunciaron que están “en riesgo de un genocidio”.

<https://www.elespectador.com/coronavirus/las-vozes-de-la-pandemia-desde-amazonas-articulo-919807>

### **Region Nine’s indigenous communities and miners clashing over stepped up COVID-19 restrictions**

The imposition of more stringent measures by indigenous leaders in their respective communities since the first case of the deadly coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was confirmed in Region Nine has resulted in conflict between village leaders and the Rupununi Miners Association.

<https://www.stabroeknews.com/2020/05/22/news/guyana/region-nines-indigenous-communities-and-miners-clashing-over-stepped-up-covid-19-restrictions/>

## **2. America del Norte**

**Navajo Nation surpasses New York state for the highest Covid-19 infection rate in the US**

The [Navajo Nation](#) has surpassed New York and New Jersey for the highest per-capita coronavirus infection rate in the US -- another sign of Covid-19's disproportionate impact on minority communities. [Other minority groups](#) also have been hard hit by the coronavirus.

<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/18/us/navajo-nation-infection-rate-trnd/index.html>

**Measures to stop spread of COVID-19 in First Nations limited by lack of infrastructure: report**

Suggested measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 won't be effective in remote Manitoba First Nations unless housing conditions and access to clean water are improved, says a new report.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/covid-19-manitoba-first-nations-risk-let-them-eat-cake-1.5578448>

**PM offering \$75 million more in COVID-19 aid to Indigenous people living**

OTTAWA -- The federal government is increasing the amount of funding aimed at Indigenous people in Canada who are living off-reserve, adding \$75 million to the existing Indigenous Community Support Fund, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced on Thursday.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/pm-offering-75-million-more-in-covid-19-aid-to-indigenous-people-living-off-reserve-1.4947961>

**3. Africa**

**Indigenous realities in a COVID-19 world: Africa**

The spread of COVID-19 in Africa, so far, has reportedly been lower and caused fewer fatalities than on other continents, but the World Health Organisation (WHO) fears a rapid acceleration of the spread of the pandemic in the coming months.

This would have a devastating outcome due to the region's fragile health-care systems and particularly devastating consequences for the marginalised and vulnerable Indigenous communities on the continent.

<https://www.iwgia.org/en/news/3697-indigenous-realities-in-a-covid-19-world-africa-2.html>

### **What the Covid-19 Lockdowns mean for Environmental Defenders**

To curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, governments across Africa, as well as the rest of the world, have imposed lockdowns.

While the measures are meant to protect the lives of people, they are proving to be dangerous for environmental and land defenders. The lockdowns are also exposing and exacerbating existing inequalities and vulnerable communities are already being impacted disproportionately as their livelihoods are devastated.

<https://naturaljustice.org/what-the-covid-19-lockdowns-mean-for-environmental-defenders/>

### **African leaders say coronavirus aid falling short: Live updates**

The presidents of Kenya, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Niger say wealthy countries have failed the continent.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/05/trump-attacks-puppet-china-coronavirus-live-updates-200519000416527.html>

## **4. Asia**

### **Indigenous Australians Avert an Outbreak—for Now**

When the coronavirus arrived, aboriginal communities sprang into action long before the government. But in light of a neglected health system, can their tenuous successes be maintained?

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/05/19/indigenous-australians-avert-coronavirus-outbreak-for-now-aboriginal/>



### **Queensland criticised for holding back rapid Covid-19 testing in remote Aboriginal communities**

Aboriginal health organisations say the Queensland government is holding back a \$3.3m national rollout of rapid Covid-19 testing in remote Aboriginal communities, putting concerns for health worker safety ahead of conducting what they say is a “gold standard” test endorsed by the World Health Organization and already being used in other states and territories.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2020/may/18/queensland-criticised-for-holding-back-rapid-covid-19-testing-in-remote-aboriginal-communities>

### **Deaths, arrests and protests as Philippines re-emerges from lockdown**

The Philippines’ COVID-19 lockdown has exacerbated threats to activists fighting for their lands and their environment, with least 10 land defenders swept up in a series of arrests by security forces during the two-month lockdown period. Another defender, who was providing relief aid, was shot and killed by unknown assailants.

<https://news.mongabay.com/2020/05/deaths-arrests-and-protests-as-philippines-re-emerges-from-lockdown/>

### **Bayanihan Spirit to combat CoVID-19**

The Oplan Bayanihan for Stranded IPs is a project spearheaded by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) being the primary agency mandated to protect the well-being of the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) which primarily aims to respond to the urgent call to extend support and assistance to stranded IPs during the pandemic crisis.

<https://pia.gov.ph/press-releases/releases/1042355>



## 5. Organizaciones Regionales/ Internacionales

### **“COVID-19 is devastating indigenous communities worldwide, and it’s not only about health” – UN expert warns**

The new UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, José Francisco Calí Tzay, expresses serious concerns over the devastating impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on indigenous peoples beyond the health threat.

<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=25893&LangID=E>

### **Ecuador: pueblos indígenas de la Amazonía ecuatoriana, cuya vida e integridad está en riesgo por derrame de petróleo y el covid-19, reclaman respeto al debido proceso en acción legal para proteger sus derechos**

Amnistía Internacional expresa su preocupación por la grave situación de vulnerabilidad en la que se encuentran las personas y comunidades afectadas por el derrame de petróleo sobre sus fuentes de agua y alimentación, ocurrido el pasado 7 de abril en la Amazonía ecuatoriana, lo cual se ha visto agravado por la crisis del COVID-19.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/amr28/2294/2020/es/>

### **El coronavirus está devastando comunidades indígenas en el mundo**

“Cada día recibo más informes de todos los rincones del mundo sobre cómo las comunidades indígenas se ven afectadas por la Covid-19 y me preocupa profundamente ver que no siempre se trata de cuestiones de salud”, dijo en Ginebra el nuevo relator especial de las Naciones Unidas sobre los derechos de los pueblos indígenas, José Francisco Calí Tzay.

<https://www.primicias.ec/noticias/sociedad/coronavirus-devastando-indigenas-mundo/>

### **Indigenous people devastated by COVID-19: UN expert**

The coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact on indigenous communities worldwide, a UN rapporteur said Monday. José Francisco Cali Tzay (Maya Kaqchikel), a longtime defender of indigenous rights in Guatemala and new UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous people, urged a spotlight on how indigenous people were hit by the outbreak.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/health/indigenous-people-devastated-by-covid-19-un-expert/1845169>

### **Coronavirus threatens indigenous Venezuelans seeking safety in Brazil**

COVID-19 has hit the Brazilian Amazon particularly hard, exposing highly vulnerable native people from Venezuela to the potentially deadly disease.

<https://www.unhcr.org/news/stories/2020/5/5ec2f2b94/coronavirus-threatens-indigenous-venezuelans-seeking-safety-brazil.html>

## **6. Reflexiones**

### **Cuando muere un anciano o anciana en las comunidades indígenas**

Los ancianos y ancianas guardan la memoria histórica, el conocimiento médico y los secretos de la selva. En este texto el biólogo Carlos Rodríguez reflexiona sobre la amenaza que representa la pandemia del coronavirus en el Amazonas.

<https://www.elespectador.com/coronavirus/cuando-muere-un-anciano-o-anciana-en-las-comunidades-indigenas-articulo-919804>

### **Eduardo Viveiros de Castro: lo que está pasando en Brasil es un genocidio**

Mientras Brasil se está convirtiendo en uno de los principales centros de la pandemia de Covid-19, el antropólogo Eduardo Viveiros de Castro está haciendo sonar la alarma sobre los efectos devastadores de las políticas del presidente Jair Bolsonaro. También nos explica cómo la pandemia nos hace a todos «indios», expropiados de nuestras tierras y nuestros cuerpos.



<https://oplas.org/sitio/2020/05/20/eduardo-viveiros-de-castro-lo-que-esta-pasando-en-brasil-es-un-genocidio/>

**Amazônia vive pandemia de destruição com Covid-19 e ofensiva de Bolsonaro**

Série de medidas do governo ataca meio ambiente e põe em risco povos indígenas, dizem autores

<https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/ilustrissima/2020/05/amazonia-vive-pandemia-de-destruicao-com-covid-19-e-ofensiva-de-bolsonaro.shtml>

**Coronavirus means traditional homelands may be safest for Indigenous people but it comes with unexpected lessons**

Like many Aboriginal people, I chose to return to country because COVID-19 travel restrictions made homeland communities the safest place to see out the pandemic. As a mature Aboriginal woman, I am statistically at greater risk from COVID-19. It was important to follow the advice of health experts.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-17/coronavirus-indigenous-health-safe-homeland-june-oscar/12245728>

**Pandemic Shouldn't impede meaningful indigenous engagement on Ring of Fire**

Ontario's "Ring of Fire" is a disputed deposit of minerals within Treaty 9 territory of Northern Ontario. Prior to the escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic, on Feb. 11, 2020, Jonathan Wilkinson, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced that a regional assessment of potential mining operations for the Ring of Fire will be undertaken. A key aspect of the regional assessment will be to "work with the Province of Ontario, Indigenous groups, federal authorities, non-government organizations and the public to determine the appropriate activities, outcomes and boundaries of the regional assessment," according to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, which posted the announcement on its website.

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/may-2020/pandemic-shouldnt-impede-meaningful-indigenous-engagement-on-ring-of-fire/>

## 7. Boletines específicos sobre contagio de los PPII

### Colombia

Boletín 026 del 20 de mayo 2020:

- 23 pueblos afectados;
- 314 casos confirmados;
- 9 fallecidos;
- Este Boletín registra un total de **321.169** familias indígenas en alerta por probabilidad de contagio; identifica 3.132 familias menos en riesgo, respecto del Boletín 025, lo que representa una disminución de -1%.
- 143 resguardos con comunidades en riesgo, sumando 85.549 familias al interior de resguardos (26.3%), 238.752 familias que habitan sus territorios ancestrales (73.7%), incluidas las 2.139 familias de las comunidades que se encuentran en contexto de ciudad.
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<https://www.onic.org.co/noticias/3888-boletin-026-sistema-de-monitoreo-territorial-smt-onic-informacion-para-proteger-la-vida-y-los-territorios>

### Brasil

Boletín del ISA (Instituto SocioAmbiental):

<https://covid19.socioambiental.org/>

Boletín Epidemiológico del SESAI (Secretaria Especial de Salud Indígena de Brasil):

<http://www.saudeindigena.net.br/coronavirus/mapaEp.php>

Para ambos boletines, la información deriva de los 34 Distritos Sanitários Especiais Indígenas (DSEI), validados por el Departamento de Atenção à Saúde Indígena (DASI).

El Boletín del 21 de mayo reporta 606 casos de indígenas contagiados en áreas rurales y 31 fallecidos.

Los DSEI más afectados son Alto Rio Solimoes, Manaus y Ceará.

Respeto a los datos del SESAI, la **COIAB** añade en su boletín informativo del 20 de mayo 58 casos confirmados y 70 fallecidos.

## 8. Casos Especiales

### **15 Indigenous Crops to Boost Your Immune System and Celebrate Biodiversity**

"There's a range of vitamins, of flavanols, of minerals that have been looked at, that we know improve the immune system function. ... Several specific nutrients seem to have activity against COVID-19-specific proteins," Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian, a cardiologist and the dean of the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, told me on Food Talk Live this week. "What's really interesting, beyond the general immune-boosting effects and the COVID-specific protein effects, many of these same nutrients or other nutrients blunt or soften this excessive inflammatory response that's really what's causing deaths in COVID."

<https://www.ecowatch.com/immune-system-boost-foods-2646051785.html?rebellitem=2#rebellitem2>

### **Audios comprovam que pastor assumiu área sensível da Funai para converter índios isolados**

UMA CONVERSA GRAVADA entregue ao Intercept por uma fonte que pediu para não ser identificada revela que missionários evangélicos trabalharam pela nomeação de alguém com o perfil do pastor Ricardo Lopes Dias para a área que cuida de índios isolados da Funai. O áudio mostra também que o objetivo do grupo é converter os indígenas ao cristianismo.

<https://theintercept.com/2020/02/13/audios-missionarios-converter-indios-amazonia/>