

Mexico boosts confirmed death toll by 4,272 to 227,840

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People in buses and cars wait to be vaccinated with the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at the parking lot of the Benito Juarez Olympic Stadium in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Credit: AP Photo/Christian Chavez

Mexico announced Tuesday that a clinical review of past deaths has led officials to raise the country's confirmed COVID-19 death toll by 4,272, to a total of 227,840.

The adjustment was carried out by teams of doctors and is largely one of record keeping, because even [government officials](#) acknowledge Mexico's true pandemic death toll is far, far higher.

Because the country of 126 million people does so little testing, many Mexicans have died at home or never got a test. So the [government](#) performs two kinds of adjustments—one by teams of doctors reviewing [case files](#) and another computerized search of death certificates for mentions of symptoms related to COVID-19.

The quicker, computerized analyses of excess deaths related to COVID-19 now stand at over 350,088, which gives Mexico one of the highest per capita rates in the world.

The vast majority of the re-classified deaths announced Tuesday—3,924 of the 4,272—occurred in Mexico's first wave of coronavirus infections between March and June 2020.

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