

Brazilian Supreme Court says Bolsonaro must publish COVID-19 data in full

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Brasilia, June 9 (RHC)-- Brazil's Supreme Court has ruled that President Jair Bolsonaro's Health Ministry must revert to releasing the full set of data on coronavirus death infection rates it had previously made available.

Over the weekend, the Health Ministry abruptly removed troves of detailed coronavirus data and said it would no longer publish cumulative totals, causing outrage. Last week, it delayed the release of the numbers late into the evening and past Brazil's main news program.

In a statement on the Supreme Court website, Justice Alexandre de Moraes said the ministry must "fully re-establish the daily dissemination of epidemiological data on the COVID-19 pandemic, including on the agency's website, under the terms presented until last Thursday."