

# *Pan American Health Organization donates tests to Cuba to detect COVID-19*

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Havana, May 5 (RHC)-- One hundred thousand real time PCR molecular tests -- the most effective method for diagnosing COVID-19 -- were delivered to the Pedro Kourí Institute of Tropical Medicine (IPK) by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and its world body, the World Health Organization (WHO).

Dr. José Moya, PAHO/WHO representative in Cuba, explained that as part of the international agency's cooperation, the donation will strengthen the response activities to the pandemic carried out by the Cuban Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP).

Dr. Manuel Romero Placeres, director of the IPK, expressed his appreciation for the contribution, which will also be destined to the remaining laboratories in the country that are analyzing the samples for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, such as those in Santiago de Cuba and Villa Clara.

Doctors Néstor Marimón Torres, Director of International Relations of MINSAP, and Vice President Luis Fernando Navarro also participated in the event.

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