

# *Cuban president calls for final blow to COVID-19*

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Havana, May 23 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel called for a "final blow" to COVID-19, after a decline in active cases of the virus in the country.

"Now the most important thing is to cut transmission and that this leads us to a position of security to make new decisions regarding the behavior of the disease in the country," the president stressed this Saturday at the meeting of the working group created for the prevention and control of the pandemic on the island.

In summarizing the national situation in the week that ends, the Cuban president said that the figures show how the country is reaching a moment of less complexity.

However, he warned that "this cannot lead us to be overly confident, because every time there is an excess of confidence there is a transition or an oscillation in behavior."

Despite the favorable trend, Diaz-Canel regretted the death of two people in recent days and said that the decrease in deaths is related to the application of therapeutic protocols and medicines developed in the country.

He welcomed the fact that the country now has 1,671 recovered patients, 86.5% of the sick, which means that for 21 consecutive days, admissions are lower than the number of discharges.

It also meant that today there are only 177 active cases, 9.1 percent of the total number of people infected, which shows that the epidemic is subsiding, he said.

The president reiterated that proposals are being studied to gradually, without precipitation and with responsibility, move the country towards normality without the risk of a resurgence of the SARS-Cov-2 coronavirus.

The Cuban Ministry of Public Health reported this Saturday the existence of 15 new cases confirmed with COVID-19, for a total of 1,931, while the total number of deaths is 81.

Havana and Matanzas are the two territories which in the last 16 days have reported the highest incidence rates of positive cases per 100,000 inhabitants, and it is in those provinces that the Cuban government concentrates its efforts to eradicate the coronavirus.

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