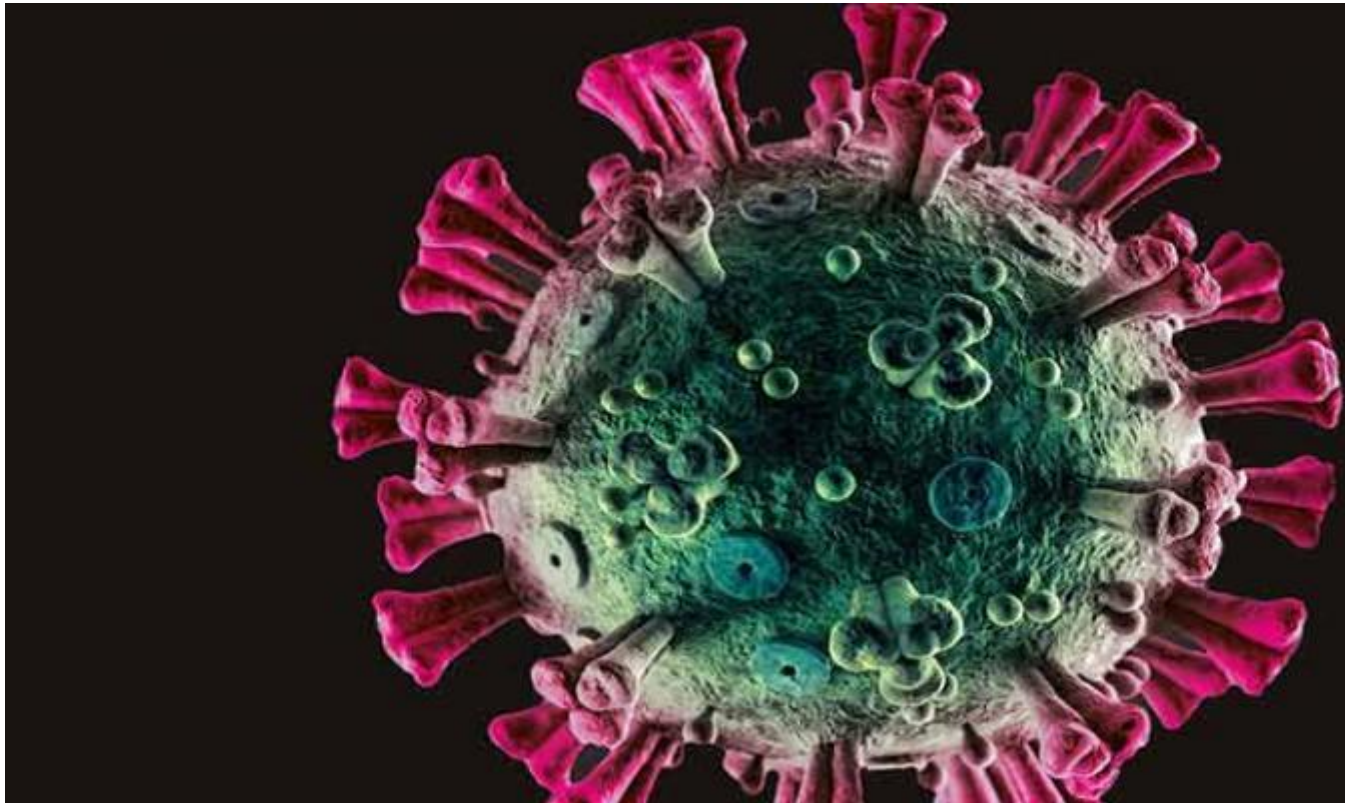


# *Cuba reports 292 new COVID-19 cases, three deaths*

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Havana, January 18 (RHC)—The national director of Epidemiology of Cuba, Dr. Francisco Duran, reported on Monday 3 COVID-19 patients' death, continuing the trend of the last few days. After analyzing 11387 samples all over the island, 292 positive cases were diagnosed.

Cuba now has a cumulative total of 18 443 cases and 173 fatalities since the beginning of the pandemic

The Caribbean island is experiencing a rebound of the respiratory disease, primarily prompted by the relaxation of hygiene and quarantine protocols prescribed for international travelers and their relatives.

According to Dr. Duran, 9650 patients are hospitalized with COVID-19 related issues, and of 4 439 positive cases

The provinces that had most cases were Guantanamo with 103, Havana with 80, and Matanzas with 43.



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