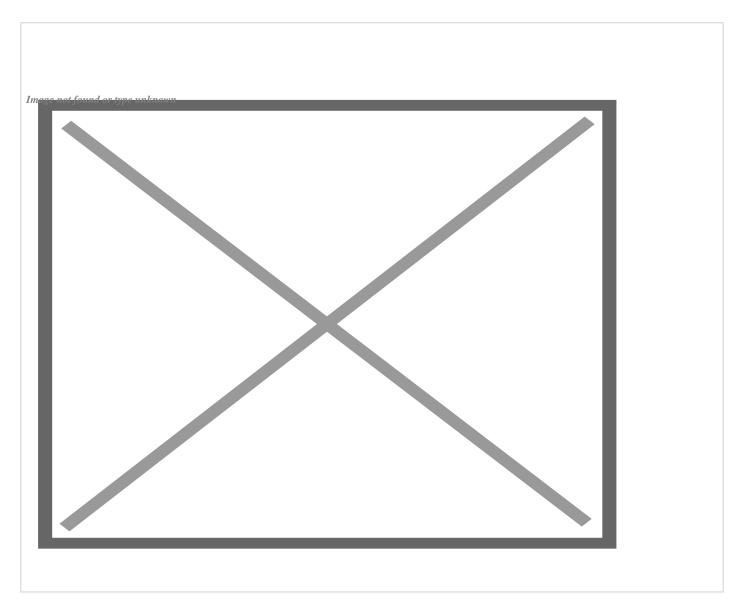
## Cuba reports 1481 new COVID-19 infections and nine deaths



Havana, June 18 (RHC)—Cuban health authorities reported on Friday 1481 new infections of COVID-19 and nine deaths associated with the disease caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus.

During his televised briefing on Friday, the National Director of Epidemiology, Dr. Francisco Duran, called attention to the fact that of the nine fatalities, many are younger adults, in a demonstration of the lethal impact of the variants circulating in the country.

The surge continues on the national territory with 19,329 people infected over the last two weeks, and 96 % resulting from the autochthonous spread.

The island accumulated 164 896 people diagnosed with the disease and 1132 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in March last year.

Havana reported 328 infections, continuing with its decreasing trend in the month. Camaguey had 185, Santiago de Cuba 168, and Matanzas 155 cases.

7 748 positive cases admitted in the hospitals, a record high for the third day in a row.

In terms of the nationwide vaccination drive, 4 328 291 shots have been administered, and 793 126 people have been fully vaccinated with the Cuban vaccine candidates. 36 of every 100 inhabitants have received at least one dose.

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