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Caracas, September 21 (RHC)-- A new batch of the second dose of the Sputnik V vaccine against COVID-19 arrived on Monday at the International Airport of Maiquetia, to immunize the population of Venezuela, informed the Russian ambassador in Caracas, Sergey Melik-Bagdasarov.

"SputnikV is already here! (...) In the early morning at Maiquetia International Airport arrived aboard Conviasa (a) new batch of the 2<sup>o</sup> dose of Sputnik V," the diplomat announced on his Twitter social network account.

The official account of the Sputnik V biological product stated that 200,000 doses of the second component of the vaccine to combat the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, which causes the Covid-19 disease, arrived in Venezuela on Monday.

Melik-Bagdasarov affirmed that Sputnik V, developed by Russia's Gamaleya Institute, "remains one of the safest and most effective anti-covid vaccines in the world." The Russian ambassador had announced in early September about the resumption of the shipment of doses of Sputnik V vaccine to the South American country. Mélik-Bagdasárov said that another batch with more anticovid vaccines is expected this Tuesday.

On Monday, Venezuelan authorities reported that in the last 24 hours, 1,201 new community infections of Covid-19 were confirmed, for a total of 356,262 accumulated cases to date. Likewise, 10 deaths due to the coronavirus were registered, for a total of 4,311 deaths to date.

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