

More than eight million Cubans have received first dose of anti-COVID-19 vaccine



The vaccination process is changing the national scenarios for the better. Photo: Archivo/RHC

Havana, September 26 (RHC)-- The head of Cuba's Public Health Ministry, José Ángel Portal Miranda, reported Saturday that more than eight million Cubans have already received at least a first dose of vaccine against COVID-19.

The data was offered from the Palace of the Revolution, at the meeting of the Government's Temporary Working Group for the confrontation of the new coronavirus, headed by the first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and president of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel, and the prime minister, Manuel Marrero Cruz.

Taking as a starting point the information collected up to September 23, the minister detailed that eight million 813 thousand 982 people received the first dose of the immunogen, a figure that represents 78.8% of the total estimated population to be vaccinated, and those who received the second dose are 54.2%; meanwhile, those who have the third dose are 43.5%.

He reminded that these numbers change from one day to the next, always growing, because the vaccination process in the country is a first order task, since its progress depends on the fact that the largest island of the Antilles can continue taking ground from an epidemic that constitutes an unprecedented challenge for the human being.

Portal Miranda also said that in the last 15 days, 118,121 positive cases of the new coronavirus were diagnosed in Cuba, for an incidence rate of the disease of 1,056 per 100,000 inhabitants.

In that sense, he pointed out that the provinces that maintain the highest indicator are Pinar del Río, Sancti Spíritus, Camagüey, Artemisa, La Tunas, Mayabeque and Villa Clara.

"The nation accumulates seven thousand 163 deaths due to COVID-19, which represents a lethality of 0.85%," he added.

Through videoconference, and as usual, the country's management held an exchange with the authorities of all the provinces and the special municipality of Isla de la Juventud, to update - in addition to the epidemiological panorama - the state of oxygen availability in each territory, as well as the electro-energy situation.

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