

200 Cuban doctors prepare to leave for Argentina for COVID-19 fight



Buenos Aires, April 21 (RHC)-- Argentina's government has confirmed that a contingent of 202 Cuban doctors will arrive in the South American nation to help local health professionals with the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The idea is for them to contribute and join medical resources. They won't be on the front line," Argentina's Minister of Health Gines Gonzalez said, adding that the Cuban specialists won't be making important decisions but will be treating patients and helping where needed.

The minister explained that the objective is to preserve the most experienced professionals from fronting high exposure to infected patients. "Currently there are between 650,000 and 670,000 doctors. 70 percent come from the university, that's why you have to take great care of them," he added.

The need to explain the measure comes as right-wing opposition groups have criticized the decision, despite the need to join forces against the global pandemic.

The Cuban medical brigade is expected to arrive in May when the infection rate will likely hit its peak in Argentina.

Since the outbreak began, Cuba has been involved in the fight against the pandemic, sending doctors and nurses to 21 nations across the world, which include Jamaica, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Haiti, Suriname, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, St. Lucia, Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Italy, Andorra, Togo, St. Thomas and Prince, Angola, Qatar, and Honduras.

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