

# *Cuban authorities call for discipline to contain COVID-19 expansion*

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Havana, May 16 (RHC)-- The Cuban government has reiterated its call to maintain discipline and to assume responsibility for each of the measures taken to contain the expansion of COVID-19, an illness that has claimed the lives of more than 296,000 people in the world.

At the meeting of the working group for the prevention and control of the new coronavirus -- led as usual by Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel and Prime Minister Manuel Marrero Cruz -- the head of Public Health, José Angel Portal Miranda, detailed the situation in which the country finds itself with 1,840 confirmed cases; of these, only 334 remain hospitalized.

The minister of public health said that 97.3% of the patients diagnosed with the disease who are currently in hospitals have a stable clinical course. "Of the total number of people who have contracted the new coronavirus, 1,425 have already recovered."

Portal Miranda explained that the number of open events of local transmission is also decreasing in the country. "To date, out of 44, 26 have been closed and 18 are still active," as the Guaicanamar event in the capital municipality of Regla and another in the municipality of Camajuaní in Villa Clara have

concluded in the last few hours. In both cases, the two incubation periods of the disease were completed, that is, 28 days, with no new cases of COVID-19.

In the exchange on these issues related to the behavior of the pandemic in Cuba, Díaz-Canel highlighted as another result of that battle the fact that, compared to what happened in many countries of the world, our health system has not collapsed and it has been under the percentage of Cuban professionals in that sector who have contracted the disease. There has been no need to mourn the death of any of them, and all of them are now doing well.

In this regard, Portal Miranda added that the most significant thing is that the greatest infections occurred in the first part of the fight against the pandemic. In this last stage it is minimal, he said, since they have been training well.

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