

# *Research and isolation increase, mainly in Havana, to stop the pandemic*

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Havana, August 18 (RHC)-- Although the number of active cases is gradually decreasing on the island, the Cuban government is closely following the situation with the epidemic of COVID-19 in the national territory, where 3,364 people have been diagnosed with the disease since March 11th.

At the meeting held each afternoon by the Temporary Government Working Group, headed by President Miguel Díaz-Canel, Vice President Salvador Valdés Mesa, and Prime Minister Manuel Marrero Cruz, it was announced that the number of patients admitted for care and surveillance exceeds 6,000.

Public Health Minister José Angel Portal Miranda explained that this figure includes the more than 4,000 patients who remain in isolation centers for confirmed cases and travellers arriving in the country. In addition, 175 people are being monitored by Primary Health Care. All of this is part of a successful system to cut the chains of contagion.

The survey in the communities, he said, is reaching the figure of 2,292,000 people, more than 900,000 of whom are older adults.

The situation with local transmission events remains stable with 11, located in Villa Clara (1), in Artemisa (3) and in Havana (7). This Monday, only new cases were confirmed in the Constructora Militar de Primera and 70, in the capital city of Playa; in Mariel, Artemisa, and in Camajuaní, Villa Clara.

The governor of Havana, Reinaldo Garcia Zapata, said that out of a total of 2,885 PCR tests, 43 new cases were confirmed, for a total of 1,911 since the beginning of the epidemic. So far, only nine people remain with an unknown source of infection, a figure that rises to 55, which is evidence of the strong epidemiological investigation that is being carried out.

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