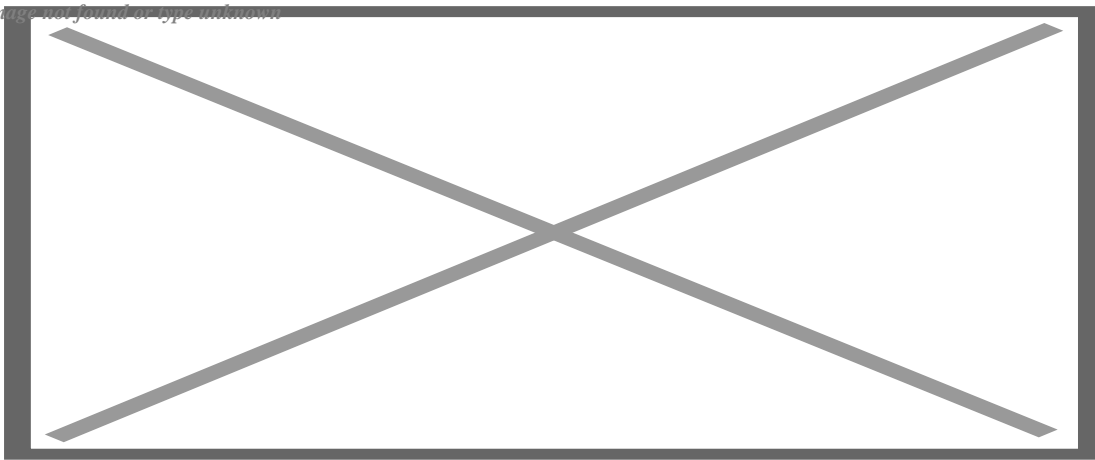


# *As year's end approaches, authorities call for heightened Covid responsibility and control*

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Havana, December 19 (RHC)-- Cuba reported in the last 15 days 736 infections of COVID-19, for a rate of 6.57 per 100 thousand inhabitants.

The Minister of Public Health, José Angel Portal Miranda, disclosed the figure during the Temporary Working Group's meeting for the Prevention and Control of the new coronavirus held on Friday.

Portal informed that 3 million 905 069 people were surveyed on Thursday, of which 1 million 146 500 corresponded to those who make up the most vulnerable population group.

Cuba has conducted one million 304 921 PCR tests to diagnose the disease, out of which 9 893 have been positive.

The provinces with the highest COVID-19 positivity rate in the last fifteen days are Artemisa, Pinar del Río, Mayabeque, Havana, Matanzas, Santiago de Cuba, and Villa Clara, and the special municipality Isle of Youth.

During the meeting, participants stressed the importance of maintaining, from control and responsibility, all the island's achievements, now that the country has opened its borders, and that the last stretch of December presents the inevitable challenge of family and friends reunions.



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