

Access to Nueva Gerona is further limited due to COVID-19

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Due to the exponential growth in the number of positive cases for SARS CoV-2, with 403 infected since last November 23, the date that marked the beginning of the outbreak of the pandemic in the territory, access to Nueva Gerona, its epicenter, is further limited. of COVID-19.

According to Israel Velázquez Batista, sector director of Public Health, 2,222 people are kept under epidemiological surveillance and in the last 15 days the territory reports 116 patients and an incidence rate of 139 per 100,000 inhabitants, the fourth highest in Cuba.

In light of the complex context, the CDM agreed to expand the area in isolation of the Popular Council 26 de Julio, where there are already 85 people affected by the new coronavirus and increase the total of messengers and activists in support of internal order and better organize distribution of food in the quarantine area.

The Doctor of Science Fidel Vera Bueno, at the head of the territorial delegation of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, stressed in the working session that -according to the mathematical model for the evolution of the pandemic- the territory is currently experiencing the worst epidemiological scenario .

According to the expert, it is estimated that the number of cases should range from 420 to 480 and the curve points more to the last figure for the coming March 17.

Vera Bueno pointed out the importance of extreme restrictive measures and the quality of their compliance in order to control the health situation, urged that epidemiological surveillance be of popular interest and that the people who are essential to maintain the vitality of the economy really access Nueva Gerona .

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Only the observance of the package of measures, dictated by the CDM, will significantly decrease the number of positive diagnoses and in the same proportion will decrease the rate of transmission of the epidemic, the scientist said.