

## Health intervention concluded with vaccine candidate Abdala

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The massive health intervention with the vaccine candidate Abdala concluded today in Isla de la Juventud with 95.6 percent of the administration of the three doses to 52 866 citizen, a universe determined by the Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP).

The immunogen was applied to the majority of the local population -in the ages of 19 and over- supposedly healthy or controlled any of the diseases that they could suffer, said Dr. Víctor Doeste Hernández, coordinator of the commission.

The doctor praised the quality of the exercise supported by workers and students from the sector - among which the "Juan Manuel Páez Inchausti" polyclinic stood out in terms of organization -, organizations participating in the process, as well as the population that attended the more than 30 enabled clinical sites.

The immunization of a good part of the 83 479 local residents speaks of confidence in the Cuban health system and reinforces the favorable clinical epidemiological situation of the island, when the country shows an adverse scenario due to the circulation of variants of the SARS CoV -2 highly contagious, emphasized Israel Velázquez Batista, municipal director of the branch.

He stressed that for 14 consecutive days the territory has not reported new positive cases of COVID-19, thanks to the containment

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measures adopted, teamwork, discipline in the population and control at the maritime and air borders. Precisely, when the country opened the borders, travelers were isolated in homes or destinations, and they were responsible for ensuring their health, but indiscipline around the fact and violation of biosecurity caused an increase in cases in Cuba and the Island it was not exempt, he commented.

He recalled that after six months without new infections, the regrowth occurred last November and by then air transportation could not be guaranteed with the same frequency, there was delay in the transfer and results of the samples processed in the reference laboratory of the Pedro Kourí Institute and consequently the epidemic gained ground. There were then more than 400 infected with SARS CoV-2, five events and the second highest incidence rate in Cuba after Havana. Treating the suspects as positive cases was the key to success, as the then Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Roberto Morales Ojeda told us, he pointed out.

He said that when they applied that methodology, in a month and a half the chain of infections was limited, the same procedure served to quickly cut the transmission that contributed 23 patients in the last stage, a period in which there was already a molecular biology laboratory in the territory.

Control was made possible by the establishment of the flow chart from primary care in the communities to secondary care, the availability of 92 beds in the only hospital for the care of COVID-19 patients, and another 750 to isolate contacts and suspects and immobilization -when necessary- of the municipality, he stressed.

He added that, from April 4, 2020 to date, Isla de la Juventud accumulates 540 patients, four of them were in critical condition and six reported serious, the death of two patients is regretted, the fatality rate of 0.4, in Therefore, the cumulative incidence amounts to 516 per one hundred thousand inhabitants.

Zunilda García Garcés, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and first secretary in the special municipality, highlighted the unity that characterized the actions of the members of the Defense Council in this instance and now of the temporary working group to confront the pandemic .

The majority of the population has had a responsible attitude, precisely in correspondence with their state of opinion in the territory, we are rigorous with the mandatory use of the nasobuco, she pointed out.

He added that keeping the transmission of the coronavirus under control will contribute to the correct implementation of the comprehensive development strategy, for which he has the support of the country's leadership, and urged the people to get involved in the popular movement Dare to be more ... to in order to manage local development.

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