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Given the increase in the number of people infected with the SARS CoV-2 virus in Isla de la Juventud, the rapid antigen test is applied to all travelers arriving at the special municipality.

The temporary working group to confront COVID-19 decided to apply - to one hundred percent of air and sea passengers - the highly effective test for diagnosis in people with symptoms suggestive of the disease, the results of which are obtained in 15 minutes.

The measure is added to the package put into effect this Monday, December 20, in order to control in the shortest possible time the chain of transmissions in this third outbreak in which 135 infected are reported, three unfortunately deceased and 53.3 percent prevalence of the female sex.

According to Israel Velázquez Batista, municipal director of Public Health, the tense clinical-epidemiological situation in the territory is based on the ignorance of the source of infection of more than half of the patients and the population most sensitive to contagion resides in the towns of Ciro Redondo, Patria and Micro-70, where 14 active outbreaks are located.

This is the worst moment the territory has passed through in almost two years, after standing out for several months in Cuba due to the low prevalence of the infectious disease, reporting 89 autochthonous cases under follow-up in the last 15 days for an incidence rate of 106.5 per 100,000 inhabitants, the highest in Cuba, he said.

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~~He added that thanks to the active investigation, 24 suspects were~~ detected, who will be isolated in field hospitals with indispensable conditions and establishment of flows, security of handling, as well as assurance of diagnosis and treatment, another of the measures applied in the municipality.

It will depend on individual responsibility, transparency and prompt presence in health facilities in the event of any symptoms or suspicions of the disease that the chain of transmission is cut in the shortest possible time, insisted the highest health authority.

Since the first case was diagnosed in early April 2020 to date, Isla de la Juventud reports a total of 733 positives to COVID-19, a result of the 54,730 samples studied.