

Press release #19
Results from 30 July 2020 to 05 August 2020
Nicaragua, 07 August 2020

The epidemic has not stopped. Do NOT let you guard down! Let's keep our preventative measures. No group meetings, keep a two metre distance from other people, use your face mask and face shield in public places, don't touch your face and constantly wash your hands with water and soap for 40 seconds.

Take preventative measures and let's save lives!

As of 05 August, we report a grand total of **9,436 suspected cases verified by the Citizen Observatory** in all departments and autonomous regions (in 136 municipalities, 88% of the country). **This week we have registered 259 new cases.**

Managua (3,695), Matagalpa (1,074), León (677), Masaya (638), Estelí (531), Chinandega (322), Jinotega (286), Granada (260), Carazo (250) and RACCS (215) are the departments and/or regions reporting the highest amount of suspected cases.

Up to 4 August, the Ministry of Health (MINSa) has reported 3,902 confirmed cases, 866 active cases, 2,913 recovered and 123 deaths (a death toll of 3%). This death toll reaffirms the urgent need for the government to take measures to avoid transmission and count on detailed information collection that would steer decision making to confront the situation more effectively.

Until 05 August we have reported and verified **2,591 deaths**, of which **139 (5%) can be categorised as deaths from pneumonia and 2,452 (95%) can be reported as suspected deaths from COVID-19.** Of these deaths, 297 (11%) took place in people's homes and 19 (1%) took place during a transfer to a healthcare unit.

These deaths have been reported across the 17 departments and autonomous regions, 121 municipalities (79% total municipalities in the country). The department of **Managua has registered 34% of all deaths, Masaya 10%, Matagalpa 8%, León 7%, Chinandega and Estelí 5% respectively and Granada and Chontales 4% respectively.**

This week we received information on **55 new fatalities.**

Until 05 August, the Observatory received reports of **768 healthcare workers with associated or presumed COVID-19 symptoms. These were recorded across all departments or autonomous regions (in 73 municipalities).** Managua, Matagalpa, León, Nueva Segovia, Masaya and Granada are the departments with the highest amounts of cases.

In the week of 30 July to 5 August, there are no reports of new fatalities of healthcare workers.

As of 05 August, our data shows **101 suspected COVID-19 fatalities in healthcare workers.** Of these, 44 were doctors, 22 nursing staff, 14 administrative personnel, 8 lab technicians, 3 medical visitors, 3 dentists, and 7 categorised as 'other' (support personnel, for example).

Over the last few weeks, the Observatory has received fewer reports of cases and deaths. This should not be interpreted as a lower risk of contagion, or that preventative and protective measures should be relaxed. **We call on the public to continue taking the following preventative measures:**

- **Avoid group activities**
- **Keep a physical distance of two metres from other people**
- **Use a face mask and face shield in public places**
- **Don't touch your face**
- **Constantly wash your hands with water and soap for 40 seconds.**

As of 5 0August, we have received reports of **2,099 irregularities. Similarly to previous weeks, the**

exposure of people to the disease due to public group activities continues to be the most reported irregularity. Of the 25 irregularities reported this week, **17 (68%) are due to this reason.**

There were reports of group activities in 7 departments, **with most reports coming from Managua.** Between the reported activities were: a baseball game in Estelí; a class for umpires, trainers and Taekwondo athletes in Managua; the unveiling of new paving in Masaya; the opening of a new vehicular bridge in Matagalpa and the public official award of certificates of participation to women in technical schools in Chinandega and Chontales.

A teacher in Bluefields has issued a complaint regarding MINSA ordering teachers to make home visits, asking parents to send their children to school. She is worried that disobeying this order could lead to firings or other punishments. She has also reported that there are students and teachers showing COVID-19 symptoms.

There are reports that healthcare personnel in Masaya have been ordered not to use personal protective equipment.

There continue to be reports of the existence of burials taking place under irregular conditions in Madriz, Matagalpa and the Southern Caribbean Coast Region (RACCS).

Please find attached the (Spanish language) report from **30 July 2020 to 5 August 2020**, developed by the Observatory:

Suspected cases reported by the Observatory	Deaths from pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 reported by the Observatory
9436	2591

** Suspected cases reported by the Observatory, deaths by pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 have been verified by a local information source.*

Cases confirmed by MINSA	Deaths reported by MINSA
3902	123