

Press release #23

## Results from 27 August 2020 to 02 September 2020

Nicaragua, 04 September 2020

**The epidemic has not stopped. Do NOT let you guard down! Let's keep our preventative measures. Zero group meetings, keep a two meters 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 2 September, we report a grand total of **10,121 suspected cases verified by the Citizen Observatory** in all departments and autonomous regions (in 137 municipalities, 89% of the country). **This week we have registered 113 new suspected cases.**

**Managua (3,776), Matagalpa (1,156), León (735), Masaya (652), Estelí (627), Madriz, (453), Chinandega (341), Jinotega (315), Granada (290), Carazo (258) and RACCS (240)** are the departments and/or regions reporting the highest amount of suspected cases.

**Up to 1 September, the Department of Health (MINSa) has reported 4,668 confirmed cases, 1,069 active cases, 3,458 recovered and 141 deaths (a death toll of 3%). This death toll, which is in stark contrast with the unusual increase in deaths from other causes, reaffirms the urgent need for the government to provide more truthful and detailed information collection that would steer decision making to confront the situation more effectively. It is imperative that it meets its obligations to steer public health measures to diminish contagion. Since its last report, the MINSa has reported 174 new confirmed cases and 4 new deaths.**

Until 2 September we have reported and verified **2,699 deaths**, of which **140 (5%) can be categorised as deaths from pneumonia and 2,559 (95%) can be reported as suspected deaths from COVID-19.**

These deaths have been reported across the 17 departments and autonomous regions, 123

municipalities (80% total municipalities in the country). The department of **Managua has registered 33% of all deaths, Masaya 10%, Matagalpa 9%, León 7%, Chinandega and Estelí 5% respectively and Granada and Chontales 4% respectively.** This week we received information on **19 new fatalities.**

Until 2 September, the Observatory received reports of **803 healthcare workers with associated or presumed COVID-19 symptoms. These were recorded across all departments or autonomous regions.** Managua, Matagalpa, León, Nueva Segovia, Estelí and Granada are the departments with the highest amounts of cases.

As of 2 September, our data shows **107 suspected COVID-19 fatalities in healthcare workers.** Of these, 48 were doctors, 24 nursing staff, 14 administrative personnel, 8 lab technicians, 3 medical visitors, 3 dentists, and 7 categorised as 'other' (support personnel, for example). **This week there were no new reported deaths among healthcare workers.**

In the last weeks, we have observed a decrease in the number of received reports. This should not be interpreted as though there is less of a risk of contagion, or that protective and preventative measures should be eased.

As of 2 September, we have received reports of **2,250 irregularities. We continue to receive reports of exposure of people to the disease due to public group activities.** Of the 55 irregularities reported this week, **52 (95%) are due to this reason.**

The analysis of cases and mortality rates due to COVID-19 according to quantity of inhabitants in Nicaragua's 17 departments or autonomous regions shows that **in Nicaragua there are 1.550 suspected cases registered by the Observatory per million inhabitants and 413 suspected deaths per million inhabitants.**

**Estelí is the department that reports the most cases per million inhabitants,** with a proportion

of 2.740,79; followed by Madriz with 2.624,78, Managua with 2.461,19, Matagalpa and León with 1.754 respectively.

**Masaya is the department that has reported the most deaths per million inhabitants,** with a proportion of 702; followed by Managua with 585, Estelí with 581, Chontales with 504 and Granada with 503.

Please find attached the (Spanish language) report from **27 August 2020 to 02 September 2020,** developed by the Observatory:

Suspected cases reported by the Observatory	Deaths from pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 reported by the Observatory
<b>10121</b>	<b>2699</b>

*\* 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
<b>4668</b>	<b>141</b>