



Press release #27

Results from 24 to 30 of September

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The epidemic has not ceased. Do NOT let your guard down! Let's keep our preventative measures. Zero 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!

COVID-19 has claimed over a million lives since it appeared. Up until 1 October 2020, the [Coronavirus Resource Center at John Hopkins University](#) had reported 34,320,259 cases and 1,023,395 deaths. These numbers should remind us that behind them lies the pain and suffering of men and women across the world. There is an increase of new infections in countries where it was considered that outbreaks were under control just a few months ago. Five countries in Latin America are among the top 10 countries with the most number of cases: Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Argentina and Mexico. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organisation, expressed that the tally of a million deaths represents a "difficult moment for the world" and that the main learning the pandemic has left behind is that "no matter where a country is in an outbreak, it is never too late to turn things around."

In Nicaragua, as of 30 September we report a grand total of **10,513 suspected cases verified by the Citizen Observatory** in all departments and autonomous regions.

Until 30 September we have reported and verified **2,751 deaths**, of which **141 (5%) can be categorised as deaths from pneumonia and 2,610 (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 **8 new fatalities**.

Until 30 September, the Observatory received reports of **810 healthcare workers with associated or presumptive COVID-19 symptoms**. These were recorded across all departments or autonomous regions (in 74 municipalities). **The majority of healthcare workers reporting associated or presumptive COVID-19 symptoms are medical personnel (484 or 60%) and nursing professionals (125 or 15%).**

This week we have not received any reports of new **suspected COVID-19 deaths among healthcare personnel**. As of 30 September, our data shows 108 suspected COVID-19 fatalities in healthcare workers in 13 departments (in 34 municipalities, primarily Managua, León, Masaya, Matagalpa and Rivas). **The majority of healthcare workers who have died with associated or presumptive COVID-19 symptoms are medical personnel (45%) and nursing professionals (22%).**

As of 30 September, we have received reports of **2,485 irregularities**. **Similarly to previous weeks**, the exposure of people in group activities constitutes the majority of reported irregularities.

Please find attached the (Spanish language) report from **24 September 2020 to 30 September 2020**, developed by the Observatory:

Suspected cases reported by the Observatory	Deaths from pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 reported by the Observatory
10513	2751

** 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
5170	151