

Press release #28

## Results from 1 to 7 of October

Nicaragua, 9 October 2020

### The epidemic has not ceased.

#### Take preventative measures and let's save lives!

As of October 7, we report a grand total of **10,631 suspected cases verified by the Citizen Observatory** in all departments and autonomous regions.

Until October 7 we have reported and verified **2,768 deaths**, of which **141 (5%) can be categorised as deaths from pneumonia and 2,627 (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 **15 new fatalities**.

Until October 7, the Observatory received reports of **814 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 (487 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 October 7, 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 October 7, we have received reports of **2,498 irregularities** which include reports of exposure of people in group activities, insufficient public information on COVID-19, an insufficient response from the MINSA and acts of violence on behalf of State institutions.

We have received reports of increases in the number of hospitalised COVID-19 patients in both private and public hospitals. Group activities from mid-September (the national holidays) could have ignited an increase in cases at the end of September which is still manifesting in the number of hospitalised patients in the first week of October. Facing the lack of detailed information, a right of the Nicaraguan people, we report **a violation to the right of access to information**.

Protective measures continue to be the same: Keep a **physical distance** of two metres with regards to other people; **wash your hands** with water and soap for at least 40 seconds and if there is no access to water and soap, clean your hands with 70% alcohol for 20 seconds; use a three-layered cloth face mask, and if possible a face shield; **avoid group activities. Stay at home as much as you can!**

In rainy weather, it is important to remember that **by getting wet or damp, face masks lose their protective capabilities**. If your face mask gets wet, it is necessary to change it for a dry one. If you will be wearing a face mask for longer than 4 hours, remember to take another one to change it. The mask must not be touched, and it must not get wet. If you use a washable or reusable mask, take a small bag with you to keep used masks.

**The virus is still present in Nicaragua. Keep protecting yourself!**

Please find attached the (Spanish language) report from **1 October 2020 to 7 October 2020**, developed by the Observatory:

Suspected cases reported by the Observatory	Deaths from pneumonia and suspected COVID-19 reported by the Observatory
<b>10613</b>	<b>2768</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>5264</b>	<b>153</b>