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COVID-19 is once again the center of attention of the Temporary Working Group for Confrontation and Control of the pandemic in Isla de la Juventud, a territory that after showing control of its epidemiological situation, now exhibits one of the four most incidence rates high places of Cuba.

In this regard, Israel Velázquez Batista, municipal director of Public Health, specified that due to the autochthonous transmission of the SARS CoV-2 virus, 42 people tested positive for PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) for an incidence rate of 50, 3 for every one hundred thousand inhabitants. It is imperative to act quickly to cut the chain

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of transmission, that is why a multifamily building was declared in quarantine, seven spotlight controls (two of them active) in order to stratify the risk areas into four popular councils, which make effective contributions to the investigation in the search for suspects, he pointed out.

He added that the detection of cases in the maritime borders and areas — the only access routes — increased, the antigen test was only performed on 10 percent (%) of the travelers, a week and a half ago it was decided to apply that diagnosis to the One hundred percent of the passengers, those who test positive are applied PCR.

This was one of the gaps in epidemiological control at borders that, before opening, made it possible to keep the pathogen that causes the infectious disease at bay, he acknowledged.

He commented that among the measures adopted in recent days are the application to four people of Decree Law 31, which establishes the fines for infractions of health measures for the prevention and confrontation of COVID-19, and the accusation before the prosecution of two citizens due to lack of transparency in contact information.

From April 4, 2020 to date, the territory reports 644 infected by the SARS CoV-2 virus, of which six died, unfortunately, for a fatality rate of 0.88%, he said.

He said that among the active cases a 74-year-old serious patient is reported, who suffers from type two diabetes (glucose or sugar levels in the blood are too high), psychiatric disorders and moderate respiratory distress (difficulty), but has not required artificial ventilation.

The low perception of risk weighs in the current epidemiological situation, stressed the health authority, therefore, the correct use of the nasobuco and disinfectant substances must still be maintained, as well as physical distancing, he emphasized.

He noted that 92.6% of the total population (83,479) have completed the scheme with the anti-COVID-19 vaccine, while just over 15% have already received the booster dose.