

## **The Canary Health Department has confirmed 15 active cases of coronavirus COVID-19 in the Canary Islands and three cases which have received a medical discharge**

- **The latest case has been confirmed on the island of Tenerife and the person is a close and direct contact of the Italian citizen living in La Laguna**
- **Of these 15 cases, only six are hospitalized in Tenerife, five of these are asymptomatic and one has symptoms**
- **As of 12:00 hours on Saturday 525 guests have left the hotel subject to health measures in the south of Tenerife**

The Canary Health Department verified a total of 15 active cases of coronavirus in the Canary Islands at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and three medical discharges, totaling 18 cases, including the three discharges. The details of the cases are the following.

The group of six Italians who are hospitalized and isolated in Tenerife and who traveled on holiday to the island on February 19. Five of them are asymptomatic and one has symptoms.

In Tenerife, there are four people who have tested positive and they are related with each other. This group refers to the Italian citizen, resident in La Laguna, who traveled to his country recently and three citizens from Tenerife who are his close and direct contacts. All of them are isolated in their homes with health monitoring and are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.



A citizen of Tenerife, resident in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, who recently traveled to Italy and who is also in home isolation and is asymptomatic.

Four Italian citizens of the same group who are in isolation at home in the municipality of Agüimes in Gran Canaria are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.

In addition, the statistics include the three medical discharges that have been issued in the Archipelago: the female British guest of the hotel in the South; the Canary resident who was hospitalized in La Gomera and the first case of the German citizen who was also hospitalized in La Gomera.

With respect to the hotel subject to health measures since February 24, the Canary Health Department reports that the leaving operation of its guests is continuing and that as of 12:00 on Saturday, a total of 525 guests had left following the indications of the protocol of the Spanish Ministry of Health.

### **Information lines**

A free telephone line (900 112 061) is open, from where a Nursing team, under the coordination of the Canary Islands Emergency Service (SUC), will respond to requests for information from citizens about prevention measures, possibilities of contagion and myths related to the virus. In addition, citizens are reminded that people, who think that they may have symptoms related to the coronavirus (cough, sore throat, temperature and feeling short of breath) and have returned in the last 14 days from any of the risk areas or who have been in contact with anyone who comes from these areas, should telephone 112, and avoid going straight to the primary healthcare centres or hospital accident and emergency departments. The staff at 112 will arrange a home visit to take samples, although the population is also asked to use this resource rationally and only when the above conditions are fulfilled.