

The Canary Health Department has confirmed 46 active cases of coronavirus COVID-19 and 5 medical discharges

- **The health centers of the Islands are implementing the restriction of visits to the hospitalized patients**
- **The Health Department insists on the need for citizen collaboration to maintain the virus containment in the Canary Islands**

The Canary Health Department has reported 46 positive cases of COVID-19 in the Canary Islands and 5 medical discharges. Of these, 15 cases are hospitalized, two of them in intensive care. The accumulated total is 51 cases.

By islands Tenerife has 31 registered positive cases plus 3 medical discharges, which means a total of 34. In Gran Canaria, there are 12 registered active cases, 1 case in Fuerteventura, 2 in La Palma and two cases which have received a medical discharge in La Gomera.

Containment measures

The Canary Health Department has designed a series of initial measures to maintain the autonomous community in a situation of containing the virus that currently exists. Therefore, citizen collaboration is requested so that these measures are complied with and, together, we can protect our population.

Restriction of visits to hospitalized

Visits to hospitalized patients in all hospitals of the Canary Health Service are prohibited, except in the case of patients under the age of 18, patients with



deficiencies or the elderly who require a companion, as well as those cases in which exceptionally and justifiably, a companion is authorized by the center's management. In these cases, the managing center must take the information and prevention measures to ensure that the companions comply with the instructions established in the applicable protocols.

Accompanying patients who go to the emergency services of the centers and services dependent on the Canary Health Service is also prohibited, unless the patient is under the age of 18 or is unable to take care of themselves and requires being accompanied by other people, in which case only one companion will be allowed access.

These restrictions are to be in force for a period of 15 days, unless there are new epidemiological reasons to extend them.

Measures to protect the elderly

The elderly are one of the most vulnerable groups in this new situation and, therefore, a series of measures have been adopted for their protection, which are:

All the clubs and leisure centers for the elderly in the Canary Islands have been ordered to close.

Visits to all nursing and care homes in the Autonomous Community for the elderly are prohibited, except in those cases when the management of the center authorizes it for a duly justified reason, in which case the center must follow the information and prevention measures to ensure that the visitor complies with the instructions laid down in the applicable protocols.



These measures will be in force for a maximum period of 15 days, unless there are new epidemiological reasons to extend them.

Measures for students

Students arriving in the Islands are recommended to avoid going out and close contact with other people, especially the immunosuppressed and elderly for 14 days following their arrival in the Islands. They are asked to observe their own state of health in the event of the possible appearance of any of the following symptoms such as fever, cough or feeling of shortness of breath.

If the person develops respiratory symptoms (cough, fever or feeling of shortness of breath), they should contact 112 by telephone, informing them of the history of their trip and the symptoms that they have so that an assessment can be made.

A normal life can be resumed after the period of 14 days after their arrival without the appearance of any symptoms. Always observing the hygienic-sanitary recommendations of a general nature that have been set out.

Students, who as of today have not returned to the autonomous community of the Canary Islands, are recommended to avoid moving and to remain in their place of residence following the instructions of the health authorities.

Collective activities

In the Autonomous Community, large professional national and international sports events with a large influx of fans will be held behind closed doors.

Collective activities in closed or open spaces in the community that involve or are expected to involve a concentration of more than 1,000 people are suspended or



postponed.

In the cases in which these activities take place in spaces with a capacity of less than 1,000 people, they can only be held if only one third of the maximum authorized capacity is occupied, with the aim of guaranteeing an adequate separation space between the participants.

These restriction measures apply to public, recreational and leisure shows, cultural, religious, sports or similar activities, regardless of whether they are organized by a public or private organizer.

These measures will last for 15 days without prejudice to extensions and additional measures that may be subsequently agreed.

Information lines

The Canary Health Department freephone information 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 who 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 met.



2,512 calls were received yesterday, 2,222 from callers to the freephone information line 900 112 061 and 290 from callers to 112. The total number of calls attended to so far is 9,246, of which 7,478 were to the 900 line and 1,768 to the 112 line.