

COVID-19, an opportunity for Cuban public health resilience

La COVID-19, oportunidad para la resiliencia de la salud pública cubana

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Dear readers:

The health history of humanity bears witness to numerous epidemiological events, some of which marked milestones, not only in public health, with contributions of the experiences acquired, some of them sad, which left behind a legacy of resilience wasted by the human species in order to advance towards progress, and it is to be hoped that learned errors will not be repeated.

COVID-19, a disease that we hope will be overcome with the consent of the multilateral cooperative capacity of scientists, and a responsible attitude of world leaders, is showing how insufficient we can be and its painful repercussions in the international socioeconomic sphere, from which no country will be excluded.

A gap that has been shown and is worrying, is the real capacity that each country is showing, whether planned or improvised, to face its challenges and to be able to solve the consequences of these contingencies accompanied by the lessons that Nature offers; in our country, we have the political will of the Government, and a Health Strategy that systematically evaluates its programs within the socio-economic improvement adjusted to the unquestionable repercussion that economic limitations cause in the purpose of maintaining quality with efficiency, in the assistance, teaching, research and industrial areas, that allows us to respond as guarantors, for the quality of health care that people demand, to advance in an inclusive health system for all and with all.

It is time to maintain a responsible conscience in the development of plans to cope with and control the pandemic, taking into account that in each action and measure implemented we will have to distinguish those that came to be maintained, and once, due to the capacity developed by the health system, the current disturbance is overcome, we will be able to not ignore what has been achieved in order to emerge stronger from this obligatory pause.

The decision makers and collaborators of the health system, in a proven solid intersectoral cooperation all of us united, as we all are the people, will enjoy leaving behind this historic stage, aware that we cannot allow the relevant and innovative experiences that have emerged at each stage of the epidemic to be forgotten.

This issue offers articles that show part of the integrated effort of the health sector in the battle, from Vueltabajo to COVID-19, while continuing to settle our debt to humanity in collaboration with other countries that request it.

The round-of-applause during the evenings have become a worldwide prayer of recognition and encouragement for the efforts of health professionals and many others.

Once again, as always, confident of the experienced and capable human capital that we have trained, WE WILL BE ABLE TO. We will advance for more, and paraphrasing the singer: "... the country is marching for life".

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