

# *Mexican medical workers demand protective gear as COVID-19 spreads*

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Mexico City, May 17 (RHC)-- In Mexico, dozens of frontline nurses in Mexico City and the city of Texcoco held protests demanding the government provide them with proper personal protective equipment.

One organizer said: "We haven't been given personal protective equipment, masks, or N95 masks, less still goggles. We are purchasing all of our equipment. It's quite expensive, and they don't last for more than a week. And we can't have those expenses, and we can't continue to risk ourselves by using the bad-quality equipment we are being given here."

Mexico now has over 40,000 known cases and an official death toll of over 4,200. Despite a surge in cases, officials are preparing to slowly reopen Mexico's economy beginning May 18th.



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