Havana authorities relax some restrictions measures



Havana, September 30 (RHC)—One month after severe restrictions were applied in Havana to curb the rebound of the COVID-19 epidemic, authorities from the Cuban capital announced on Wednesday the relaxation of some of the measures.

The easing is a response to the encouraging results obtained in the confrontation of the epidemic. Havana reported ten positive cases on Tuesday, the lowest number for a while.

Speaking at the Mesa Redonda national televised TV Program, the Governor of Havana, Reinaldo Garcia Zapata, said that the curfew that banned people and vehicles' movement from 7 pm to 5 am is lifted as of Thursday, and commercial activities and state and private services will resume.

Zapata also announced that public transportation will be back on Saturday and that the 2019-2020 school year will be resumed starting on November 2.

Night clubs, bars, and discos will stay closed, and public or private parties will remain prohibited. The use of masks, physical distancing in public spaces, work, and education centers are compulsory, and those who do not comply will receive stiff fines.

The Governor said that the impact of the month-long restrictions in Havana had a positive effect.

"The measures have been successful because the overwhelming majority of the city's inhabitants, work centers, and organizations followed them thoroughly, and these speak volumes of their responsibility. It was a month of a lot of work, but it's been gratifying... there are reasons for optimism," the Governor said.

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