

Luis Arce completes 100 days in office as president of Bolivia

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Luis Arce has served 100 days as Bolivia's president. (Photo: teleSUR)

La Paz, February 16 (RHC)-- The president of Bolivia, Luis Arce, acknowledged on Tuesday to governors, municipalities and other officials of the country that his administration is prioritizing the vaccination against COVID-19, at a time when he has completed first 100 days of administration.

Through a message broadcast on Twitter, the president greeted those in charge of administering the Russian vaccine Sputnik V to health workers and vulnerable people. He also recognized those who create refrigeration conditions for the transfer and storage of Pfizer-Biontech and Sinopharm vaccines.

The fight against the coronavirus pandemic is one of the strategic objectives of Luis Arce's administration, which found a health situation aggravated by the improvised measures taken by the de facto government of Jeanine Añez.

Since taking office last November 8, the new president adopted comprehensive measures in response to the second wave of COVID-19 infections and managed to acquire 2.2 million diagnostic tests.

The purchase, in addition to medicines, reagents, equipment and supplies for laboratory work, created conditions to prioritize mass testing, make early diagnoses, confront the virus from its initial phase and reduce lethality.

Another result of these first 100 days is the procurement of vaccines, thanks to which a total of 5.2 million doses of Sputnik V and five million doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford drug which will soon be acquired.

The Bolivian people will also have access to 5.1 million doses of other immunizers through the Covax mechanism, Arce announced at the beginning of January.

On February 2, the Ministry of Health and Sports completed the shipment of Sputnik V doses to the nine departments of Bolivia to vaccinate health personnel, and as of last Monday, 20,000 doses had already been administered.

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