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The Commission of Tourism and Health of the Dominican Republic guarantees total control over Malaria

SANTO DOMINGO.- The Commission of Tourism and Health, integrated by the Department of Public Health (SESPAS), the Department of Tourism (SECTUR) and the Association of Hotels and Restaurants (ASONAHORES), with the support of the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), guarantees to residents and international visitors that Malaria is under total control in the Dominican Republic.

After analyzing the data corresponding to epidemiological week number 48 (November 28 to December 4th), according to the data provided by the National Centers for Tropical Disease Control (CENCET), the endemic curve is within the safe zone. The safe zone is defined, in epidemiological terms, as in control of an endemic disease.

As of week 49 (from December 5th to date) no cases have been reported in the La Altagracia Province.

Physicians have been assigned to all major developments in the area to secure periodic screening to incoming and outgoing workers, thus providing consistency to the malaria control efforts in the area.

Regular supervision is carried out by the National Malaria Program Coordinator and the Director of Entomology and Vector Control. Additionally, Vector Control Teams are carrying out entomological vigilance, search and control of breeding sites for *Anopheles albimanus* and the control of adult mosquitoes using thermal fogs with Malathion and cold fogs with pyrethrin at night.



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A meeting with Provincial and Local health officials was held recently presided by the Health Secretary the participation of Dr. Socorro Gross, who represents PAHO/WHO in the Dominican Republic. In this meeting, the current state of the malaria situation as well as the preventive and control measures were presented.

The Commission of Tourism and Health states that no death has been reported in the Dominican Republic as a result of these cases

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