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# MANDATORY MASKS IN SEVERAL SERVICES AND TRADE FROM SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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The Minister of Health, Daniel Salas announced today in a press conference that, in parallel with the new opening phase that would tentatively be rescheduled for this weekend, the use of masks is mandatory for certain services or shops is instructed.

The legal instruction will be published this week to take effect on Saturday. In this line, from June 27, the use of a mask or mask is instructed as follows:

- For all people who serve the public. In the case of a restaurant, it must be masked because of the elevated position of the person who takes the order.
- For the general public when using: paid transportation of people, cinemas, theaters, churches, banks and restaurants while they are not consuming.

The masks can be surgical or fabric and the masks must have general facial coverage, since it is important that it adequately covers the mouth and nose. All the instruction on the proper use of the masks and the detail of how to make them at home is available on the Ministry's website:

<https://www.ministeriodesalud.go.cr/index.php/centro-de-informacion/material-comunicacion/protocolos-ms/coronavirus/mascaras>

The health hierarchy emphasized that the measure is necessary due to greater opening of services and shops, as well as the presence of the virus in highly populated centers, however, he stressed that the use of this personal protective equipment does not replace, at any time, the distance and hygiene measures that have been communicated.

"The pandemic requires us to adapt to new measures, new forms, new implements. The mask has not been part of our lives before, but it is important today to adapt to its correct use: not to be manipulating it, to ensure the coverage of the nose and mouth, and for nothing in the world to allow it to give us a false sense of security, distance and hand washing remain golden rules," said Salas.

The hierarchy indicated that the details of the third phase of reopenings will be announced this week, with the details of the services they can open, taking into account the epidemiological analysis.

## 2277 cases confirmed by COVID-19

As of June 22, 64 new cases of COVID-19 are registered, for a total of 2277 confirmed cases, ranging from zero to 92 years. There are 1006 women and 1271 men, of which 1660 are Costa Ricans and 617 foreigners.

Positive cases are counted in 77 cantons. By age we have: 1839 adults, 108 older adults and 330 minors.

There are 1043 people recovered in 72 cantons. The recovered cases have an age range of zero to 92 years, of which 500 are women and 543 are men, by age we have: 898 adults, 49 older adults and 96 minors.

There are 12 unfortunate deaths, three women and nine men with an age range of 26 to 87 years. 28 people are hospitalized, four of them are in intensive care at the ages of 27, 43, 59 and 61 years.

At this time, 24,971 people have been discarded and a total of 35,625 samples have been processed.

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