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## ¡LA GOBERNADORA QUIERE APLANAR LA CURVA CON MAS RESTRICCIONES Y AUTORITARISMO!

Comunicado de Prensa  
Movimiento Socialista de Trabajadoras y Trabajadores (MST)

El Movimiento Socialista de Trabajadoras y Trabajadores (MST) denuncia la nueva orden de la Gobernadora Wanda Vázquez Garced en la que ordena el cierre de los supermercados, restaurantes de comida rápida y otros establecimientos para el viernes, sábado y domingo de la semana santa.

En la misma conferencia de prensa en que anuncia estas medidas, tanto el Secretario de Salud como representantes del Task Force, indican que se ha logrado limitar el contagio gracias a la efectiva aplicación de las medidas de aislamiento social y que el pueblo ha respondido al llamado de evitar salir de sus casas. Sin embargo, no presentaron ninguna justificación epidemiológica que justifique el aumento de los rigores del toque de queda.

Nos preocupa aún más que quienes están dirigiendo la respuesta a la pandemia respondan a intereses de carácter religioso y no científicos. El cierre del comercio por tres días en una semana lo que implica es que, durante los días previos y posteriores al cierre, las personas irán en masas a los supermercados y establecimientos que estarán cerrados para abastecerse. Si lo que queremos es evitar la aglomeración de multitudes hay que por el contrario abrir los siete días y por mayor cantidad de horas para que se disperse el número de personas que se presentan en un mismo tiempo.

Igualmente, sostenemos que el cierre de los domingos es una medida similar que opera en contra de las medidas recomendadas por la comunidad científica. Este tipo de medidas no toman en cuenta que la mayoría de la clase trabajadora de este país vive de día a día y no están en condiciones de hacer compras para un mes como pueden hacer los sectores más privilegiados del País.



*La gobernadora Wanda Vazques Garced*

Reiteramos que el distanciamiento social es una medida científicamente recomendada y la apoyamos como una medida extraordinaria.

No por ello, se debe condonar los abusos policíacos y el autoritarismo con el que se han implementado estas medidas en la última semana.

Tampoco debemos pasar con fichas las actitudes totalitarias que la gobernadora asoma en sus conferencias de prensa y ordenes ejecutivos más recientes.

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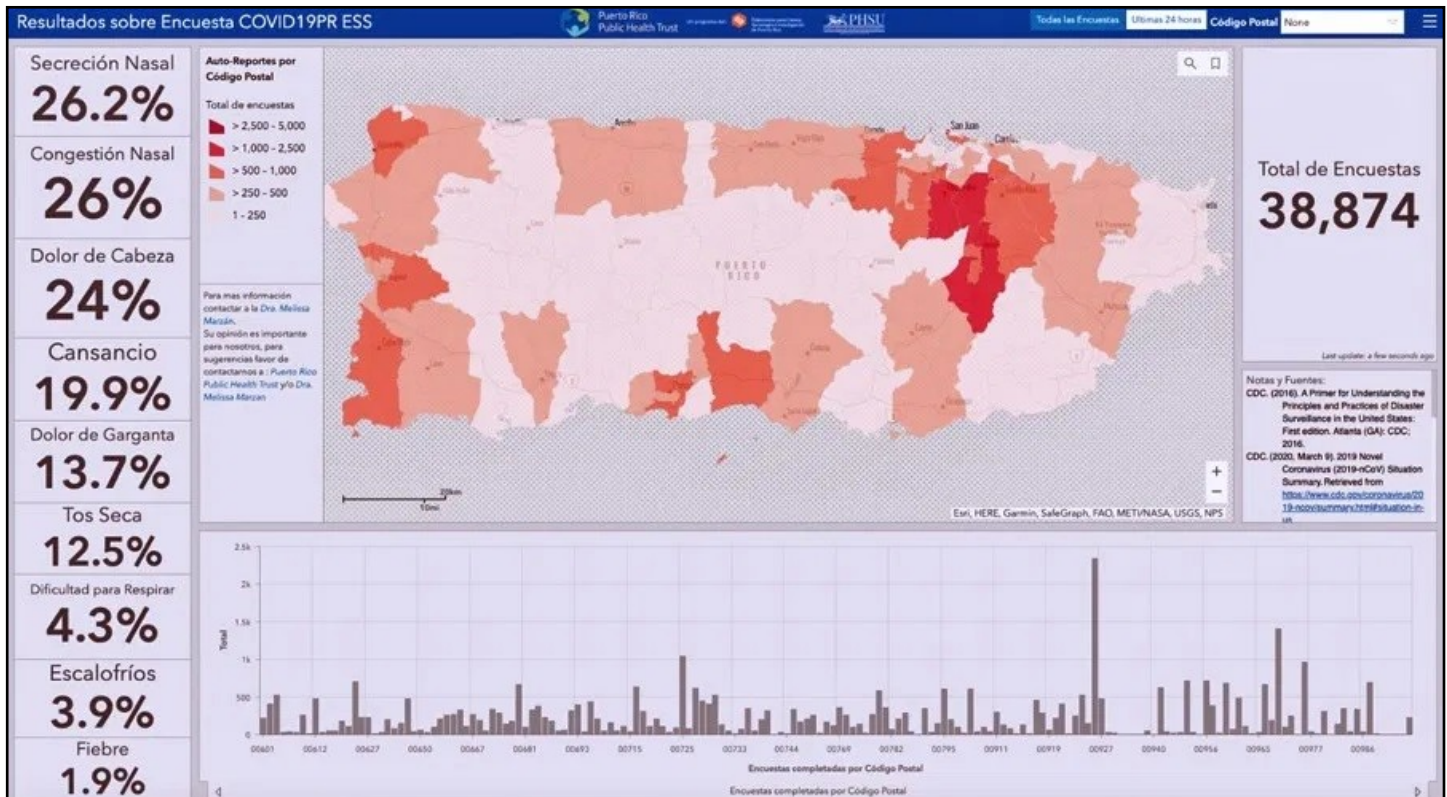
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# SYMPTOM TRACKING “VIRAL” TO CONTROL CONTAGION OF COVID-19 IN PUERTORICO!



***Executives from Ponce Health Sciences University and the Puerto Rico Public Health Trust explain how the COVID-19 Epidemiological Surveillance System can help save lives on the island.***

A coalition of academic and private-sector organizations has unveiled the Epidemiological Surveillance System platform, which allows the tracking and publishing results on the evolution of COVID-19 contagion in Puerto Rico.

The platform’s creators include the Puerto Rico Public Health Trust, a program of the Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust, Ponce Health Sciences University and collaboration from Harvard University.

“During this year, the Puerto Rico Public Health Trust has achieved important alliances and collaborations to improve the health equity of Puerto Rico’s communities and make health services more accessible,” Science Trust CEO Lucy Crespo said.

“We must highlight that, in the face of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, this collaboration with Ponce Health Sciences University, which allows creating solutions to this epidemic, has been one of the most important,” she said.

The COVID-19 Epidemiological Surveillance System, a project led by epidemiologist Melissa Marzán from Ponce Health Sciences University, is a platform designed to track people’s symptoms as they arise.

The results obtained via a survey serve to determine the geographic area of greatest symptoms, development profiles, present symptoms, days in which symptoms appear, how long symptoms last and the spread of the virus. This information allows daily monitoring of the development of the novel virus and the prediction of the disease contagion curve to take measures in advance.

“This initiative promotes the ‘citizen scientist’ figure and allows us to monitor the symptoms associated with the virus and identify possible areas of higher incidence of COVID-19,” Marzán said.

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“This allows us to more effectively plan medical and preventive services for the different regions of Puerto Rico,” she said.

According to official data, since its launch on Mar. 17, 2020, more than 38,000 people have participated, and the most relevant results show a slight trend of increasing symptoms associated with COVID-19 from Mar. 18-26, 2020.

What these findings represent for the public is the opportunity to observe the development of symptoms throughout the different areas of the island, to take a closer look of the behavior of the virus in the community and have data for future planning of prevention services.

“Data is a powerful tool that allows us to make sound decisions and can prevent the spread of this disease and save lives,” said José Rodríguez-Orengo, acting director of the Health Trust.

“This synergy between Ponce Health Sciences University and the Health Trust will be the spearhead for scientists to find real and quick solutions to avoid contagion and more deaths from COVID-19 in Puerto Rico,” he said.

“It’s important that the community continue to participate of this survey on a daily basis and help us control this contagious disease,” Rodríguez Orengo said.

The Ponce Health Sciences University and the Health Trust will continue to develop and promote the platform and have already confirmed that it will be used in other cities in the continental United States, such as Boston, Massachusetts and Tampa, Florida, among others.

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# #FIGHTCOVIDNOTVENEZUELA READ AND SIGN THIS PETITION



Just when we thought things couldn’t get any worse, in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, Trump is trying to start a war with Venezuela, moving Navy warships towards Venezuela’s coast and bringing a bogus indictment against President Maduro for drug trafficking. We need to shout out: FIGHT COVID NOT VENEZUELA!

It is outrageous that when hundreds of thousands of Americans, maybe millions, are facing death from coronavirus, and when Venezuelans are mustering all the forces they can to combat the virus in their own country, the Trump administration is provoking a war with Venezuela.

On March 26, the Trump administration indicted President Nicolas Maduro on bogus drug charges and put out a \$15 million dollar reward for information leading to his capture. And now they are sending Navy ships, warplanes and thousands of sailors and Marines to surround Venezuela—the biggest military mobilization in Latin America in 30 years—on the pretext of anti-drug operations. The real goal is the same one the administration has been pursuing for the past three years: regime change.

The Trump administration is also endangering our military during this pandemic. We already have the scandal of a U.S. Navy officer being removed from his command for warning that coronavirus was infecting the sailors on his ship. The captain and 155 of his crew have tested positive. So why would Trump be putting thousands more sailors and Marines in danger?

The UN Secretary General has called for a global ceasefire to focus the world’s energy on COVID-19. And here Donald Trump is diverting our energies and resources on starting a new war??? This is madness.

Globally, we need to be harnessing ALL of our resources into stopping the virus that is killing our people and our economies.

We say No to Trump’s war on Venezuela. During the most terrifying moment in modern history, we must all come together to fight coronavirus, not each other.

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