



The safety of students and teachers is a priority in Cuba, for this reason, the restart of the school year in the country will be done with a high percentage of students vaccinated, the Minister of Education Ena Elsa Velázquez reported at a press conference this Wednesday. Cobiella.

"The resumption of face-to-face teaching activities in each territory will be in correspondence with the completion of the vaccination scheme and the hygienic-sanitary conditions," said the minister.

The previous school year 2019-2020 - she recalled - she stopped in person on March 24 and television teaching activities began on the 30th "in just six days we articulated the new teleclasses. This was possible thanks to the alliances of the Ministry of Education with the Educational Channel, Cinesoft, the Institute of Pedagogical Sciences, among many others ". A special mention was made by the minister to the work of the tele-teachers who were constantly preparing to teach the classes.

On October 4, students in terminal grades from all provinces, except Las Tunas, Sancti Spíritus, Pinar del Río and the municipality of Santa Cruz del Sur, Camagüey, returned to the classrooms. In this way, face-to-face teaching activities were resumed in those grades after the prolonged pause due to the pandemic and after the students received the Cuban anticovid-19 vaccines, with the Cuban vaccine Abdala.

"With these groups, the diagnosis is being carried out to know the particularities of each student, face-to-face classes are taught and the designed evaluations will be carried out. Likewise, the revisions of the twelfth grade students are prioritized for the entrance exams to Higher Education ", she pointed out.

It was explained in the press conference that our children, adolescents and young people are vaccinated with Abdala and Soberana 02, 100% Cuban vaccines. An achievement of Cuban science. #SomosCuba #CubaVive #SomosContinuidad #CubaEsRevolución #CubaSalvaVidas @PresidenciaCuba @DiazCanelB pic.twitter.com/rbQJtpA6zz

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In the press conference held at the International Press Center, the Minister of Education said that 84,500 students of twelfth, third and fourth grade of pedagogical schools and third year of technical and professional education have been incorporated into the classrooms.

Likewise, she assured that psychopedagogical and socio-emotional treatment is maintained for students who require differentiated attention, due to sequelae left by the quarantine time at home or because they have suffered from covid-19.

Minister of Education: The essential resources for the resumption of the course are guaranteed



Restarts face-to-face school year in terminal years at the Saul Delgado Pre-University Institute, maintaining the standards of hygiene and distancing. Photo: Ariel Ley Royero / ACN.

The country is going through a complex economic situation aggravated by the pandemic and the impact of the blockade imposed by the United States. "Despite this context, essential resources - notebooks, pencils, notebook and textbooks - are being guaranteed for the resumption of the 2020-2021 academic year and the start of the next 2021-2022 school year," he said.

Although the production-he meant it-is not at the same levels as in past years, the industry has guaranteed books and workbooks especially for Primary Education. He also indicated that a repair process is being developed for educational centers "in Havana, for example, more than 200 schools are being repaired."

On the subject of school uniforms, Velázquez Cobiella reported that the pieces that are being made at the moment are for the 2021-2020 academic year. In the case of the province of Las Tunas, which will begin next year in November, there are guarantees that the sale of uniforms will begin at the end of October.

“All the fabric used to make school uniforms is imported. More than 3 million pieces are needed, including shirts, blouses, skirts, pants; for this the country has had to allocate more than 5 million dollars for the acquisition of the raw material”, explained the Minister of Education.

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