



Within a strict security control, the phase zero vaccination scheme began today by the Ministry of Public Health, which included the first line of care personnel from the Luis Vernaza Hospital and the elderly from the Hogar del Corazón de Jesús of Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil.

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114 vaccines arrived at the hospital from the Pfizer laboratory and the first physicians to receive them were Dr. Luis González, Chief of Intensive Care, Dr. Gonzalo Sánchez, coordinator of Intensive Care and Dr. Milton Chang, head of infectology.

González stated that it is a privilege to receive the vaccine because this will contribute in some way to begin with the immunity of the population that allows us to overcome this situation "and made a call to continue taking care and using the mask".

While, at the Hogar del Corazón de Jesús, 42 vaccines were received that were applied to the elderly. Magdalena Ávila, 80, and Carlos Heinert, 89, were among the first residents of the home to be vaccinated. "I am grateful to the directors of Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil because they considered us among the first to receive the vaccine. I feel that I have received the opportunity for a new life and to continue enjoying my grandchildren and my children ", said Magdalena after having been vaccinated.

After vaccination, the beneficiaries went to a rest area where they were monitored by MSP personnel to see reaction.

The application of the second dose is scheduled for after 21 days and the arrival of another batch of vaccines for both the hospital and the home is expected, based on the amount agreed with the MSP, which will allow the immunization of the largest number of personnel of both entities.

