

Seremi de Salud recibe más de 7 mil vacunas para reforzar campaña COVID-19 en el Maule

En el marco del fortalecimiento de la vacunación contra el COVID-19, la Seremi de Salud del Maule recibió un cargamento de más de 7 mil dosis, destinadas a reforzar la inmunización en la población objetivo de la región.

La llegada de estas vacunas se da en un contexto de aumento de la circulación viral, especialmente ante la proximidad del invierno, periodo en que históricamente se incrementan las enfermedades respiratorias, y los cambios que anunció el Ministerio de Salud respecto a la vacunación contra Covid-19.

Concretamente, en esta nueva etapa de la estrategia de inmunización, se han actualizado los lineamientos de la vacunación contra el covid, priorizando a los grupos de mayor riesgo frente a cuadros graves. De esta forma, la inoculación se concentra en personas de 60 años y más, pacientes con enfermedades crónicas,

personas inmunodeprimidas, cuidadores y funcionarios de la salud, reforzando la protección en quienes presentan mayor vulnerabilidad.

Al respecto, la seremi de Salud del Maule, Iskra Cox, destacó la importancia de este nuevo stock para avanzar en la protección de la comunidad.

«Hoy ha llegado un cargamento de 7.000 vacunas COVID, porque estamos reforzando la vacunación, entendiendo que la circulación viral ha aumentado. Hoy estamos vacunando a personas mayores de 60 años, enfermos crónicos — independiente de que porten su carnet—, cuidadores, funcionarios de salud



and immunodepressed people. We know that after the pandemic, there is a certain agglomeration, but it is a priority to vaccinate and reach the herd effect to reduce the risks», said the health authority.

For its part, the Regional Government of the Maule, Hans Heyer, valued the territorial deployment of the campaign and the intersectoral work that is being developed: «highlight that the vaccination process

has a wide deployment in the entire region of the Maule. It is a secure process and these 7 thousand doses are precisely to strengthen the work that is being carried out as Government, together with the Seremi and the Health Service», indicated.

In addition, the director (s) of the Maule Health Service, Jaime Bertolotto, emphasized the relevance of the vaccination opportunity to avoid a greater pressure on the assistance network: «the time passes, we are approaching the winter and if we do not carry out this stage in an adequate manner, demand will increase in the hospitals. We are coordinating actions in the field in the entire region, but it is fundamental that the community collaborate and go to the vaccination points without fear. Our goal is to

reach 90% coverage to guarantee the security of everyone», affirmed.

From the health authority, they reiterated the call to the population to be informed about the available vaccination points and to attend opportunistically, especially those who belong to risk groups, with the objective of reducing complications associated with respiratory diseases during the winter season.

Finally, the Seremi de Salud reiterated that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, with scientific backing and being a key to reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization and death, especially in the most vulnerable groups.

Preocupante vínculo entre pesticidas y salud mental en trabajadores rurales del Maule

A recent scientific investigation, published in the prestigious journal Scientific Reports, has set off alarms in the Maule Region by revealing a direct connection between environmental pesticides and the deterioration of mental health in agricultural communities of our zone.

The study was led by professor María Teresa Muñoz Quezada, from the Epidemiology program of the School of Public Health, who managed to identify how the exposure to agrotoxics affects psychologically those who work and live in high agricultural activity zones. The investigation focused specifically on the Maule due to its importance as an agricultural motor of Chile and the intensive use of these chemicals in its cam-