

Contingency minute – August 13, 2020

Overview as of 13 August	New cases:	1.852
	Total infected:	380.034
	Deaths	94/ Total 10.299
	Tests performed:	23.628/ Total: 1.932.592

Santiago and Estación Central will enter the Transition phase: from Monday 17, at 05:00. With this, 2.2 million people will be free from mandatory quarantine in the Metropolitan Region. San Vicente de Tagua Tagua will enter into quarantine this Friday at 10:00 pm.

The government has announced that children and adolescents may leave the quarantine area: on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a maximum of 90 minutes, choosing a time between 10:00 and 12:00 or between 16:00 and 18:00. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult and those over that age may go out alone. This measure will come into effect on Tuesday 18.

Active cases increase 4% in the Metropolitan Region: compared to last week, according to the latest Minsal Epidemiological [Report](#). This is the first increase since June 18 and experts attribute it to increased mobility.

iCOVID Chile's health evaluation platform calls for caution: it will follow four indicators: contagion dynamics, testing, traceability and isolation, and hospital capacity. A joint initiative of Universidad Católica, Universidad de Chile and Universidad de Concepción, it improves the data analysis gap ([El Mercurio](#)).

The government will prioritize 220 projects for economic reactivation: 138 of them will begin their implementation in the next two years. It is estimated that they will generate 115 thousand jobs and half of the projects are in the energy sector.

Unemployment in Gran Santiago reaches 14.1% in June: according to a [report](#) by the Microdata Center of Universidad de Chile. It increased by 5.7 percentage points compared to the same month in 2019. If we consider the potential workforce, unemployment would be at 23.9%.

Workers covered by the Employment Protection Law reach 710,127: according to a report by the Superintendence of Pensions.

Payments for pension withdrawals reach US\$ 6.7 billion: 5,097,366 people have received them, according to the [balance](#) sheet of the Superintendence of Pensions.

Congress dispatches a law for the Central Bank to buy government bonds in the secondary market: it is now ready to be enacted.

Bankrupt persons reach 3,054 during 2020: according to the report of the Superintendence of Insolvency and Reinstatement. It means an increase of 7% in 12 months.

Basic water and electricity services add about 1.4 million customers in default: in the health sector customers accumulate between two and six unpaid bills and went from 430,000 cases in the quarter April-June 2019 to 710,000 in the same period this year, while in the electricity sector the total of defaults corresponds to 15% of its portfolio.

The Chamber's Constitution Commission is discussing the "tax on the super-rich": the initiative proposes to tax 2.5% of the gross assets of people with assets over US\$ 22 million.

64% of those who list homes expect a drop in prices in apartments: while in houses, 49% expect a decrease and 23% believe there will be a rise, according to a survey by Tootoc.com, ESE and Inmobiliaria FG ([El Mercurio](#)).

New pensioners consolidate trend and fall 27% in June: by effect of the pandemic. Data also show that 58% of new retirees contributed 20 years or less ([Diario Financiero](#)).

Servel will have to resolve how Covid-19 patients will vote in a constitutional plebiscite: he will prepare a protocol in consultation with Minsal.

International

World Health Organization (WHO):	20,162,474 infections (214,985 new cases worldwide) and a total of 737,417 deaths (4,835 in the last 24 hours).
Johns Hopkins University¹	20,648,298 infected in 188 countries, with 749,965 deaths. The United States is the country with the most confirmed cases (5,197,749) followed by Brazil (3,164,785) and India (2,396,637).

Argentina will produce Oxford University and AstraZeneca vaccine: this was announced by President Alberto Fernández. It will be distributed, along with Mexico, to all Latin America, except Brazil. They will begin production in September for use in the first half of 2021.

Peru will have confinement on Sundays: President Martín Vizcarra reestablished immobilization and curfew in view of the increase in contagion.

New Zealand evaluates postponing September elections: Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern postponed the dissolution of Parliament depending on how the health crisis develops.

France will monitor the use of masks with gendarmes and police: it is obligatory in public spaces. In addition, the ban on mass events with more than 5,000 people was extended until October 30.

¹ The data is obtained from the site: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>. Here, the information is constantly updated. The numbers reported are from a review at 8:30 a.m. today.

Daily agenda and activities

- 09:00: Launch of the iCOVID Chile platform, which will present indicators for monitoring the pandemic in the country.
- 09:00: INE publishes, through its website, the Inventory Indexes for the period June 2020.
- 09:00: Icare organizes meeting "How do we stand up? Participants include the Minister of Economy; the President of the Círculo Empresa y Sociedad of Icare; the President of the Multigremial Nacional and other trade union representatives from regions of the country.
- 09:30: Centro UC de Encuestas y Estudios Longitudinales delivers its survey "Empleo-Covid-19: employment data in real time". The director of the centre, the Undersecretary for Women and Gender Equality, and representatives of UN Women participate.
- 10:30: Mayor of La Florida, together with executives from Mall Plaza Vespucio, prepare measures for the future reopening of the shopping center.
- 10:30: Minister of Public Works tours works of the new Hospital El Salvador and the National Institute of Geriatrics, to show the mayors of Providencia, Estación Central and La Reina, the health measures being applied in this and other works.
- 11:00: Undersecretary of Crime Prevention, together with the national director of Order and Security of Carabineros, announce a security plan focused on the sectors where AFP funds will be withdrawn.
- 11:45: Minister of Sport, Mayor of Las Condes and former tennis player Fernando González visit the public tennis courts in Parque Araucano, as part of the reopening of sports facilities in municipalities in the transition phase.
- 12:00: Faculty of Economics and Business of Universidad de Chile, with MIT Management Latin America Office, hold a talk on "Vaccine Nationalism and the future of trade". Participants include Academician Chad P. Brown, FEN Dean José de Gregorio and Professor Roberto Rigobon.
- 14:00: Minister of Science, together with the rector of Universidad Católica and academics of Engineering UC, present the third emergency ventilator clinically validated in Chile.

Legislative activity

Senate

Room

● Will learn about the trade union perspective of the public and municipal sectors, as well as the teachers' union, in the face of the situation experienced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic (12:00 to 14:00).

Important commissions

● Mixed Commission for the project that establishes tax measures that are part of the emergency plan for economic and employment reactivation (Bulletin 13615) (09:30 to 12:00).

● Health and Challenges of the Future will session to receive information on the impacts of Covid-19 in Chile (12:00 to 14:00).

● Mixed Commission for the project on Drugs 2 (Bulletin 9914) (17:00 to 18:30).

Chamber of Deputies

Important commissions

● Constitution will see a project that creates the National Youth Reinsertion Service (Bulletin 11174) (10:00 to 12:30).

● Covid-19 researcher will receive the former minister Álvaro Erazo; the president of the Medical Association; and the president of the Infectology Society (14:30 to 16:30).

● Work will discuss a project that temporarily relaxes access requirements and increases the amount of unemployment insurance benefits and improves the benefits of Law No. 21,227 (Bulletin 13624) (15:00 to 17:30).

● Government and Constitution will see a project that establishes a new statute of protection in favor of the denouncer of acts against administrative probity (Bulletin 13565); and a project to promote the denunciation, by public officials, of crimes and other irregular acts of which they have knowledge (Bulletin 13115) (15:30 to 17:00).

● Education will analyses a project that establishes the cessation of the State of Catastrophe as a condition for the resumption of face-to-face classes (Bulletin 13448); a project that establishes criteria to facilitate the return of students (Bulletin 13670); and a project that provides for automatic approval of the 2020 school year (Bulletin 13661) (14:30 to 18:00).

Puede revisar en detalle esta minuta diaria y las anteriores, junto con material actualizado sobre Covid -19, en <http://contingencia.extend.cl/>

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