

## Contingency minute – September 25, 2020

<b>Overview as of 25 September</b>	<b>New cases:</b>	2.222
	<b>Total infected:</b>	453.868
	<b>Deaths</b>	58/ Total 12.527
	<b>Tests performed:</b>	37.653/ Total: 3.150.848

**Minsal reports more than 100 deaths per day for the first time in two months:** the increase is due to a delay in the registration of deaths in the Civil Registry, not a change in trend (La Tercera).

**Government seeks to consolidate public-private partnership to maintain integrated network of ICU beds:** plan focuses on hospitals and clinics continuing to act as a single system to increase health capacity and accelerate solution of delayed or postponed benefits (El Mercurio).

**Health includes a mobility variable to define search zones for Covid-19 cases:** Minsal will cross data on people's journeys in points of high concentration of infections, as part of the Active Case Search (BAC) strategy (La Tercera).

**One of the vaccines to be tested in Chile announces successful trials:** it is awaiting authorization from the ISP to start a phase 3 clinical trial in three thousand volunteers. Sinovac Biotech reported that 94.7% of the 50 thousand volunteers that have tested the vaccine in the world do not present adverse effects (La Tercera).

**Parque Metropolitano will reopen access for cyclists:** starting next Monday and only during weekdays. Saturdays and Sundays will continue to be exclusively for pedestrians (El Mercurio).

**Communes that have been almost without new infections for a month have 70% of vulnerable students:** Libertad y Desarrollo detected that there are 923 schools that, according to Mineduc and Minsal, had between zero and ten new cases last month. These communes concentrate more than 96 thousand students, most of them in a socioeconomic situation that makes learning difficult and where reopening is more urgent (El Mercurio).

**Return to schools would be by groups and for 3rd and 4th grades:** Mineduc reported that 139 requests for reopening schools and 74 kindergartens have been submitted. 53 educational establishments are already functioning. Protocol indicates a maximum of 25 people per room, respecting the distance of the subway, not being more than two hours in a closed area, frequent ventilation, and others (La Tercera).

**Government sincerely needs to discuss the reopening of schools and nurseries to reactivate women's work:** Minister of Women and Gender Equality commented that a technical table is being set up with the legislative team of the Ministry of Labor to "see where the critical nodes are and to give new impetus to the project" (Diario Financiero).

**Second wave of contagion shoots \$ 23 per dollar and copper is below US\$ 3:** due to resurgence in the West, the dollar has accumulated an increase of 3.09% in five days. The value of copper fell by 2.78%, accumulating a decline of 4.37% in three days, remaining at US\$ 2.96 per pound (La Tercera).

**Authorization of travel between regions anticipates reopening of hotels:** INE reported that the drop in hotel activity was 90.5% in July. As of Monday, with the authorization to travel between regions and communes that are in phase 3, 4 and 5, the hotels will begin to reopen (La Tercera).

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**House approves bill suspending collection of credits:** while the state of emergency lasts. This regulation is addressed to individuals and SMEs, which may request suspension of payment of six installments of credits of any nature. Now it goes to the Senate (La Tercera).

**Congressmen are divided over the possible withdrawal of pension funds:** the majority of the opposition is in favor of a new bailout, although the DC raised objections. In Chile Vamos, UDI and Evópoli reject it and in RN they are willing to evaluate it (El Mercurio).

**Government surprises with veto of pro-investment project:** Initiative seeks to correct aspects that delay investment projects. Opposition parliamentarians showed their annoyance and threaten to speed up procedures for other environmental initiatives, such as the law on glaciers (Diario Financiero).

**Vacancy of strip centers scores strong rise in August:** according to the report of the consulting firm GPS, vacancy in Santiago went from 4.19% in the same month of 2019 to 7.02% in 2020. In the central zone, vacancies went from 8.1% to 13.4%. However, they foresee a quick recovery.

**The demand for flexible offices is growing strongly after a gradual lack of supply:** experts have detected a greater interest in this model since August, which could have an impact on the real estate sector (El Mercurio).

**Older adults qualify as "house arrest" treatment in a pandemic:** a study by the Observatory on Aging, which compares confinement standards for older people in Chile and other countries, indicates that measures have caused physical and mental decline, in addition to forcing many to stop working (La Tercera).

**Prosecutor's Office detects rise in theft of essential goods in pandemic:** report from the Analysis Unit of the North Central Prosecutor's Office, states that with health contingency there has been an explosive rise in the theft of small and medium cargo vehicles, which transported essential goods. Lack of open stores contributed to the increase of this type of robbery (La Tercera).

**Today begins the television strip for the October plebiscite:** as established by the CNTV it will be transmitted in two hours, 12:45 and 20:45 and will have a duration of 15 minutes. Each option, Approval and Rejection, will have a maximum of seven minutes.

## International

<b>World Health Organization (WHO):</b>	32.029.704 infections (231.396 new cases worldwide) and a total of 979.212 deaths (5.559 in the last 24 hours).
<b>Johns Hopkins University<sup>1</sup></b>	32.255.574 infected in 188 countries, with 976.974 deaths. The United States is the country with the most confirmed cases (6.978.874) followed by India (5.818.570) and Brazil (4.657.702).

**OECD and ECLAC, 45 million people would fall into poverty this year in the region:** the contraction of GDP will be more than 9%, according to a document also prepared by CAF and the European Commission (Diario Financiero).

**European Union sees with "concern" the increase of Covid-19 infections:** European Center for Disease Prevention estimated that Spain, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic and Malta register a negative evolution and calls for "immediate" reinforcement of control measures (El Mercurio).

**Faced with a second wave of contagion, European countries want to avoid quarantine:** WHO reported that the number of deaths in Europe increased 27% between September 14th and 20th, compared to the previous week, while several nations are experiencing record daily cases. However, most of them, with the exception of Spain, have chosen to strengthen measures to avoid confinement (La Tercera).

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## Daily agenda and activities

- 08:00: Estación Central Mayor and Director of the Metropolitan Central Health Service, lead application of PCR to food workers who will be attending to the public on September 28.
- 08:30: Parliamentarians of Chile Vamos por el Rechazo and leaders of more than 15 social organizations deploy on the ground with the campaign prior to the start of the strip.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- 11:00: Comando Apruebo Chile Digno (Command for a Dignified Chile) holds a banner and press conference to mark the official start of the campaign with propaganda in the streets and on television.
- 12:45: The electoral strip begins on television for the constituent plebiscite of next October 25. It extends for 15 minutes and covers the campaigns of Approval and Rejection, as well as the Constituent Convention and the Mixed Convention. It will also be broadcast at 8:45 pm.

## Legislative activity

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### Senate

#### Important commissions:

- Treasury will see a project to strengthen public integrity (Bulletin 11883) (09:00 to 11:00)
  - Mixed for Critical Infrastructure (09:00 to 11:00).
  - Desafíos del Futuro will study proposals to increase the number of specialties in public hospitals and reduce the gap in the resolution capacity of Primary Health Care (11:30 a 13:00).
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