Covid-19 vaccination in Colombia and Bogota

As of February 2022, Covid-19 vaccination coverage for the population over 3 years of age is:

Colombia:

- 1st dose: 46.3%
- 2nd dose: 39.6%

Bogota:

- 1st dose: 59.4%
- 2nd dose: 53.1%

Considering only the population over 11 years of age in Bogota, the coverage is:

- 1st dose: 94.5%
- 2nd dose: 93.7%

Healthcare system in Colombia

Health is an universal right for all its citizens. Today, Colombia’s healthcare system has 98% coverage.

Colombia’s healthcare system has two insurance schemes that aim to cover the entire population: the contributory scheme (employees, pensioners and self-employed workers) and the subsidized scheme (unemployed and people in vulnerable situation).

The healthcare services are provided by two main entities:

- The insurers, that are the Health Promoting Entities, are responsible for affiliating the users and managing the provision of the services.
- The Health Service Provider Institutions are responsible for delivering the services to the users, complying with the Mandatory Health Plan.

The Mandatory Health Plan (PBS) are the benefits to which all members of the Health System in Colombia are entitled. It includes medicines, health procedures and medical devices.

The Omicron variant has increased Covid-19 cases in the last month. However, according to the experts, the Omicron virus is 91% less deadly than the Delta variant and if the person is vaccinated without health problems will not become seriously ill.

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3. Clinical outcomes among patients infected with Omicron (B.1.1.529) SARS-CoV-2 variant in southern California (Authors: Joseph A. Lewnard, Vennis X. Hong, Mansih M. Patel, Rebecca Kafer, Marc Lipsitch, Sara Y. Tartof).
4. Diario La República, El Plan de Desarrollo de Bogotá tendrá unos $9 billones para el ingreso mínimo.
**1st healthcare system in Latin America**

Colombia’s healthcare system is at the top of the WHO ranking in Latin America and the 22nd worldwide, due to the following main reasons:
- The low burden of payments on patients.
- The quality of the service.
- The improvement of the health of the population.

**The government is committed to healthcare**

Healthcare has the 2nd highest budget in the National Development Plan (2018-2022) with USD 51 billion, and the 3rd highest one in the Bogota’s Development Plan (2020-2024) with USD 4.3 billion.

**Has strong providers and infrastructure**

Important international healthcare providers are expanding their operations in Colombia such as United Healthcare Group, Christus Healthcare, Amgen, Fresenius, Davita and Bupa.

International standards are important in Colombia’s healthcare system. In this sense, 5 institutions in the country have been certificated by the Joint Commission and 2 of them are in Bogota (Fundación Cardioinfantil and Fundación Santa Fé).

**Specialized human talent available**

Colombia is recognized for having specialized workforce related to the healthcare and pharmaceutical sector.

2 Colombian universities were included in the top 10 universities in Latin America made by the QS Rating 2021 (Universidad Nacional and Universidad de los Andes).

- 40% of the doctorates.
- 48.1% of master’s degree.
- 48.2% of the specialists.

**Colombia: a health tourism destination**

Colombia ranks 4th in Latin America and occupies the 25th position worldwide in the Medical Tourism Index, which evaluates 46 international healthcare destinations across three primary dimensions:
- Destination Attractiveness
- Safety
- Quality of Care

The cost of procedures in Colombia are approximately 80% below the average cost of other destinations such as Europe and North America, according to the Colombian Plastic Surgery Association.

**Colombia has international accreditation**

Colombia is the 2nd country in Latin America, after Brazil, to receive accreditation under the Manual of Accreditation Standards in Ambulatory and Hospital Health Care according to the Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua).

Bogota has the 3rd best medical center (Fundación Cardio Infantil) in Latin America based on the ranking of America Economia.

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