

WEEKLY REPORT

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DENGUE OUTBREAKS ON RISE IN BRAZIL AS VACCINE ROLLOUT LAGS

Drones fly high above Sao Paulo in search of mosquito-ridden puddles in an effort to tackle the spike in dengue cases around Brazil, as experts say current vaccine supplies will not be enough to fully curb infections any time soon. Cases of the mosquito-borne illness have surged during Brazil's hot, rainy season causing authorities nationwide to take emergency measures. On Tuesday, Sao Paulo's state department of health declared a state of emergency, estimating 300 cases for every 100,000 inhabitants. "Vaccination is one more tool for controlling the disease. But unfortunately, we won't be able to achieve this with the number of doses planned for the next five years," said Dr. Renato Kfour, an infectious diseases expert at the Brazilian Immunization Society. [Read more.](#)

4 IN 10 THINK THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT DOING WHAT IT CAN AGAINST DENGUE, SHOWS POLL

Poll released by Genial/Quaest this Friday, 8th, shows that 4 in 10 Brazilians think that the federal government is not doing what it can to combat dengue, reported Estado de S. Paulo newspaper. The survey was carried out between the 25th and 27th of February, based on 2,000 interviews carried out with people aged 16 and over across the country. According to the survey, 40% are not satisfied with the government's performance in controlling the epidemic, another 55% think that the administration is doing everything possible to combat the health crisis and 5% do not know or have not responded. When analyzing the data by region of the country, the South has the highest percentage of dissatisfied people (49%) with federal management. The survey also showed that, despite their critical view of the federal government's conduct, the majority of Brazilians (51%) attribute the responsibility for combating dengue to city halls and not to the Union. Another 22% pointed to the federal administration as the only responsible for managing the crisis and a group of 22% also said they thought the responsibility lay with both. [Read more.](#)

SENATOR HIRAN GONÇALVES IS APPOINTED RAPORTEUR OF THE BILL ON CLINICAL TRIALS

The Constitution, Justice, and Citizenship Committee (CCJ) of the Federal Senate appointed Senator Dr. Hiran Gonçalves (PP-RR) as the rapporteur of Bill 6007/2023, about clinical trials in Brazil. The senator also sponsored request 133/2024 to the bill that analyzed urgently, eliminating the need for approval by the three committees: Constitution, Justice, and Citizenship; Science, Technology, and Innovation; and Social Affairs (CAS). The request for urgency is still pending a vote by the Plenary of the Federal Senate. [Read more.](#)

SEMINAR DEBATES THE REGULATION OF THE LAW THAT ESTABLISHED THE POLICY FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE SUS

This Monday (04), a seminar was held by the digital newspaper Poder360 with support from Johnson & Johnson on the ways to Implement the New Policy to Combat Cancer in the Unified Health System. The seminar was led by the journalist Tiago Mali, senior editor at Poder360. Initially, João André Santos de Oliveira, general coordinator of Strategic Health Information Management of the Ministry of Health, highlighted that measures and strategies are being

widely discussed to improve and strengthen care possibilities for people with cancer in Brazil. He highlighted that the Policy for Cancer Prevention and Control, within the Unified Health System, has as its main objective to guarantee patient care and their rights to access effective treatments and early diagnoses, highlighting the telehealth system, where it can there will be a greater provision of access to healthcare for patients. The coordinator was asked about the legislation that established the policy and how it is being implemented within the secretariat he represents. He mentioned that various information is being generated from data on people with cancer in Brazil. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTS INFORMATION TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ABOUT THE REGULATION OF THE LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE POLICY FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE SUS

Deputy Delegate Katarina (PSD-SE) presented request 428/2024, proposing that information be requested from the Ministry of Health on the application of the Law that establishes the National Cancer Prevention and Control Policy in the Unified Health System. In her text, the parliamentarian highlighted that the effective and rapid implementation of this law is of utmost importance, not only because of its intrinsic value in promoting health and preventing disease, but also because of the urgency imposed by the health condition of cancer patients, highlighting that time is a critical factor in the battle against cancer, where early diagnosis and immediate initiation of treatment can make all the difference between life and death. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVES REQUEST A SOLEMN SESSION ABOUT THE DAY FOR AWARENESS ABOUT THE NEWBORN SCREENING TEST

Representative Rosângela Moro (União-SP) and others sponsored Request 585/2024, in order to have a Solemn Session to be held on June 6, 2024, in reference to awareness day for newborn screening test. [Read more.](#)

REPRESENTATIVE DR. FRANCISCO IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Health Commission (CSAUDE) elected, this Wednesday (06), deputy Dr. Francisco (PT-PI) president of the collegiate. The occupants of the other positions on the Commission Board will be elected next week, on a date to be defined. Born in São Francisco do Piauí, Francisco de Assis de Oliveira Costa is a doctor who graduated in 2004 from the Federal University of Campina Grande, in Paraíba. He is endocrinologist. He was approved in competitions from the State Government of Piauí and the Municipal Health Foundation of Teresina. His professional career includes working in the Family Health Strategy, in Regional Hospitals and in SAMU. Between 2015 and 2017, he held the position of Secretary of State for Health. He was elected mayor of São Francisco do Piauí in 2008, being re-elected in 2012. In 2018, he was elected state deputy and, in 2022, federal deputy. [Read more.](#)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PARANÁ STATE WILL ANALYZE BILL TO CREATE THE CLIMATERIC HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

The Legislative Assembly of Paraná will analyze Bill 111/2024, which intends to create the State Climateric Health Care Program. The bill, sponsored by state representatives Luiz Claudio Romanelli, Cristina Silvestri, Marcia Huçulak, Mabel Canto, Marli Paulino, Maria Victoria, Luciana Rafagnin, Flávia Francischini and Cantora Mara Lima, aims to ensure support for people's physical and mental health during the climacteric period, providing a series of essential services. [Read more.](#)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH PUBLISHES ORDINANCE THAT SETS OUT THE RULES RELATING TO PARLIAMENTARY AMENDMENTS TO THE SUS

The Ministry of Health published, in the Official Gazette of the Union on Friday (8), the Ordinance that provides for the rules for transfers from the National Health Fund to the health funds of the States, Federal District and Municipalities, relating to parliamentary amendments that allocate resources to the Unified Health System (SUS), in 2024. The publication defines that resources arising from parliamentary amendments may be allocated to States, the Federal District and Municipalities for various actions. [Read more.](#)

"MORE DOCTORS" PROGRAM: 624 MUNICIPALITIES TO RECEIVE 1,500 PHYSICIANS

Over 1,500 exchange doctors and Brazilians trained abroad have begun the first reception and evaluation module of the "Mais Médicos" ("More Doctors") program. The Ministry of Health has stated that these professionals are expected to start providing care via Brazil's public healthcare network, the SUS, in 624 municipalities and 15 indigenous health districts across all country regions. This module includes 1,515 Brazilian doctors with foreign graduation and 82 foreigners. Upon completing this module, these professionals will join the doctors already working in the program. By 2023, the "Mais Médicos" program had filled 28,200 vacancies, covering 82 percent of the national territory and benefiting 86 million Brazilians. [Read more.](#)

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