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In a July 14 television interview, deputy public health minister Hector Terry Molinert said the Cuban government has administered 12 million tests for the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV). Thus far, physicians have diagnosed 812 HIV carriers, and 55 victims of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Eighty-one people were reported to have died of AIDS. Under current government policy, health officials identify and test at-risk groups, including homosexuals, people who have spent long periods of time outside the country, pregnant women, prisoners and blood donors. Individuals found to be HIV-positive are placed in quarantine, and provided free health care and living expenses. According to the deputy health minister, 233 of the HIV- positive cases are women, and 579, men. (Source: Spanish news service EFE, 07/14/92)

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