

Editorial

Although restrictions on isolation have begun to be relaxed in the country, in what has been called selective quarantine, the truth is that the pandemic due to COVID-19 continues, and consequently, the vast majority of higher education institutions have kept their facilities closed. The third peak of this pandemic is expected to arrive this December, which, according to experts, will be the most critical in terms of the number of people infected and, of course, the number of deaths. As of the date of publication of this issue, an average of 15,000 new infections and 200 deaths per day have been reported. In addition, according to the most recent news, the first vaccines will arrive in the country during the first semester of 2021.

With this scenario, it is clear that educational institutions will maintain the distance learning scheme supported by Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Many problems have been faced and will continue to be faced in the coming months. Many training spaces require specialized laboratory work, something that both students and teachers are constantly asking for. In addition, young students are beginning to feel the pressure of isolation in today's society, which is highly dependent on communication and socialization.

Even so, there are studies that show that these distance learning strategies have brought advantages to the process. It has been reported that students tend to focus much more on their learning processes by reducing distractions, which has had a positive impact on the levels of responsibility in their training processes, and self-critical thinking regarding their reality and the reality of the world. Although it has been shown that the most economically depressed sectors are also the most affected, isolation has managed to increase the capacity to save, which also has an impact on education and social awareness. Although there is still a long way to go in this pandemic, vaccines change the rules of the game in our favor and are the first step to some kind of normality that will lead us to stability similar to that of a year ago.

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