

ALARMING INCREASE IN INFECTIONS

## Health confirms a rise in flu cases and the entry into the epidemic phase

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The Ministry of Health reported this Tuesday a significant increase in flu cases in Andorra, according to the weekly epidemiological report. The incidence rate has doubled compared to the previous week, standing at 160 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, which marks the beginning of the epidemic phase in the country.

During the last week, a total of 29 confirmed cases of flu have

been detected, in contrast to the 13 registered the previous week. This figure reflects an increase that Health attributes to the usual seasonal context, reinforced by the return to activity after the Christmas period and the weather conditions. The most affected groups are children under four years of age and the elderly, who continue to present the greatest vulnerability to this virus.

Regarding acute respiratory infections, which include other viral pathologies in addition to influenza, the rate has incre-

### THE FIGURES

**29**

The total number of influenza cases detected and confirmed by Health in the last week.

**47%**

Of the 26.5% of positive samples, 47% correspond to cases of influenza type B.

ased from 286 to 332 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. Among the samples analyzed in the laboratory, 26.5% have tested positive for influenza. Of these, 47% correspond to influenza type B, followed by 30% to influenza type A and 23% to other respiratory viruses. Likewise, other pathogens such as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), rhinovirus and SARS-CoV-2 also continue to circulate, increasing the pressure on the healthcare system.

The Ministry of Health reiterated the importance of vaccination, especially among the most vulnerable groups, as well as the adoption of preventive measures to prevent the spread of the virus. The population is also recommended to exercise extreme caution and consult with medical services in case of symptoms compatible with influenza or other respiratory infections. ●

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## ANNUAL BALANCE OF THE THERMAL CENTER

# Caldea ends the year with a positive turnover of 22.4 million euros

The iconic thermal leisure center receives visits from around 400,000 customers during the last financial year

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Caldea, the leading thermal leisure center in Andorra, closed this past year having received the entry of nearly 400,000 customers, which has translated into an income of 22.4 million euros, and at the same time, this represents a growth of 3% compared to 2023. The sales figure has grown, although 17,000 fewer customers have passed through the thermal resort than the previous year due to the closure of the Gran Llacuna from April to July. Otherwise, the company estimates to close the year with a result of 1.5 million and an Ebitda of nearly 5 million euros and thus face 2025 with “some optimism”.

The leisure spa has also reported that the keys to growth have been, on the one hand, “the increase in the average ticket price by 5%”, as well as the increase in the sale of



The Caldea thermal spa area with numerous people bathing in 2024.

### THE FIGURES

## 3%

The thermal spa increases the number of visitors by up to 3% compared to 2023.

## 5%

The thermal center improves the average ticket sale by 5%.

## 17.000

Decrease of 17,000 customers at Caldea due to the closure of the Gran Llacuna.

## 20%

Among complementary services, treatments have grown by around 20%.

complementary services, especially treatments, which have grown by nearly 20%, and the “consolidation of the leadership of the sports club aimed at residents of the country”. On the other hand, the opening of the new Gran Llacuna in August and the offer of “unforgettable experiences that go beyond bathing in thermal waters”, such as shows with international-level acrobats and the ‘Champagne Sessions’ of the adult spa, have contributed to the positive balance.

Given the results obtained, Caldea confirms the solidity of its new project and begins 2025 by focusing on the «second phase of the company’s transformation project», which will include the renovation of the external lagoon into a true high-mountain lake, as well as the start of construction work on the hotel with the replacement of the glass roof of the Tower scheduled for mid-February. ●

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