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Pneumonia in El Salvador

On 3 August 2003, the Ministry of Health of El Salvador reported a cumulative number of 56,847 cases of pneumonia and 312 deaths associated with pneumonia. In Epidemiological Week (EW) 31 (ending on 2 August 2003) 6,453 cases of pneumonia were detected (138 more than what was registered the previous week), with an average of 921 daily cases.

The national health authorities, together with technicians from PAHO and the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) in Atlanta, USA, are conducting epidemiological studies to specify the causative agent and the risk factors related to mortality.

Source: Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, Office of the Director of Control and Epidemiological Surveillance, San Salvador, El Salvador.