

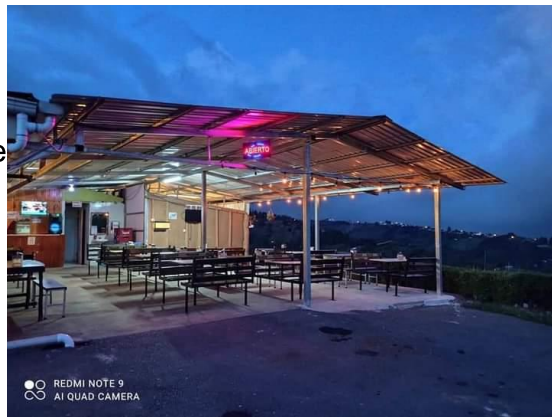
¿Qué Pasa?



New in Que Pasa Grecia

We have added a link to [Blaxit music radio](#), which is a project of community member Riley Jackson, former DJ from Southern California. See our [‘Links’](#) section.

There are many restaurants that have re-opened their doors, notably **The Red Door**, which is now located on the site of the former del Patio Gourmet. We would like to remind you that there are a number of listings in our [‘Healthy Lifestyle’](#) section, such



as yoga classes, health food stores (new one in Santa

Elmirador Restaurant, San Luis

Gertrudis), physical therapy and massage that can do your health some good! There is a new English language Catholic service available in Atenas (see ["Ongoing Activities"](#)); our [Pets](#) section has a



link to *Zaguates Rosario* which can always use your financial support; and a new restaurant recommendation (Elmirado, San

Luis). There's lots to review that has been updated in 2022.

Omicron Variant Abating. Pandemic Eases into Endemic. Still, Get Your Booster.

As COVID Omicron subsides worldwide, we pass from pandemic to endemic and virtually all restrictions will end or ease. While 80% of Costa Rica's population 12 and older has had, at least, two COVID shots, people are still getting sick and dying from COVID. Please protect yourself and get your booster.



Voluntary QR Code 'COVID Passport' on a Voluntary Basis Through 31 March

The voluntary requirement of a Costa Rica Health Ministry QR code 'COVID Passport' will be in place at all sports, cultural, academic and business venues where it is requested for admittance for all persons 12 and older for 100% capacity at venues and 50% when QR codes are not required. Beginning 1 April, all venues will be open at 100% capacity without the QR code requirement.

Countrywide Sanitary Driving Restrictions to End 7 March

Effective 7 March, all driving restrictions now in place will end except for the standard one-day-per-week San Jose vehicle restriction.

Beginning 1 March Paper 5-Mil Colones Bills Are No Longer Accepted for Transactions

Costa Rica has taken its paper 5-mil colones bills out of circulation as of 1 March. Only the 'plastic' bills will be accepted for legal transactions. 5-mil paper bills can be exchanged for 'plastic' polymer bills at banks or deposited into bank accounts.

Next to leave as legal tender will be the paper 10-mil colones bills beginning 1 May.

School Has Restarted and Sarchi Uniforms Are Being Purchased This Week

School restarted on 17 February. We have a uniform, shoe count and sizes from the headmasters. Uniforms will be purchased this week for Sarchi's most needy students this week. Organizers send their deepest appreciation to those who have contributed this year.

Costa Rica Presidential Run-Off Elections on 3 April

The presidential runoff election will be Sunday, 3 April between Rodrigo Chaves and Jose Maria Figueres. The April's election winner and the new house deputies will be sworn in on Tuesday, 10 May for a four-year term.

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"El que con lobos anda a alular aprende."

It literally means: *"The one who walks with wolves learns to howl."*



*Thank you **Isabel Arguello** for your continuing contributions.*

Isabel teaches Spanish and does translations.

Find out more about Isabel on the [QuePasaGrecia website](#).

Get out and about again, but please stay safe,

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