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Argentinian president Fernandez hospitalized with infectious fever

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USPA News - Argentinean President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner has checked into a Buenos Aires hospital for treatment of an "infectious fever," her doctors said on late Sunday, less than two weeks after she took two days off work due to pharyngitis. Kirchner, 61, began feeling unwell on Sunday afternoon and was subsequently taken to Otamendi Clinic in Buenos Aires for further examination and treatment.

"Since this afternoon, Ms. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner has an infectious fever. Because of this it was decided to stay at Otamendi Clinic for evaluation and treatment," her doctors, Marcelo Ballesteros and Ricardo Solla, said in a statement. Other details about the president's illness were not immediately disclosed. Kirchner has experienced a number of health issues during her term as president and underwent surgery several times. She was required to take two days off work last month due to pharyngitis and was forced to cancel a trip to Paraguay in July due to a sore throat and laryngitis, which kept her at home for about a week. The president underwent surgery in October 2013 and was six weeks off work after a head injury caused intracranial hematoma. She also underwent surgery in January 2012 after being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, but a subsequent examination of the gland revealed that she had been misdiagnosed, although follicular adenoma was found. Kirchner, the widow of former President Néstor Kirchner, was first elected president in October 2007, becoming Argentina's first elected female president. She won re-election in October 2011 with 54.1 percent of the vote. She will not be able to run in next year's election due to a constitutional limit that allows only two consecutive terms in a row.

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