





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Cimatu: Solid waste management ay responsibilidad ng bawat isa



August 9, 2021 @ 6:26 PM 10 hours ago

MANILA, Philippines – Upang makatulong sa isinasagawang rehabilitasyon ng Manila Bay pinaalalahanan ni Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Roy A. Cimatu ang publiko na gawin ang kanilang bahagi at binigyan –diin nito na ang solid waste management ay responsibilidad ng bawat isa.

Sa press release ang pahayag na ito ng DENR chief ay sinabi matapos na mapunta sa pampang ng Manila Bay ang toneladang basura dahil na rin sa ulan dulot ng southwest monsoon o habagat.

"As the primary government agency responsible for the environment, we would like to remind all Filipinos that it is not solely the duty of the DENR to be the guardian of the country's environment and vast natural resources," saad ni Cimatu.

"We are all in this together. As stewards of nature, we must ensure that wastes are properly managed and disposed of," dagdag pa nito.

Kaugnay nito ang solid waste management program ng DENR ay isa sa mga prioridad na program ni Cimatu noong siya ay itinalagang kalihim ng ahensiya noong 2017.

Lumalabas sa datos ng DENR-National Capital Region West Field Office, umabot sa 12,187 sako ng basura ang nakolekta sa Baywalk area simula noong Hulyo 16 hanggang 29 matapos ang walang tigil na pag-ulan sa Metro Manila at iba pang lugar sa Luzon.

Kabilang sa mga basurang nakolekta ay ang single-use plastic cups, plastic bottles at personal items tulad ng bag, sapatos, tsinelas at mga damit.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Bate	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Cimatu: Solid waste management ay responsibilidad ng bawat isa

Nakuha rin dito ang health care wastes, bamboo poles, wooden planks, water hyacinths at mga patay na hayop.

Samantala ayon naman kay DENR Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns Benny D. Antiporda ang DENR ay "tightly and closely monitor the solid waste management operations of all local government units (LGUs) especially those that pollute waterways that flow to Manila Bay."

"Kaya ang mga LGUs, wag silang magpaka-kampante sa mga nakasanayan na nila. We have our eyes, ears and nose on you," sabi ni Antiporda.

Ayon kay Antiporda, lahat ng LGUs ay kinakailangang magkaroon ng "an honest-to-goodness residual waste disposal system or face the penalties imposed by Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000."

Nakasaad sa Section 37 ng RA 9003 na mahigpit na ipinagbabawal ang paggamit ng open dumpsites para sa solid waste.

"Hopefully, more Filipinos will realize that we at the DENR are promoting behavioral change and responsibility because the national government through the DENR cannot do this alone," sabi pa ni Antiporda. Santi Celario

Source: https://www.remate.ph/cimatu-solid-waste-management-ay-responsibilidad-ng-bawat-isa/





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

'Public must do their bit on Bay rehab'

posted August 09, 2021 at 11:00 pm by Rio N. Araja

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu on Monday called on the public to do their share in helping the government rehabilitate Manila Bay. Cimatu said solid waste management is everyone's responsibility.

He lamented that tons of trash were washed ashore on Manila Bay due to incessant rains brought about by the enhanced southwest monsoon or "hanging habagat."

"As the primary government agency responsible for the environment, we would like to remind all Filipinos that it is not solely the duty of the DENR to be the guardian of the country's environment and vast natural resources," he said.

"We are all in this together. As stewards of nature, we must ensure that wastes are properly managed and disposed of," he added.

The agency's solid waste management program is one of Cimatu's priority programs when he assumed office in 2017.

Citing data from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-National Capital Region's West Field Office, he said that 12,187 sacks of solid waste were collected from the Baywalk area on July 16-29 after continuous rains inundated parts of Metro Manila and several Luzon areas.

Among the garbage that was collected were single-use plastic cups, plastic bottles, and personal items, such as bags, shoes, slippers, and clothes.

Health care wastes, bamboo poles and wooden planks, water hyacinths, and dead animals were also retrieved.

Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units Concerns Benny Antiporda said the DENR will "tightly and closely monitor the solid waste management operations of all local government units, especially those that pollute waterways that flow to Manila Bay."

"LGUs must not be complacent in what they used to do. We have our eyes, ears and nose on you," he said.

He said all LGUs should have "an honest-to-goodness residual waste disposal system or face the penalties imposed by Republic Act (RA) 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Source: https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/361958





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR opts for trash-for-cash program to promote proper segregation, disposal

Published August 9, 2021 10:48pm



This program, which aims to promote proper waste segregation and disposal, allows Filipinos to trade recyclable trash for environmental points that can be used to redeem consumer goods from program partners.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the National Capital Region has signed an agreement with Basic Environmental Systems & Technologies, Inc. (BEST) to start the trash to cashback program.

This program, which aims to promote proper waste segregation and disposal, allows Filipinos to trade recyclable trash for environmental points that can be used to redeem consumer goods from program partners.

Under the agreement, BEST will establish a drop off point called My Basurero Eco-Community Center (MBE-C), which is located at the agency's National Ecology Center in Quezon City.

There will be additional drop off and exchange centers that will be established at DENR NCR offices, including the North Sector in Navotas, South Sector in Paranaque and West Sector along Roxas Boulevard in Manila.

BEST, which is under the IPM Holdings Inc., said offering incentives for waste collection will encourage people to observe proper waste segregation.

"The program aims to protect the environment while helping communities and businesses comply with waste segregation as mandated by Republic Act 9003 or Solid Waste Management Act," BEST Managing Director Jan Vincent Mercado said in a statement.

Further, individuals can bring their recyclable wastes from their homes or offices to their preferred MBE-C, register an account using the bXTRA app, earn credits, and redeem Environmental Points. - Consuelo Marquez/BAP, GMA News

Source: https://www.facebook.com/116724526976/posts/10160283977331977/





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

BEST, DENR launch 'Trash to Cashback' program

04:32 PM August 09, 2021



MANILA — Basic Environmental Systems & Technologies, Inc. (BEST), a unit of listed IPM Holdings, Inc., has partnered with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) in launching a "Trash to CashBack" program where Filipinos can trade in segregated recyclable waste, earn environmental points and redeem consumer goods from program partners.

The incentivized waste collection system promotes proper waste segregation at source and supports a circular economy. "The program aims to protect the environment while helping communities and businesses comply with waste segregation as mandated by Republic Act 9003 or Solid Waste Management Act," BEST Managing Director Jan Vincent Mercado said.

Per agreement with DENR, BEST will set up its first drop off point called "My Basurero Eco-Community Center" (MBE-C) at DENR's National Ecology Center in Quezon City. More drop off/exchange centers will soon be set up at DENR NCR offices at the North Sector in Navotas, South Sector in Paranaque and West Sector along Roxas Boulevard in Manila. These centers in strategic areas will serve more companies and individuals who wish to participate and particularly help in DENR's mandate to preserve the environment in the Manila Bay Area.

Participating individuals or companies can bring or deliver recyclable wastes from their homes or offices to their preferred MBE-C, register an account using the bXTRA app, earn credits, and redeem Environmental Points. Mercado said bXTRA has existing partner outlets that include big companies and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) whose products can be redeemed on site.

With over 17,500 eco warriors registered in the program, he said BEST is inviting more individuals and companies to be participants or partners. Todate, its program partners include the Quezon City government, City of Dreams, Manila Marriott Hotel, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Rotary





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

BEST, DENR launch 'Trash to Cashback' program

International (RPC-21), Muntinlupa National High School through the I am Sam Foundation and IPM Holdings, Inc. Other partners will join soon.

"It's part of good corporate governance for companies to demonstrate how they're helping save the environment. After all, socially conscious investors always consider environmental, social and governance criteria in screen potential investments," he said.

Mercado stressed that the program of BEST allows everyone to help in the effort of saving the environment one recyclable at a time without waiting for somebody else to do it.

Read more: https://pep.inquirer.net/856/best-denr-launch-trash-to-cashback-

program#ixzz735SzQdYW

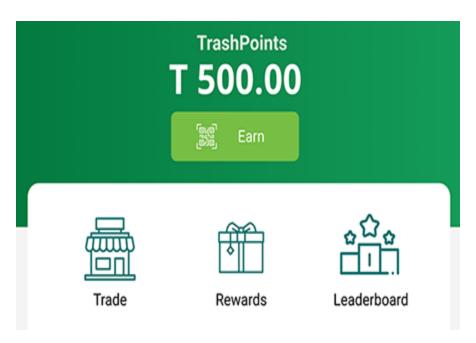
Follow us: @inquirerdotnet on Twitter | inquirerdotnet on Facebook





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Mobile app na mangangalaga sa kapaligiran, gawang Pinoy



August 9, 2021 @ 7:11 PM 11 hours ago

MANILA, Philippines-Gumawa ng isang mobile application ang isang Pinoy upang upang hikayatin ang maraming tao na pangalagaan ang kapaligiran, isang basura kapalit ng rewards mula sa mobile app.

Ayon sa United Nations Environment Programme, mahigit isang milyon na plastic bottles ang binibili kada minuto habang limang trilyon na plastic bag ang ginagamit bawat taon sa buong mundo.

Karagdagang higit walong milyon ang nakukuha sa karagatan kada taon kaya posible na mas maraming basura kaysa sa isda sa 2050.

Upang makatulong na labanan ito, naisipan ng software developer na si Benjo Vidal at kanyang kaibigan na gawin ang <u>TrashCash</u> na maaaring magamit ng publiko upang gawing rewards ang plastik na basura.

- "TrashCash has an e-wallet where you can save your points. For example, plastic bottles' exchange rate is five to eight points per kilo," ayon kay Benjoa sa salitang ingles at tagalog.
- "You can use those points to redeem the rewards provided by your barangays," dagdag niya.

Kasalukuyang ginagamit na ang TrashCash application sa isang barangay ng Tondo, Manila at Calamba, Laguna kung saan tinawag ito na "community partners."

Ang kanilang community partners ay may kalayaan na pumili kung anong mga gantimpala ang ibibigay nila.

"One of our partners' rewards is insurance. Some offer rice then school kits in exchange for the plastics that the people deposit," ayon kay Benjo.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Dato	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Mobile app na mangangalaga sa kapaligiran, gawang Pinoy

Sinabi ni Benjo na ang mga plastik mula sa mga residente ay ibinibigay sa kanilang mga kasosyo para sa repurposing.

"Clean Our Oceans Project, an organization that advocates marine observation through consumer behavior, collects and transports them from eco hubs to an upcycling company," sabi niya...

Umaasa sila na mas maraming lugar pa ang matulungan nila upang sa hinaharap mas maraming tao ang mahimok na pangalagaan ang kalikasan. – RNT/Yna de Luna-trainee

Source: https://www.remate.ph/mobile-app-na-mangangalaga-sa-kapaligiran-gawang-pinoy/





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Basura palit insurance na mobile app, nilikha ng Pinoy



August 9, 2021 @ 9:50 AM 20 hours ago

MANILA, Philippines – Isang mobile application and nilikha ng isang Filipino software developer para mahikayat ang marami na pangalagaan ang kapaligiran.

Ito ay ang TrashCash – gawa ni Benjo Vidal at kanyang kaibigan.

Maaaring gamitin ng komunidad ang TrashCash para gawing rewards ang mga plastic waste.

Paliwanag ni Vidal, mayroong e-wallet ang mobile app kung saan maaari kang mag-ipon ng points.

"For example, plastic bottles' exchange rate is five to eight points per kilo. You can use those points to redeem the rewards provided by your barangays," ani Vidal.

Kasalukuyan nang ginagamit ang TrashCash sa isang barangay sa Tondo, Maynila at sa Calamba, Laguna na ikinokonsidera nilang "community partners."

May kalayaan naman ang community partners na mamili ng rewards na nais nilang ibigay.

"One of our partners' rewards is insurance. Some offer rice then school kits in exchange for the plastics that the people deposit," aniya na.

Umaasa naman ang mga developers na maraming lokal na pamahalaan pa makakatuwang nila sa panghihikayat sa mga tao na pangalagaan ang kalikasan.

Ayon sa United Nations Environment Programme, isang milyong plastic bottles ang binibili kada minuto habang limang trilyon na single-use plastic bags ang ginagamit kada taon sa buong mundo.

Walong milyong tonelada naman ng plastic ang nakakaabot sa mga karagatan kada taon kaya posible na mas marami pa ang makuhang basura kaysa isda sa dagat pagsapit ng 2050. *RNT*

Source: https://www.remate.ph/basura-palit-insurance-na-mobile-app-nilikha-ng-pinoy/





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR, DPWH move to Pasig City for Phase 2 of Marikina River dredging ops

Published on: August 09, 2021 By DENR



QUEZON CITY -- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary and Task Force Build Back Better (TF BBB) chairperson Roy A. Cimatu said that with the completion of the first phase of dredging operations in Marikina City, the TF BBB is now ready to commence the second phase of the project in Pasig City.

"The challenge is to double the effort in Phase 2 of the project, involving the downstream portion of Marikina River in Pasig City, given the bigger area that needs to be cleared of debris and other obstruction," the DENR chief pointed out.

"Maluwag na nga dito sa Marikina, pero pagdating sa baba, kumikipot ito up to 45 meters which is why the challenge is to continue dredging downstream," Cimatu said, noting the target is to have Phase 2 completed within the term of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Phase 2 of the project covers the clearing of untitled and reclaimed areas in Barangay Santolan in Pasig City covering 12,830 square meters.

The TF BBB is also studying the inclusion of another 34,560 square meters covering the stretch from Ortigas Avenue to Bridgetowne in Barangay Rosario (26,417 square meters) and Barangay Ugong (8,143 square meters).

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Undersecretary for Regional Operations in Visayas, NCR and Region IV-B Roberto Bernardo said all its fleet of equipment and human power deployed for Phase 1 will be also be deployed for Phase 2 including an additional brand-new amphibious excavator, which is due for procurement and delivery in August and deployment for Phase 2 either in September or October.





DENR, DPWH move to Pasig City for Phase 2 of Marikina River dredging ops

For Phase 1, the DPWH deployed 17 pieces of equipment consisting of one amphibious excavator, one loader, two backhoes, one boom truck, and 12 dump trucks.

Bernardo added that the Armed Forces of the Philippines deployed a backhoe and loader, including five dump trucks, and seven operators-drivers to help in the dredging efforts.

The first phase of the Marikina River restoration and dredging project in Marikina City included the removal of chokepoints at the Olandes Sewage Treatment Plant, BF City, Riverbanks, and SM Marikina.

The DPWH reported that a total of 67,425 cubic meters — equivalent to 27 Olympic-size swimming pools — have been dredged from three sites covering a total of 6,936 square meters.

It also recovered some 20 to 30 meters of the river's width, resulting in its widening from 70 meters up to 90-100 meters and an additional depth of two meters.

Cimatu also noted that through the DENR's riverbank stabilization and watershed restoration efforts within the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape (UMRBPL), at least 16,728 bamboo trees have been raised, planted, and maintained in river easements covering 82 hectares. This was done with the 11 peoples' organizations composed of cultural communities located inside UMRBPL

Ninety (90) units of check dams designed to reduce riverbank erosion have been desilted while a total of 1,750 meters along tributaries were likewise planted with 8,552 fruit-bearing trees and bamboo culms along tributaries of the Marikina River.

Meanwhile, Marikina City Mayor Marcelino Teodoro vowed to preserve the gains from the project through the maintenance of the river's width and the establishment of a bamboo tree nursery for the propagation and planting of different species of bamboo along the river as part of the city government's river restoration program.

He also disclosed that Marikina City is now working to have untitled lands along the riverbanks classified as flood-prone areas to prevent encroachments and keep them as natural pathways of floodwaters.

The DENR, through its Land Management Bureau, has initially identified four untitled areas along the riverbank covering 3,762 square meters. (DENR)





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 3	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR partners with KGV, Forest Foundation, Holcim in planting 300 hectares of coffee, abaca, bamboo in Mt. Kitanglad

posted August 09, 2021 at 11:40 am by Manila Standard

The government has successfully partnered with Kitanglad Guard Volunteers (KGV), Forest Foundation Philippines, and Holcim Corp, to plant more than 300 hectares of coffee, abaca, and bamboo as a sustainable agroforestry system to protect Bukidnon's Mt. Kitanglad.



The many moods of Mt. Kitanglad.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has proven that volunteerism and partnership with the private sector and non-government organizations (NGOs) work in the long term to protect the environment.

"Despite the limited manpower assigned to Mt. Kitanglad, the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) has successfully tapped the cooperation of the upland communities to spearhead the community- based park protection," said Daniel F. Somera, protected area superintendent of MKRNP.

More than 400 volunteers that form KGV now serve as contractors of the DENR's National Greening Program.

"KGV started its humble beginning with only more than a dozen members in 1995. They rose to more than 400 volunteers who proved their worth in the significant decline of man-made disturbances within the park. Their park protection is also being reciprocated as they are given top priority in the provision of livelihood assistance," said Somera.





ugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 3	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR partners with KGV, Forest Foundation, Holcim in planting 300 hectares of coffee, abaca, bamboo in Mt. Kitanglad

A combination of agroforestry (planting of fruit trees, dipterocarp or broad-leafed tropical trees, and vegetables) and assisted natural regeneration (ANR--maintenance of existing naturally growing trees) has been implemented by DENR in MKRNP.

This resulted in the sustainable development of forestry area with 100 hectares of coffee trees, 100 hectares of abaca, 100 hectares of fuelwood trees, 100 hectares of rattan, and 50 hectares of bamboo

Planting occurred in all 28 barangays surrounding MKRNP. DENR has also partnered with Holcim Corp in planting coffee, cacao, and rubber.

The Forest Foundation Philippines and the - Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program also contributed to the plantation efforts.

Somera said the agroforestry-ANR program supports DENR's aim for the sustainable protection of MKRNP which is the headwater source of major river systems in Bukidnon.

Mt. Kitanglad plays a critical role in the replenishment of river systems that drain from Mt. Kitanglad. The rivers include Pulangi, Manupali, Cagayan and Tagoloan rivers in North and Central Mindanao.

The DENR has also implemented a separate project, the Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Management Project (INREMP) that aims to protect the Upper Bukidnon River Basin.

INREMP eyes ecotourism as an approach to the long term sustainable development of MKRNP and UBRB.



Rafflesia, the world's biggest blooming flower.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
3 of 3	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR partners with KGV, Forest Foundation, Holcim in planting 300 hectares of coffee, abaca, bamboo in Mt. Kitanglad

Mt. Kitanglad is a favorite trekking site due to its magnificent scenery and terrific landscape.

Improvements made so far to enhance Mt. Kitanglad's ecotourism potential include a canopy walk, hanging bridge, improvement of biking/camping trails, and repair and renovation of existing buildings to cater to hikers' and tourists' needs. Hikers go for the sight of rich biodiversity in Mt. Kitanglad.

"Within the reserve is a nesting site of the Philippine eagle which is probably the nearest eagle site in terms of proximity," said Somera. "Within the park's bufferzone is Cinchona Forest Reserve (CFR) located in Kaatuan, Lantapan, Bukidnon. It was once a trial planting site of Quinine (covering 1,900 hectares) which is a known plant to cure malaria."

Mountain climbers choose to reach the three highest peaks of the park-- Mts. Kitanglad, Dulangdulang and Maagnao.

Mt. Dulangdulang, with an elevation of 2,938 meters, is the second highest mountain next to Mt. Apo.

To ensure their safety, hikers are oriented on basic park rules by DENR's Protected Area Management Office (PAMO). They also go through a ritual performed by a tribal leader to ask spirits for a safe travel.

"These hikers are regularly being escorted by trained local guides serving as their tour guides and porters."

Tourists also delight in visiting buildings occupied by the Japanese during World War II. It was later recovered by Filipino and American soldiers.

"This area is being promoted as one ecotourism destination given its rich historical value, presence of century old natural forests, series of waterfalls, rafflesia flowers, and rare and endemic flora and fauna."

Somera said another booming activity within the park is ethno and agro ecotourism. This ethnotourism appreciates the rich culture of the indigenous peoples (Talaandig, Higaonon and Bukidnon tribes) who dwell within the park.

There is also a popular, national awardee demonstration farm covering 22 hectares run by a family that showcases diversified upland farming systems.

"With their amenities established at site, the farm is also regularly visited by farmers who wish to emulate their success stories

Source: https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/361877





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR starts studies to preserve Baguio pine trees

Philippine Daily Inquirer / 04:40 AM August 10, 2021



KEEPING IT GREEN Baguio's diminished pine cover includes trees standing between houses and buildings. Government environmentalists are now protecting the remaining pine trees, and have been studying even pests that destroy the sensitive species. —VINCENT CABREZA

BAGUIO CITY, Benguet, Philippines — What is the summer capital without its pine trees?

Experts from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) have started developing a tool to track the pests that have ravaged the city's forests, particularly two species of bark beetle.

About 2,000 pine trees have died from pest infestations between 2015 and 2019, which caused a setback for the DENR mandate to protect the remaining 50,000 surviving pine trees among Baguio's 2.5 million trees, said Shirley Jaene Valdez, a member of the DENR's Watershed and Water Resources Research, Development and Extension Center.

A 2019 study by the Benguet State University concluded that seven species of the bark beetle have been attacking pine trees inside Camp John Hay, which hosts one of Baguio's forest reserves, she added.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu had tasked his agency's Cordillera office in 2017 to make sure Baguio does not lose anymore pine trees after observing dead pine trees during a game of golf at Camp John Hay, Valdez said at this week's executive legislative meeting on Monday. Cimatu also ordered a fresh inventory of the city's forest cover.

Rapid urbanization

According to the 2019 Baguio urban carrying capacity study undertaken by consultancy group Certeza Infosys Corp., the city's urban forest cover spans 23 percent of its territory. The ideal forest cover should be 30 to 40 percent of the Baguio area.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DENR starts studies to preserve Baguio pine trees

Aside from pests, rapid urbanization and extreme weather, such as the recent 20-day rains, have been the primary reasons for the city's diminished forests, Valdez said.

Although the city receives the country's highest rainfall, unusually strong downpour in recent decades may also "affect the resiliency of forests," she said.

The DENR has lined up three pine tree projects, including the generation of a Geographic Information System forecasting tool for curbing bark beetle infestations, which was started in July.

Valdez said the bark beetle project would determine the population and attack periods of the pests using traps to be installed in 12 test sites inside Camp John Hay, Panagbenga Park and the Botanical Garden.

Short-term solutions

Improvised funnel traps lure the beetles using turpentine and other attractive scents to help analysts compute the ratio of beetles inhabiting an infested tree "since it would be improbable to make a head count," Valdez said.

The project will map the rate and behavior of bark beetle infestation and create "an early warning system" should the spread of pests become a full-blown outbreak, she said.

The first traps put up at the Botanical Garden have also lured other insects, including species that may also be pine tree predators, so these devices may turn out to be short-term solutions to pine tree diseases, she said.

- VINCENT CABREZA

Read more: https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/?p=1471332#ixzz735RpE9uX
Follow us: @inquirerdotnet-on-Twitter | inquirerdotnet-on-Twitter | <a href="mailto:inquirer-on-Twitte





Villar: Release of upcycled chairs continue

posted August 09, 2021 at 10:40 pm by Macon Ramos-Araneta

Despite the pandemic, Senator Cynthia Villar pushed through with the distribution of school chairs made from recycled plastic wastes to different public schools and farm schools across the country.

The latest beneficiaries of the sturdy and durable plastic chairs, given through the Villar SIPAG (Social Institute for Poverty Alleviation and Governance), are the indigenous peoples of Barangay Laiban in Tanay, Rizal and the Conrazon Elementary School in Bgy. Bansud, Oriental Mindoro.

The chairs were given to the IP beneficiaries through the help of the 2nd Infantry Division in Camp Capinpin in Tanay.

On the other hand, the turnover of the chairs to the Conrazon Elementary School was facilitated by the 203rd Brigade of the Philippine Army.

Aside from helping the government resolve the problem of the lack of school chairs, Villar said the recycling of plastic wastes also reduces trash.

"Eventually, recycling plays a significant role in the government's waste management program that would help create a clean and healthy environment," the senator said.

The chairperson of the Senate environment committee said recycling wastes creates livelihood and sources of income for poor communities.

Women can also work in recycling facilities to help augment the earnings of their husbands, she said.

A staunch environmentalist, Villar said plastics remain the most common trash as proven by their monthly cleanup activity at the Las Pinas-Paranaque Wetland Park (formerly Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat and Eco-Tourism Area).

"We have a lot of plastic waste here in Metro Manila. When disposed improperly, they could clog our drainage systems and eventually cause flooding, which in turn spreads diseases," she said.

Some 20 kilos of soft plastics such as food wrappers are needed to produce one school chair, which can be fashioned to look like wooden pieces and comes with replaceable parts.

Source: https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/361947





gust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Groups: Climate change action vital after IPCC report

BYJONATHAN L. MAYUGA

AUGUST 9, 2021 3 MINUTE READ



The remains of a house is surrounded by floods in Pola town on the island of Mindoro, Central Philippines in this file photo. A fast-moving typhoon in October 2020 forced thousands of villagers to flee to safety in provinces south of the Philippine capital, flooding rural villages and ripping off roofs, officials said. (AP)

THE Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Working Group 1 Report, which Philippine nongovernment organizations said "paints a grim scenario" highlights the urgent need to act on climate change to avoid the worst of climate impacts, local groups said on Monday, hours after the IPCC report's release.

The report has confirmed that limiting global warming at 1.5 °C is slipping beyond reach without immediate, rapid, and large-scale reductions in emissions and that "human-induced climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe."

The Climate Reality Project Philippines through Country Manager Nazrin Castro said just like the previous reports, the latest IPCC report paints a grim scenario of what the future holds if the global community fails to act with the urgency and scale needed to reduce and avoid greenhouse gas emissions.

"At this point, with all the scientific evidence we already have at our disposal, doing nothing means being complicit in burning our planet down," she pointed out in a statement.

Nevertheless, Castro noted there's a sliver of hope as the report itself stated.

"The report noted that we can still achieve 1.5 °C if we can get to net-zero emissions by 2050. We've seen in the past year the growing number of countries and cities pledging for carbon neutrality by mid-century. We need more of these commitments. More importantly, we need concrete actions that will turn these commitments into reality," she said.

She said the report should compel the Philippine Government to urgently complete the implementation plan for the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Groups: Climate change action vital after IPCC report

Agreement, which articulates the country's commitment to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent by 2030 with the support of the international community.

"These new scientific findings will likely speed up the global transition to a low-carbon economy that is now under way. We cannot be left behind. We trust that the Department of Finance and the Climate Change Commission will get the ball rolling on developing the country's NDC Implementation Plan," Castro said.

The Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC), for its part, said the first report, which focuses on the latest physical climate science, shows that "human-induced climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe and that evidence of observed changes in extremes such as heatwaves, heavy precipitation, droughts, and tropical cyclones, and, in particular, their attribution to human influence, has strengthened since the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5).

"The product of 234 of the world's leading scientists reviewing, assessing, debating and finalizing analysis of over 14,000 scientific research papers, six items stand out for the Philippines amidst a barrage of compelling scientific evidence," said ICSC, asserting that the "unequivocal" terms indicate there is no wiggle room in interpreting the IPCC's use of the word in AR6.

"It goes beyond what is already an unprecedented assertion reaffirming with high confidence the AR5 finding that there is a near-linear relationship between cumulative anthropogenic CO2 emissions and the global warming they cause."

Breaching the Paris Agreement threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius (°C) will impose far more severe impacts that will prove catastrophic to vulnerable communities around the world, as every additional increment of global warming, will increase changes in extremes, including the intensity and frequency of heatwaves, heavy precipitation, as well as droughts, the ICSC warned.

"AR6 rings the alarm bells stating we are today flirting with 'tipping points,' such as rapid ice sheet melt that could lead to catastrophic sea-level rise even before 2100," it said.

According to ICSC, keeping to the 1.5°C temperature threshold is urgent as the IPCC has reaffirmed the huge difference in impacts between 1.5°C and 2°C degrees of warming.

"In the long run, at least 3 meters of sea-level rise can be avoided if we limit warming to 1.5°C instead of 2°C. Limiting warming to 1.5°C would strongly reduce climate risks and avoid the most destructive impacts of climate change and reduce impacts by at least 50 percent compared to a 4°C world. This is true for heat waves, extreme precipitation and drought in drying regions," the ICSC added.

According to ICSC, nevertheless, keeping to the 1.5°C temperature threshold is within reach.

Source: https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/08/09/groups-climate-change-action-vital-after-ipcc-report/





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 5	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



EARTH is getting so hot that temperatures in about a decade will probably blow past a level of warming that world leaders have sought to prevent, according to a report released on Monday that the <u>United Nations</u> called a "code red for humanity."

"It's just guaranteed that it's going to get worse," said report co-author <u>Linda Mearns</u>, a senior climate scientist at the <u>US National Center</u> for Atmospheric Research. "Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide."

But scientists also eased back a bit on the likelihood of the absolute worst climate catastrophes.

The authoritative <u>Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</u> (IPCC) report, which calls climate change clearly human-caused and "unequivocal," makes more precise and warmer forecasts for the 21st century than it did last time it was issued in 2013.



In this Friday, Aug. 6, 2021 file photo, smoke spreads over Parnitha mountain during a wildfire in the village of Ippokratios Politia, *Greece*, about 35 kilometers, north of Athens. <u>AP</u> PHOTO

Each of five scenarios for the future, based on how much carbon emissions are cut, passes the more stringent of two thresholds set in the 2015 Paris climate agreement. World leaders agreed then to try to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above levels in the late 19th century because problems mount quickly after that. The world has already warmed nearly 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since then.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 5	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Under each scenario, the report said, the world will cross the 1.5-degree-Celsius warming mark in the 2030s, earlier than some past predictions. Warming has ramped up in recent years, data shows.

"Our report shows that we need to be prepared for going into that level of warming in the coming decades. But we can avoid further levels of warming by acting on greenhouse gas emissions," said report co-chair Valerie Masson-Delmotte, a climate scientist at France's <u>Laboratory of Climate</u> and Environment Sciences at the University of Paris-Saclay.

In three scenarios, the world will also likely exceed 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial times - the less stringent Paris goal - with far worse heat waves, droughts and flood-inducing downpours unless there are deep emissions cuts, the report said.

"This report tells us that recent changes in the climate are widespread, rapid and intensifying, unprecedented in thousands of years," said IPCC Vice Chair Ko Barrett, senior climate adviser for the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



In this Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 file photo, a floating dock sits on the lakebed of the Suesca lagoon, in Suesca, Colombia. AP PHOTO

With crucial international climate negotiations coming up in <u>Scotland</u> in November, world leaders said the report is causing them to try harder to cut carbon pollution. US Secretary of State <u>Anthony Blinken</u> called it "a stark reminder."





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
3 of 5	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

The 3,000-plus-page report from 234 scientists said warming is already accelerating sea level rise and worsening extremes such as heat waves, droughts, floods and storms. Tropical cyclones are getting stronger and wetter, while <u>Arctic sea</u> ice is dwindling in the summer and permafrost is thawing. All of these trends will get worse, the report said.

For example, the kind of heat wave that used to happen only once every 50 years now happens once a decade, and if the world warms another degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit), it will happen twice every seven years, the report said.



In this Thursday, July 29, 2021 file photo, birds fly over a man taking photos of the exposed riverbed of the Old <u>Parana</u> <u>River</u>, a tributary of the Parana River during a drought in Rosario, Argentina. AP PHOTO

As the planet warms, places will get hit more not just by extreme weather but by multiple climate disasters at once, the report said. That's like what's now happening in the Western U.S., where heat waves, drought and wildfires compound the damage, Mearns said. Extreme heat is also driving massive fires in Greece and Turkey.

Some harm from climate change - dwindling ice sheets, rising sea levels and changes in the oceans as they lose oxygen and become more acidic - is "irreversible for centuries to millennia," the report said.

The world is "locked in" to 15 to 30 centimeters (6 to 12 inches) of sea level rise by mid-century, said report co-author <u>Bob Kopp</u> of Rutgers University.

Scientists have issued this message for more than three decades, but the world hasn't listened, said United Nations Environment Program Executive Director <u>Inger Andersen</u>.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
4 of 5	Column Opinion
Page	Feature Article

For the first time, the report offers an interactive atlas for people to see what has happened and may happen to where they live.

Nearly all of the warming that has happened on Earth can be blamed on emissions of heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. At most, natural forces or simple randomness can explain one- or two-tenths of a degree of warming, the report said.

The report described five different future scenarios based on how much the world reduces carbon emissions. They are: a future with incredibly large and quick pollution cuts; another with intense pollution cuts but not quite as massive; a scenario with moderate emission cuts; a fourth scenario where current plans to make small pollution reductions continue; and a fifth possible future involving continued increases in carbon pollution.

In five previous reports, the world was on that final hottest path, often nicknamed "business as usual." But this time, the world is somewhere between the moderate path and the small pollution reductions scenario because of progress to curb climate change, said report co-author <u>Claudia</u> <u>Tebaldi</u>, a scientist at the <u>US Pacific Northwest National Lab</u>.

While calling the report "a code red for humanity," UN Secretary-General <u>Antonio Guterres</u> kept a sliver of hope that world leaders could still somehow prevent 1.5 degrees of warming, which he said is "perilously close."

<u>Alok Sharma</u>, the president of the upcoming climate negotiations in Scotland, urged leaders to do more so they can "credibly say that we have kept 1.5 degrees alive."

"Anything we can do to limit, to slow down, is going to pay off," Tebaldi said. "And if we cannot get to 1.5, it's probably going to be painful, but it's better not to give up."

In the report's worst-case scenario, the world could be around 3.3 degrees Celsius (5.9 degrees Fahrenheit) hotter than now by the end of the century. But that scenario looks increasingly unlikely, said report co-author and climate scientist <u>Zeke Hausfather</u>, climate change director of the <u>Breakthrough Institute</u>.

"We are a lot less likely to get lucky and end up with less warming than we thought," Hausfather said. "At the same time, the odds of ending up in a much worse place than we expected if we do reduce our emissions are notably lower."





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
5 of 5	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



This Thursday, July 15, 2021 file photo shows destroyed houses in Schuld, Germany. Due to heavy rains, the <u>Ahr</u> <u>River</u> dramatically flooded over its banks the previous evening. AP PHOTO

The report said ultra-catastrophic disasters - commonly called "tipping points," like ice sheet collapses and the abrupt slowdown of ocean currents - are "low likelihood" but cannot be ruled out. The much talked-about shutdown of Atlantic ocean currents, which would trigger massive weather shifts, is something that's unlikely to happen in this century, Kopp said.

A "major advance" in the understanding of how fast the world warms with each ton of carbon dioxide emitted allowed scientists to be far more precise in the scenarios in this report, Mason-Delmotte said.

In a new move, scientists emphasized how cutting airborne levels of methane - a powerful but short-lived gas that has soared to record levels - could help curb short-term warming. Lots of methane the atmosphere comes from leaks of natural gas, a major power source. Livestock also produces large amounts of the gas, a good chunk of it in cattle burps.

More than 100 countries have made informal pledges to achieve "net zero" human-caused carbon dioxide emissions sometime around mid-century, which will be a key part of the negotiations in Scotland. The report said those commitments are essential.

"It is still possible to forestall many of the most dire impacts," Barrett said.

Source: https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/08/09/news/nowhere-to-run-un-report-says-global-warming-nears-limits/1810330





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Govt agencies urged to adopt safety, health standards for disasters

Published on: August 09, 2021

By PIA NCR



With the recent onslaught of heavy rains, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) urged government agencies to adopt safety and health standards in the workplace to protect their employees from risks due to disasters and emergencies.

Chairperson Alicia dela Rosa-Bala said, "Hazards at work, especially those that may result from natural calamities such as volcanic activities and typhoons, may be inevitable but there are things we can do to prevent or at least minimize the negative impacts on people and property."

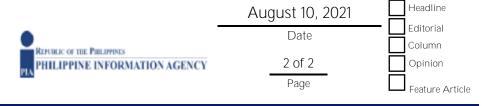
She said that adequate preparation would help ensure the continuous delivery of services to the public amid any disruptive event.

Agencies must develop safety and health policies based on their mandate and factors peculiar to their work environment. The Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2020, issued jointly by the CSC, Department of Health, and Department of Labor and Employment, contains a comprehensive list of occupational safety and health (OSH) standards.

Among others, the joint circular requires agencies to:

- Install adequate fire, emergency, or danger signs within the building premises;
- Set up a Risk Reduction Management System and a Crisis Management Plan and Contingency Program;
- Provide trainings and drills on Disaster Risk Reduction Management for employees and staff;
- Provide adequate emergency supplies such as fire extinguishers and medical first aid kits;
- Have a first aider trained and certified or accredited by the Philippine National Red Cross or by any authorized organization; and
- Forge a Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement with the nearest government health facility that can provide emergency medical services.





Govt agencies urged to adopt safety, health standards for disasters

• Further, heads of agencies are directed to ensure the creation of a Safety and Health Committee, as well as the strict implementation of and regular budget allocation for OSH programs.

Continuity

Government agencies can also formulate their respective Public Service Continuity Plan (PSCP), an all-hazard plan that aims to ensure continuous delivery of services to the public amid any disruption. It works by highlighting internal capacities, recovery requirements, and strategies to minimize damage and loss to essential processes, ensure succession of leadership, and improve continuity capabilities of all government entities.

Pursuant to National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) Memorandum No. 33 s. 2018, all government member agencies of the DRRM councils at all levels and other government departments, offices, bureaus, services, units, and instrumentalities are enjoined to develop their own PSCP.

In the recent Memorandum Circular No. 12, s. 2021 dated 27 July 2021, the CSC extended the deadline for submission of PSCP to the Office of Civil Defense-Capacity Building and Training Service, addressed to Usec. Ricardo B. Jalad (OCD, Administrator) through pscp@ocd.gov.ph, until 31 October 2021.

Calamity leave

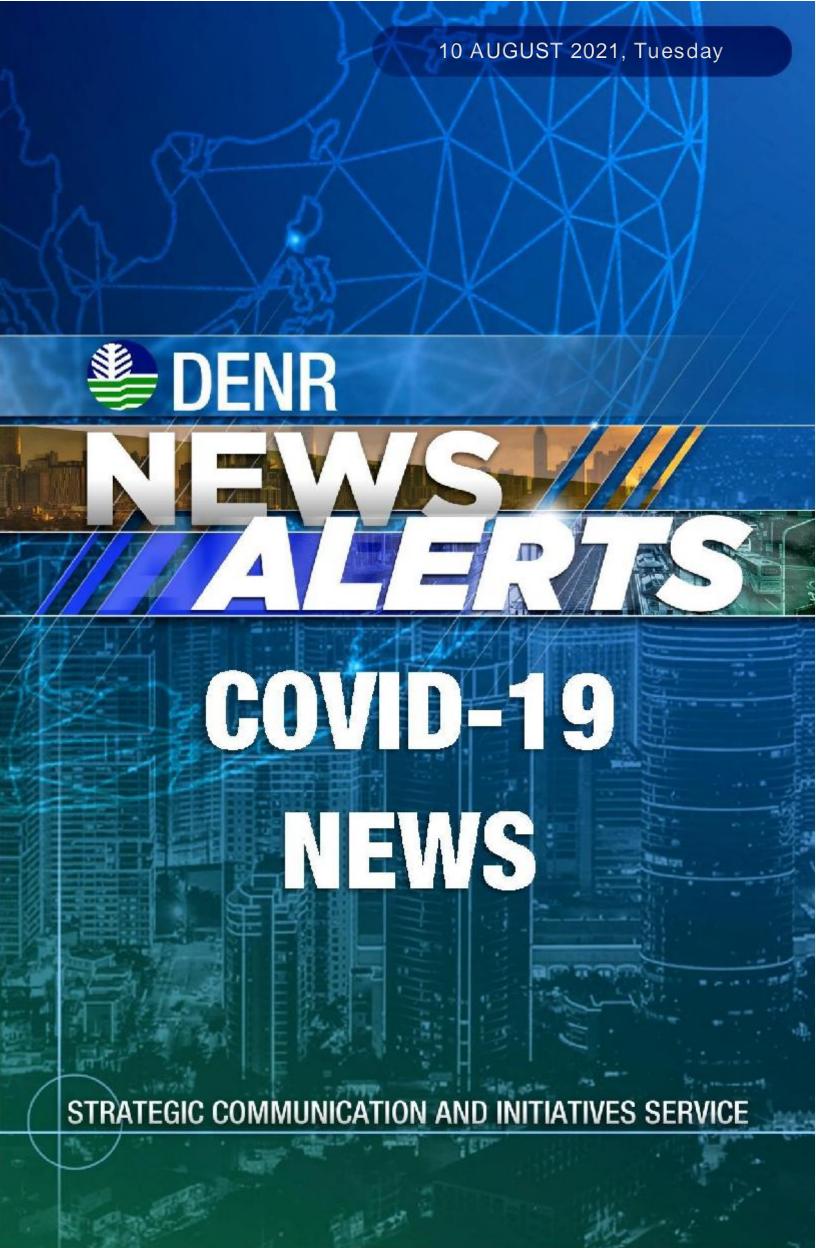
Relatedly, the CSC reminded government workers who may be directly affected by calamities that they may file for a Special Emergency Leave under CSC Memorandum Circular Nos. 2 and 16 issued 16 February 2012 and 17 October 2012, respectively.

The special emergency leave shall be for a maximum of five (5) working days in a year, which may be applied on a continuous or staggered basis and will not be deducted from the employee's earned leave credits. The said leave may be availed of within 30 days from the actual occurrence of the natural calamity/disaster.

Said privilege may be used for any of the following: for urgent repair and clean-up of damaged houses, being stranded in affected areas, disease/illness of employees brought by natural calamity/disaster, or caring of immediate family members affected by natural calamity/disaster.

The CSC said that the special emergency leave shall be based on the declaration of state of calamity by the President of the Philippines or the Local Sanggunian in the affected area. However, in case a specific area was not declared to be under a state of calamity, the head of agency may still grant the special emergency leave based on proof or evidence to be presented by the employee or relevant news accounts.

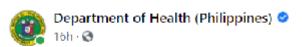
The CSC added that the head of agency or office shall take full responsibility for the grant of special emergency leave and shall set parameters in granting said leave like verification of the situation and extent of damage caused by the calamity to affected employees. Extension of the allowed maximum five days of special emergency leave shall be subject to the sound discretion of the head of agency and the agency's internal policy on the matter. Agencies are urged to come up with internal guidelines in the grant of the special emergency leave. (CSC/PIA-NCR)







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



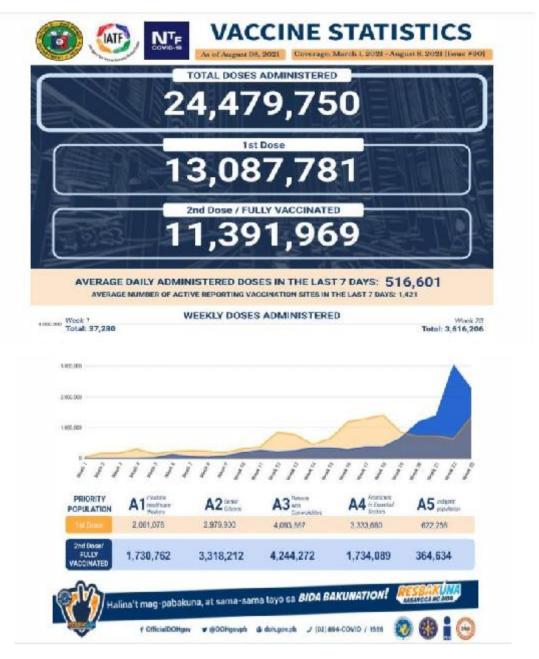
[VACCINE ROLLOUT UPDATE: 09 August 2021]

As of 08 August 2021, 6PM, a total of 24,479,750 doses have already been administered. 13,087,781 have received their first doses while 11,391,969 have already gotten the complete protection of the COVID-19 vaccines.

The total doses administered in the 23rd week of our national vaccination reached 3,616,206 doses with 516,601 average daily administered doses.

Our defense against COVID-19 and its variants is by following the minimum public health standards and getting vaccinated. Let's remember to properly wear our masks and face shields, observe physical distancing, wash our hands, and ensure there is ventilation when we are indoors.

Also, let's get vaccinated when it's our turn and get the second dose as scheduled. Together, we can beat COVID-19!







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

8,900 bagong COVID-19 cases sa Pilipinas itinulak infections sa 1.66 milyon

(Philstar.com) - August 9, 2021 - 4:03pm



Residents flock to the Marikina Public Market to buy fresh produce on Aug. 7, 2021. Under IATF guidelines, only authorized persons outside of residence will be allowed to go out, including one member per family to buy food and other essential goods.

The STAR/Walter Bollozos

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health (DOH) ng 8,900 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Lunes, kung kaya't nasa 1,667,714 na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

Batay sa mga bagong nakalap na datos ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan, narito ang bagong mga pasok na datos para araw na ito:

- lahat ng kaso: 1,667,714
- nagpapagaling pa: 78,480, o 4.7% ng total infections
- bagong recover: 7,937, dahilan para maging 1,560,106 na lahat ng gumagaling
- kamamatay lang: 6, na siyang nag-aakyat sa total local death toll sa 29,128
 Pilipinas 'high-risk' na uli sa COVID-19
- Umabot na sa <u>13 sa 17 rehiyon sa Pilipinas</u> ang napapasok ng mas nakahahawang Delta variant ng COVID-19, ayon sa bagong tala ng DOH. Sa 450 kaso nito sa Pilipinas, 426 na ang gumagaling ngunit 10 na ang namamatay.
- Dahil sa lumalaking banta ng Delta variant sa Pilipinas at dami ng naitatalang bagong kaso kamakailan, <u>ibinalik na rin ang klasipikasyon ng bansa sa "high-risk" para sa COVID-19 infections</u>.
- Inilinaw naman ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire na hindi lang sa hanay ng mga bata tumataas ang kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas. Aniya, <u>59% ang itinaas ng hawaan sa "lahat ng age groups" mula ika-13 ng Hulyo hanggang ika-8 ng Agosto</u>.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
24.0	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

8,900 bagong COVID-19 cases sa Pilipinas itinulak infections sa 1.66 milyon

- Pinagkaisahan naman ng mga Metro Manila mayors na magsisimula silang mamigay ng P1,000 ayuda para sa mga apektado ng Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) <u>simula Miyerkules</u>. Gayunpaman, wala naman daw masama kung ibibigay ito nang mas maaga, sabi ni presidential spokesperson Harry Roque.
- <u>Pumalo naman na sa 11.39 milyon ang nakakukuha ng kumpletong doses ng COVID-19 vaccines sa ngayon sa Pilipinas</u>, pag-uulat ng National Task Force against COVID-19 ngayong araw.
- Dahil sa bilis ng pagdami ngh bagong COVID-19 cases sa ngayon, <u>inanunsyo</u> naman ng St. Luke's Medical Center na naabot na ng kanilang Global City (Taguig) at Quezon City branches ang kanilang full capacity para sa COVID-19 wards at critical care. Dahil dito, ipinapayo nilang pumunta muna ng ibang ospital ang mga makararanas ng COVID symptoms.
- Umabot na sa 200.84 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, <u>ayon sa huling datos</u> ng World Health Organization. Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.26 milyong katao.
 - James Relativo





lugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Rolling carts with goods for sale and covered with plastic sheets are parked on the side of an empty street near Quiapo church in Manila City, suburban Manila on August 6, 2021, after authorities imposed another lockdown to slow the spread of the hyper-contagious Delta variant and ease pressure on hospitals while trying to avoid crushing economic activity.

AFP/Ted Aljibo

Philippines now 'high risk' for COVID-19 amid Delta threat

Gaea Katreena Cabico (Philstar.com) - August 9, 2021 - 1:17pm

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines is currently at "high risk" for COVID-19 as coronavirus infections continue to rise, the Department of Health said Monday.

Less than two weeks ago, the Philippines was at "moderate" risk classification.

Related Stories

'Not just among children': DOH says COVID-19 cases rising across all age groups

In a briefing, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the country recorded a positive two-week growth rate of 47%.

The average daily attack rate (ADAR) from July 26 to August 8 was 7.20 cases per 100,000 population. An area is considered high risk if its ADAR—or the number of new cases over a two-week period, divided by the population there—is 7 and above.

The average daily cases in the Philippines jumped to 8,695 per day from August 1 to 7. In the previous week, the average was 6,498.

"Nationally, our case classification is now at high risk," Vergeire said.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Philippines now 'high risk' for COVID-19 amid Delta threat

Metro Manila, Cordillera Administrative Region, Cagayan Valley, Calabarzon, Central Luzon and Northern Mindanao fall under high risk category. These areas have moderate risk TWGR and high risk ADAR.

Central Luzon, Soccsksargen, Eastern Visayas and Bicol region have positive two-week growth rates. Meanwhile, Western Visayas has high risk ADAR.

The spike in cases could be attributed to the presence of the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19. Of the 17 regions in the country, 13 already have reported local cases of the variant, which is now considered the "fastest and fittest" form of COVID-19.

Metro Manila

The health official also said that all 16 cities in Metro Manila and its lone municipality of Pateros have a positive two-week growth rate. The capital region recorded a two-week growth rate of 123%.

The Delta variant has been detected in all areas in Metro Manila.

It has an ADAR of 12.70 cases per 100,000 population. Metro Manila's healthcare utilization rate was 54.11% and its ICU occupancy rate was 59.04%.

Pateros, Malabon, Valenzuela, Marikina, Taguig, Quezon City, Makati, San Juan, Muntinlupa and Las Piñas are under heightened alert, Vergeire said. Areas under Alert Level 4 have moderate to critical risk classification and have healthcare utilization rates higher than 70%.

The capital region returned to lockdown Friday in an attempt to slow the spread of the Delta variant and ease pressure on hospitals.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



<u>Situation critical: Entire PH nowat "high risk" due to Covid-</u> <u>19</u>

AUG 9, 2021, 1:46 PM



Opinyon News Team News Reporter

The highly-contagious Delta variant of Covid-19 has been detected in 13 out of the country's 17 regions, according to the Department of Health.

The Department of Health (DOH) said the Philippines is once again classified at "high risk" as Covid-19 cases rose by 47 percent in the last two weeks.

During an online briefing Monday (August 9), Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said the country averaged 8,829 new cases per day from August 2 to 8, higher than the average of 7,029 new infections in the week before.

Moreover, the highly-contagious Delta variant of Covid-19 has been detected in 13 out of the country's 17 regions, Vergeire added.

The Philippines logged a high average daily attack rate (ADAR) of 7.20 cases per 100,000 population, healthcare utilization rate of 54.70 percent, and intensive care unit (ICU) occupancy rate of 61.71 percent as of August 6.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Bate	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

<u>Situation critical: Entire PH nowat "high risk" due to Covid-</u> 19

Sharp rise of Covid-19 cases in MM

Especially at high-risk are Metro Manila, Cordillera Region, and Regions 1, 2, 4A, 7, and 10 due to their high ADAR and moderate level two-week case growth rate. (See also: Now DoH says nearly all cities in MM have Delta variant)

DOH data also showed that cases in Metro Manila grew by 123 percent during the past two weeks compared to the previous three to four weeks.

The capital region's ADAR stood at 12.70 cases per 100,000 population while its healthcare utilization was at 54.11% and ICU occupancy was at 59.04 percent.

Source: https://www.facebook.com/168722493140749/posts/4509737079039247/?app=fbl





gust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Articl

Au

Use face shields, masks: Duterte

By Azer Parrocha August 10, 2021, 1:28 am



USE FACE SHIELDS. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte talks to the people after holding a meeting with the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) core members at the Malacañang Golf (Malago) Clubhouse in Malacañang Park, Manila on Monday (Aug. 9, 2021). Duterte reminded anew the public to use face shields together with face masks against more contagious Covid-19 Delta variant. (*Presidential photo by Robinson Niñal*)

MANILA – Face shields should be used with face masks as a precaution against Covid-19, President Rodrigo Duterte reiterated on Monday, saying the public should follow his "advice" because they voted for him as the country's leader.

He said there are "sectors" that insist that face shields are not necessary, but noted that he wanted to keep the face shield requirement because he cared about the health and safety of Filipinos.

"Sundin lang ninyo ako. Tutal binoto ninyo akong presidente. Milyon-milyon ang naglike sa akin, ika nga (Just follow my order. You voted for me after all. There are millions who like me, as they say). So ito it's a[n] advice I'm giving you because I love you as Filipino," he said in his pre-recorded public address.

Duterte said because it is still unclear how Covid-19 would enter a person's body, it is best to have an additional layer of protection from infection.

He recognized that using face shields is "inconvenient", but noted that it is better to be safe than sorry.

Besides the use of face shields, he also emphasized the importance of frequent hand-washing after interacting with other people.

"It is not discourteous nowadays to wash your hands in public after shaking the hands. It's not bastos (rude) because that is really the measure that is needed by the times," he said.





ugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Use face shields, masks: Duterte

Get vaccinated

Duterte encouraged the public to get vaccinated against Covid-19, saying the virus "cannot really prosper" once more people get their shots.

He warned the public of the risks that go with refusing to follow minimum public health standards.

"Kung ayawninyo, well pag nahawaan kayo, lalo na itong Delta (If you don't want to and get infected with the Delta variant), I think you can say goodbye to the world kasi (because) it's very aggressive, very violent virus that enters your body at uubusin yung lungs mo, pati heart mo (and it's going to destroy your lungs and heart)," he added.

The plan to beat Covid-19, he said, will not succeed without people's cooperation.

"We're trying to control the spread of the virus but we can only do so much. Kailangan kayong mga tao, magsunod talaga sa utos ng gobyerno kasi ito para sa kabutihan ninyo. Hindi ito para sa kabutihan namin (You should really follow government orders because this is for your own good. It's not for our own good)," he said.

As of Monday, health authorities reported 8,900 new Covid-19 infections, bringing the total cases to 1,667,714.

Recoveries climbed to 1,560,106 after 7,937 more people got well while the death toll reached 29,128 with six new deaths. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1149920





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 2	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

Government listening to experts and adapting to Delta threat -- Nograles

Published on: August 09, 2021 By OCS



MANILA -- The country has overcome spikes in COVID-19 cases before, and it will do so again by listening to health experts and adapting accordingly.

This according to Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, who on Monday said that the government had decided to institute the stringent restrictions beginning Friday, August 6, as it had anticipated a possible increase in COVID cases due to the virus' more virulent Delta variant.

Nograles, co-chair of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), agreed with assessments that the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Metro Manila was timely, and credited the vigilant monitoring of COVID variants by the Department of Health (DOH), as well as the ability of the government to quickly act on its recommendations, for the appropriate interventions now being implemented to prevent further increases in the number of cases.

"Given what we know about the Delta variant, the increases in the cases the past few days and the increase in the positivity rate were not unexpected, and we understood that if decisive steps were not taken there would even be more cases," said Nograles.

Nograles said "we hope the public recognizes that such steps are necessary at this point, and that these circuit-breaker quarantines have been proven in the past to be effective in preventing cases from ballooning."





Government listening to experts and adapting to Delta threat -- Nograles

The OCTA research group has commended the government for taking swift action to address the increase in COVID cases, and said that if the decision to implement the ECQ was delayed to Aug. 15, "NCR would have breached 4,500 new cases per day, which would likely extend the lockdown and cause more negative impact on people and the economy."

Nograles reissued a call he had made at the beginning of the pandemic, appealing to the public to leave their homes only for essentials.

"Bahay muna, buhay muna. This is even more important now given how this Delta variant works," stressed the Palace official.

"At kung kailangan lumabas, wag kalimutan mag face mask at face shield. With the cooperation of the public, we were able to reduce the number of cases before and we were able to loosen the restrictions to allow more economic activity," he added.

"Nagawa natin dati sa tulong at kooperasyon ng ating mga kababayan, at magagawa natin yan muli." (OCS)

Source: https://pia.gov.ph/press-releases/2021/08/09/government-listening-to-experts-and-adapting-to-delta-threat-nograles





ugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
1 of 3	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DAGSANG NAGPAPABAKUNA HIGIT MAGANDA KAYSA MASAMA



August 9, 2021 @ 6:42 PM 12 hours ago

Naging delikado at posibleng maging superspreader ng coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19 ang sobrang pagdagsa ng mga kababayang gustong magpabakuna isang araw bago ang pagpapairal ng enhanced community quarantine sa Metro Manila at Antipolo City.

Subalit magandang tingnan din ito na positibo kaugnay ng programang pagbabakuna ng pamahalaan at pribadong sektor.

Ipagpalagay na lang nating may nagnais na sumabotahe sa programa at ilagay sa alanganing kalagayan ang pamahalaan at imahe nito sa publiko.

Kasama rito ang pagpapalaganap ng fake news na hindi mabibigyan ng ayuda ang mga hindi bakunado at hindi rin sila palalabasin sa bahay.

Subalit may napakahalagang mensahe na mapupulot sa sangkaterbang sumusugod sa vaccinations sites.

'Yun bang === higit na gusto ng mga mamamayan ang magpabakuna para maligtas sila sa panganib na dala ng COVID-19 gaya ng matinding pagkakasakit, pagkakaoospital o kamatayan at maligtas na rin sa kahirapan.

SOBRANG DAMI

Nakita natin kung gaano karami at paano dumagsa ang mga tao sa mga vaccination site sa Lungsod ng Maynila, Antipolo City at Las Piñas.





ugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
2 of 3	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DAGSANG NAGPAPABAKUNA HIGIT MAGANDA KAYSA MASAMA

Sa Maynila lang, umabot 10,000 sa SM San Lazaro; 5,000 sa SM Manila; 3,000 sa Lucky Chinatown; at 4.000 sa Robinsons Place Manila.

Marami rin ang galing sa Bulacan, Rizal, Cavite at Laguna, ayon kay Yorme Isko.

Sa Antipolo, nasa 2,000 katao ang nagpunta sa SM Masinag habang daan-daan naman ang sumugod sa SM Southmall sa Las Piñas para sa unang turok.

Sa rami ng gustong magpaturok, kasama ang mga hindi rehistrado, nangangahulugan lang na nagtatagumpay ang pamahalaan sa vaccination campaign.

Taliwas ito sa sinasabi ng iba na mas kakaunti ang may gustong magpabakuna kaysa hindi.

GAANO BA TALAGA KAHALAGA ANG BAKUNA?

Pinakamainam na sagot sa tanong ang nagaganap sa ibang bansa na ngayo'y nakaabot na ng 50 porsyentong bakunado mula sa kanilang populasyon.

Ginamitan ng Sinovac, Sinopharm at dalawang iba pa ang mga Tsino kaya naka-1 bilyon na sila ng nabakunahan at ngayo'y nakaramdam na sila ng ligtas na pamumuhay.

Nagtanggal naman ng health protocol ang Israel makarang mabakunahan nila ng Pfizer ang nasa 60 porsyento nilang populasyon at sumunod dito ang United Kingdom na AstraZeneca naman ang gamit.

Humuhupa na rin ang 4,000-6,000 kamatayan sa India sa paggamit nila ng gawa nilang Covishield o AstraZeneca at Covaxin.

Nitong Hulyo 4, halos naabot na ng United States ang 50% ng nasa 350M mamamayan sa bisa ng gawa nilang Pfizer at Moderna kaya nagdeklara na sila ng kalayaan sa COVID-19, kasabay ng Araw ng Kalayaan nila.

Ang 27 bansang European Union, bumabalik na rin sa normal nilang pamumuhay sa paggamit ng Pfizer at AstraZeneca na gawang US, UK at EU.

Kaya lang, sumulpot ang Delta variant na higit na mabagsik at nakapanghahawa kumpara sa orig na COVID-19 at iba pang mga variant nito na dahilan ng muli nilang paghihigpit.

China lang ang nagla-lockdown sa istrikto nilang laban sa pandemya.

Ang Indonesia, bukod sa Sinovac na gamit, nagdagdag na rin sila ng Pfizer, Moderna at AstraZeneca laban sa atake ng Delta variant din.

Ganyang kahalaga ang bakuna.

SA PILIPINAS?

Sa nakita natin na pagdami ng mga Pinoy na nagpapabakuna na umaabot na sa 750,000 araw-araw, marami talaga ang naniniwalang maliligtas sila sa pandemya sa bakuna.





August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
2 of 3	Opinion
Page	Feature Article

DAGSANG NAGPAPABAKUNA HIGIT MAGANDA KAYSA MASAMA

Problema lang natin ang pagdating ng mga bakuna mula sa mga bansang binibilhan natin o nagdodonasyon gaya ng China, US, UK, EU at Japan dahil nasa 20 porsyento lang ang tira-tira ng mga ito na ating pinag-aagawan.

May hoarding at overpricing na nga sa mga bakuna.

Ang sabi ni Pang. Rodrigo Duterte, may sapat tayong salapi para pambili ng bakuna ngunit hindi ganoon kadali ang bumili dahil ang mga mayayaman at gumagawa ng bakunang ibang bansa ay inuuna muna ang mga sarili na suplayan bago ang iba.

Kaya nga sumama na ang Pinas sa mga kumokondena sa mga bansang hoarder ng bakuna.

BAKUNA AGAD

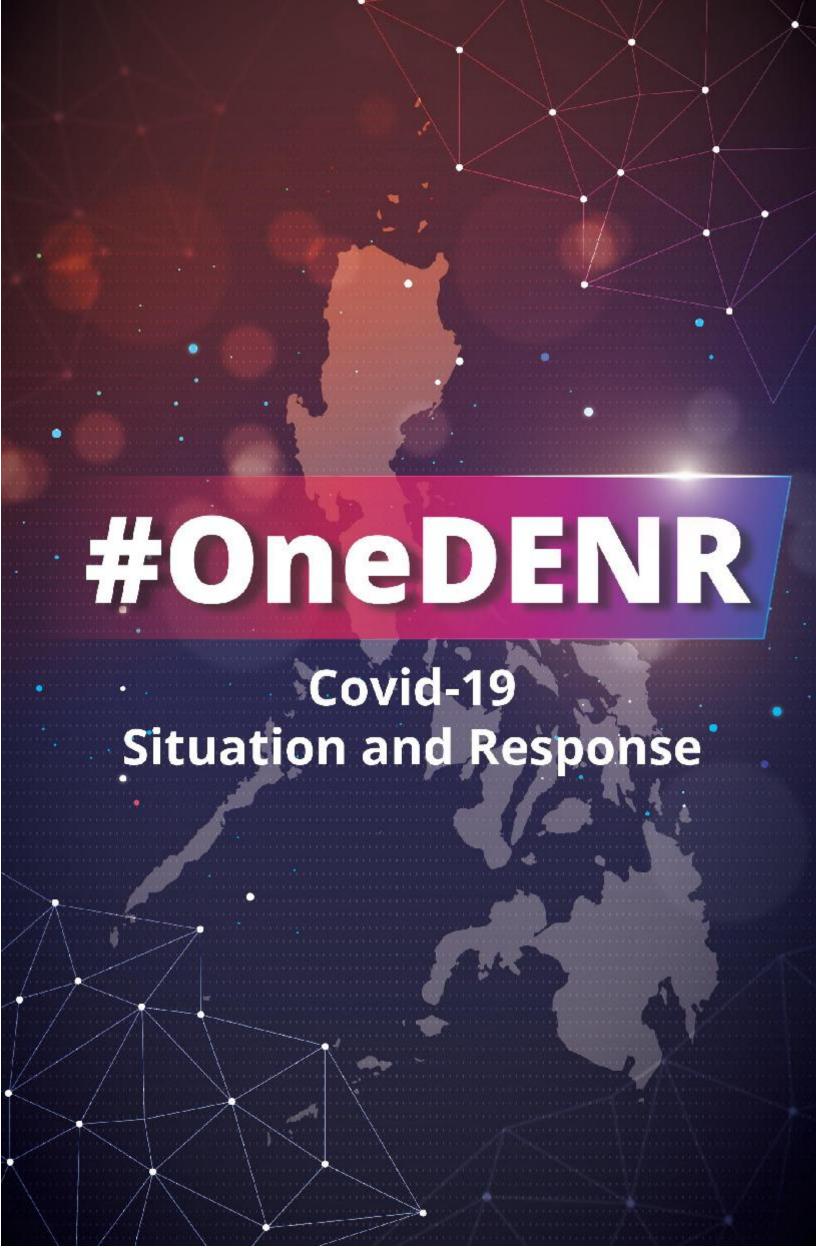
Maganda naman ang ginagawa ng ating pamahalaan na pagtuturok agad pagdating ng mga bakuna.

Pero prayoridad pa rin nito ang mga tinatamaan nang matindi gaya ng mga nasa ilalim ng ECQ at modified enhanced community quarantine.

Bagama't sana all ang pagbabakuna, inuunang iligtas muna sa kapahamakan ang mga naroon na sa bangin at malapit nang mahulog.

Sana naman, mamamayani sa atin ang pagsasakripisyo at pang-unawa alang-alang sa iba lalo't sa huli, wala namang maiiwanan.

Source: https://www.remate.ph/dagsang-nagpapabakuna-higit-maganda-kaysa-masama/



DENR-CO COVID-19 Monitoring



Data on COVID-19 include reported cases of DENK employees (Permanent, Contract of Service/Job Order, Support Staff (Triumph/Security)) as collected by the Contact Tracing Team of DENR Central Office.

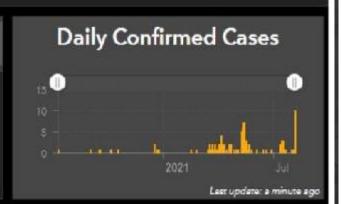
Total 112 Last update: a minute ago Active
5

Recovered 106 Deaths 1

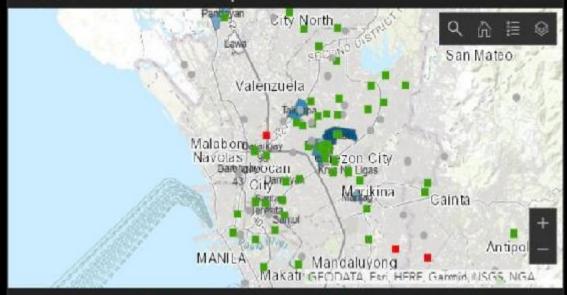
% COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in DENR-CO



Lest update: a minute ago



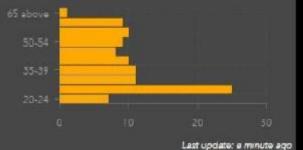
Residence of affected personnel



Please note that representative dots were randomly assigned within the barangay residence of the affected personnel and do not necessarily provide exact location/ addresses of the cases.

Map Map Legend





Age Group by Sex



Health Status



Comorbidity

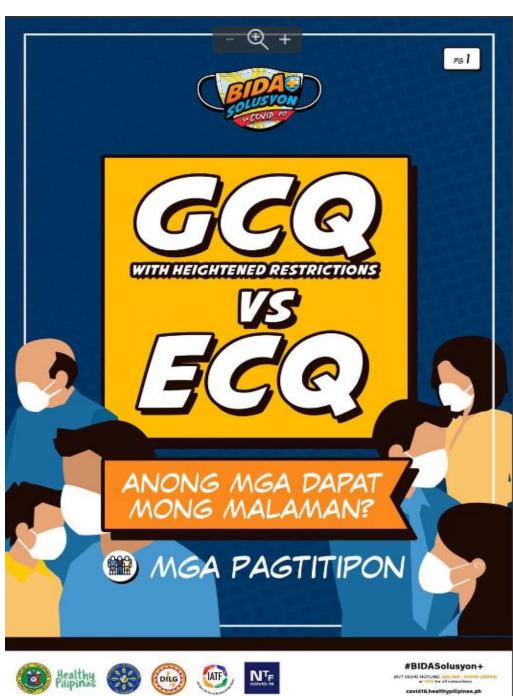


Sex

Lest update: a minute ago



Reveloped by the DENR Statistics and Data Resource Management Division (SDRMD) - Knowledge Information Systems Service. To report data decreases and fee any upproposed problems and the convention of the convent







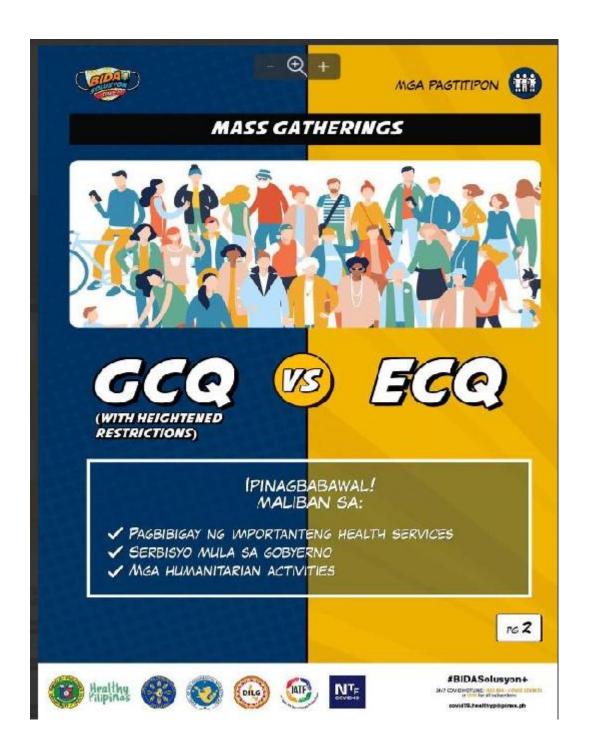




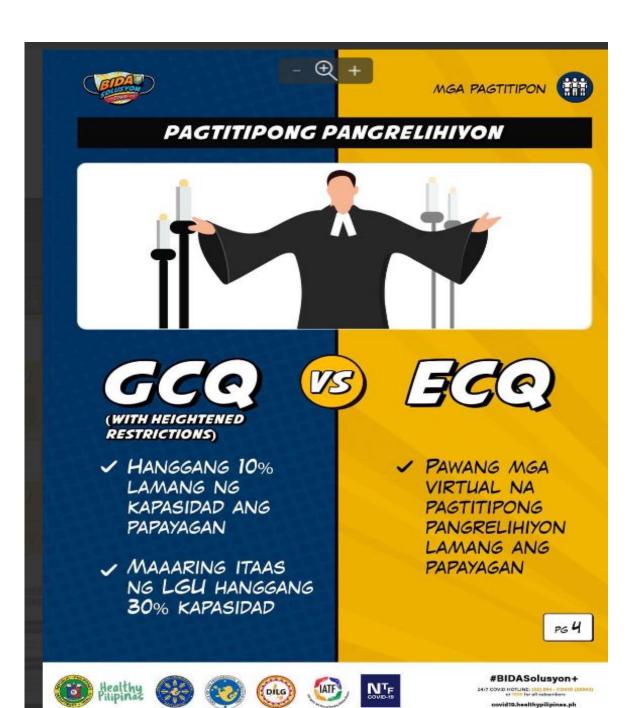




M/7 COVID HOTUNE (EE) DM - COVID S - 1000 by all salesshers covid IR healthypilipinas.ph

















EXERCISE AT SPORTS ACTIVITIES



US



(WITH HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS)

PARA SA MGA BATA SA 18YO AT MAS MATANDA SA 65YO

- ✓ OUTDOOR NON-CONTACT SPORTS IBA PANG KLASE NG
- ✓ EHERSISYO, NA MAY PAGSUNOD SA MPHS

HINDI PINAPAYAGAN

TAGAPANUOD NG MGA NON-CONTACT SPORTS AT MGA EHERSISYO

HINDI PINAPAYAGAN

- X OUTDOOR CONTACT SPORTS X INDOOR SPORTS
- *PINAPAYAGAN NG MGA MAYOR NG NCR NA GAWING ANG INDIVIDUAL OUTDOOR EXERCISES MULA 6:00 HANGGANG 9:00 NG UMAGA















#BIDASolusyon+

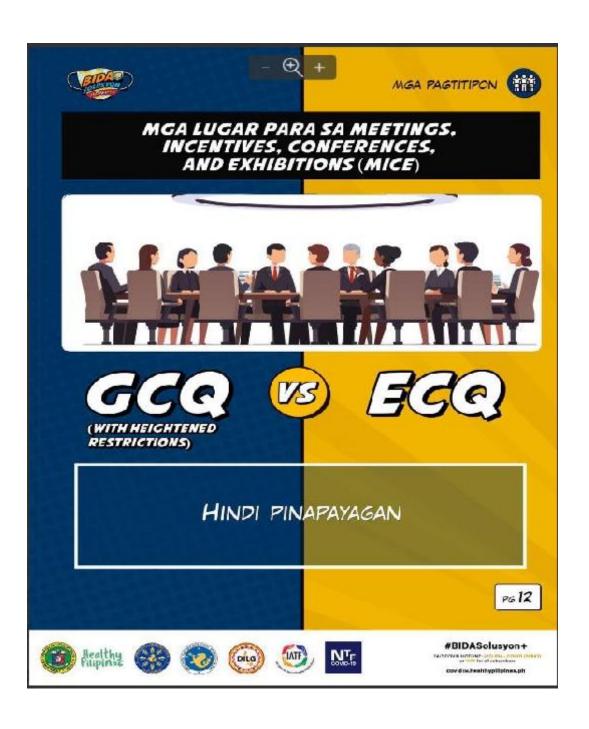
24/7 COVID HOTLINE: (52) 884 - COVID (2884) or 1886 for all subscribers





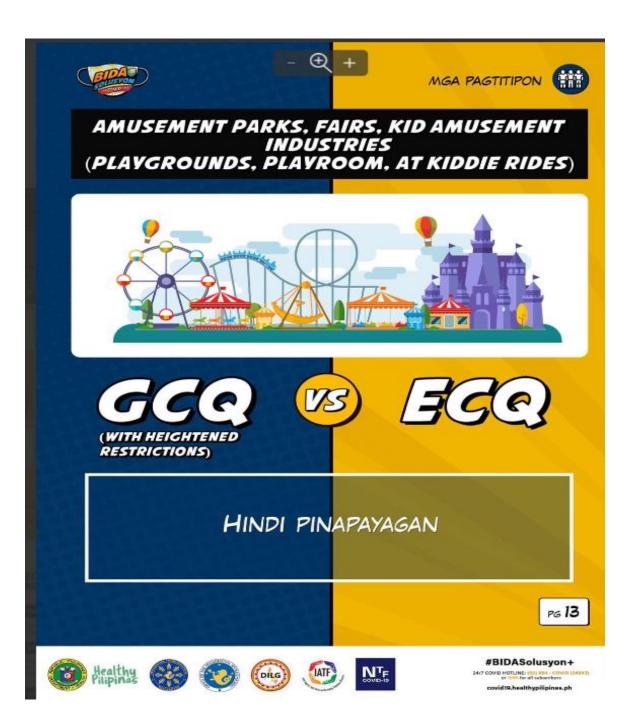
























HOTELS OR ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS









(WITH HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS)

SA ILALIM NG STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, ANG MGA HOTEL NA MAY ACCREDITATION NG DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM LAMANG ANG PAPAYAGAN TUMANGGAP NG BISITA PARA SA MGA LEHITIMONG DAHILAN.

PAPAYAGAN ANG MGA STAYCATION NA WALANG PAGHIHIGPIT SA EDAD, AYON SA MGA PATNUBAY NA BINIGAY NG DOT.

SA ILALIM NG STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, ANG MGA HOTEL NA MAY ACCREDITATION NG DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM LAMANG ANG PAPAYAGAN TUMANGGAP NG BISITA PARA SA MGA LEHITIMONG DAHILAN.

HINDI PINAPAYAGAN ANG STAYCATIONS.

PG 17













#BIDASolusyon+

24/7 OOVID HOTUNE: (82) 884 - CO or 1000 for all subscriber covid19.healthypiipinas.ph





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ON VACCINATION DURING ECQ





1. Will vaccination still continue even in areas under ECQ?

Yes, Regional and Local Vaccine Operation Centers (R/LVOCs) shall make sure that vaccination services continue uninterrupted, even in areas under ECQ.



2. Is pre-registration needed for vaccination?

Yes. Strict scheduling will be implemented and pre-registration is required to avoid mass gatherings and prevent transmission of COVID-19.



3. Are walk-in vaccine recipients allowed?

No. However, LGUs may allow senior citizens to get vaccinated without prior registration, as long as minimum public health standards are observed.



4. Where do I register?

You can access the online registration of the different LGUs or contact your LGU for manual registration. You can check the link to your LGU's online registration at bit.ly/VaccineRegistrationDirectory.



5. Who will be prioritized for pre-registration and vaccination?

Priority for pre-registration and vaccination will be for senior citizens (priority group A2) and persons with controlled comorbidities (priority group A3). Other priority groups should still be allowed to register.



6. Will vaccination in medical centers and hospitals continue during ECQ?

No. Vaccination in medical centers and hospitals shall be temporarily suspended.











Para sa iba pang









FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ON VACCINATION DURING ECQ





7. Will transportation be provided for scheduled vaccine recipients during ECQ?

LGUs are highly encouraged to provide transportation services for scheduled vaccine recipients and vaccination work force.



8. What other transport options are available?

The IATF has allowed the continued operation of public transport in NCR during ECQ from August 6 to August 20. However, only Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) will be accommodated by public transport services.



9. Is the "no vaccine, no work" policy allowed?

No. Employees who choose not to get vaccinated or fail to get vaccinated shall not be discriminated against in terms of employment.





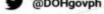












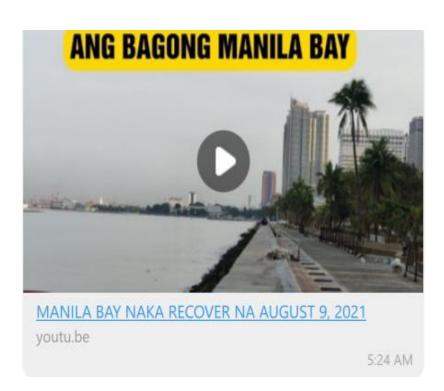




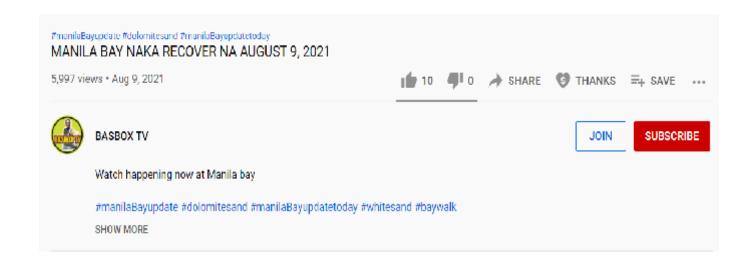




August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/ZYO4GF-y-yg



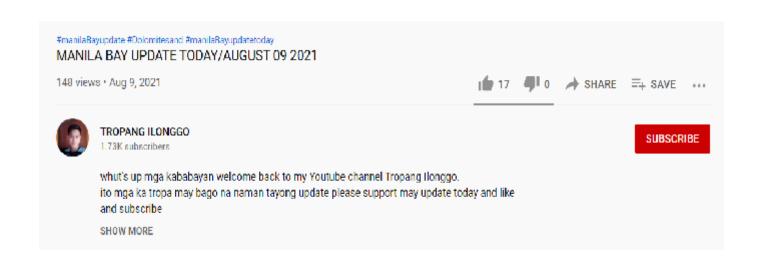




ugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



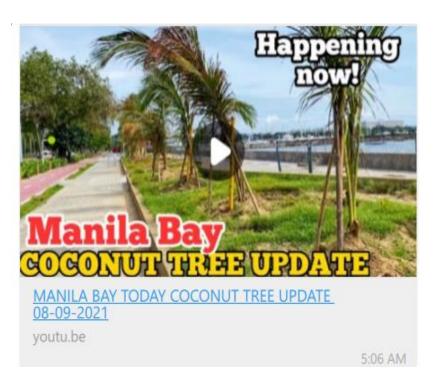
Source: https://youtu.be/ Or8zeMJbZY



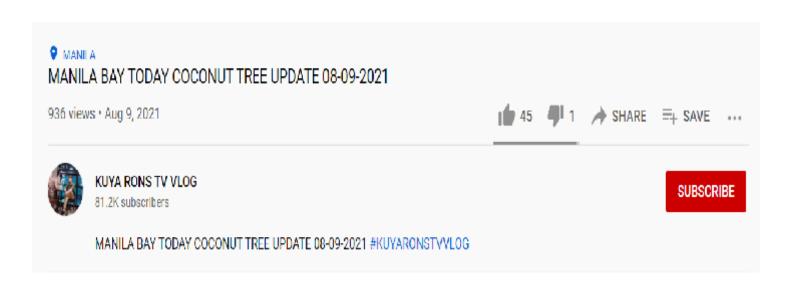




August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/kEGnPrkQcA







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/PEcVG5jKnVA



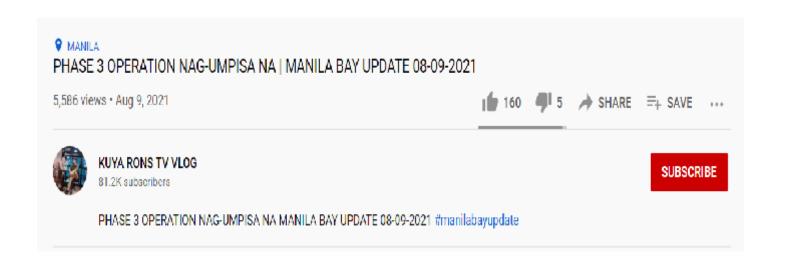




August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/s6fiBpxtqm8



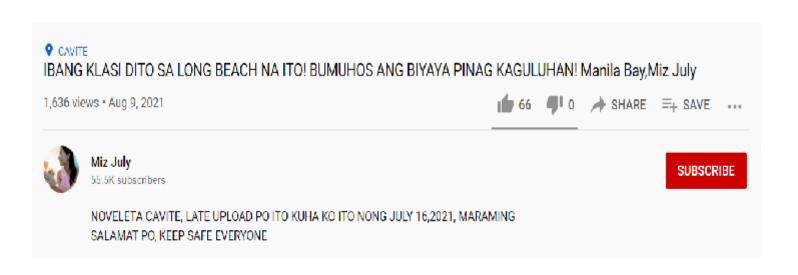




August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/9FMARr1VyFs



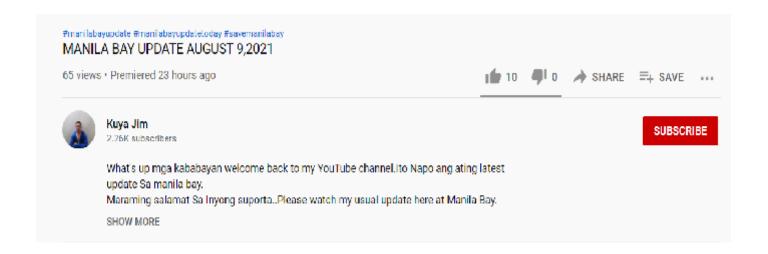




August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/xZZ1SgaKHY8







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/fGPGQm4HvRQ







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/hQNNwpDaYsg







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/x9019vISIMM



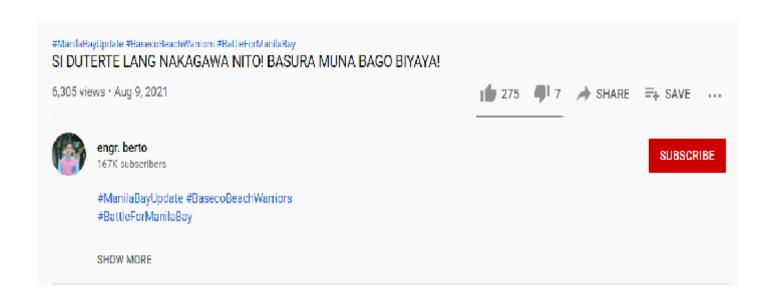




ugust 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/22Mzcy-YhSM



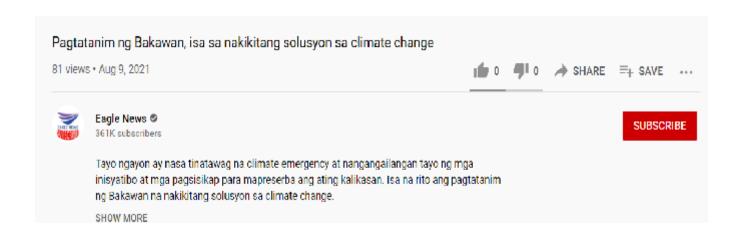




August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
Date	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/bjHkNTaf-0c







August 10, 2021	Headline
Date	Editorial
	Column
	Opinion
Page	Feature Article



Source: https://youtu.be/9wrnBnWai1Q

