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DENR to launch special course for enforcement officers

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through its Environment and Natural Resources Academy (ENRA), will launch a special course for enforcement frontliners at the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) Amphitheater on Wednesday (September 15) to reinforce capacities for environmental law enforcement and crisis response.

With the theme "The ENR Academy: Mechanism Towards Effective Environmental Protection and Management," the special course aims to equip the participants with the DENR's programs, priority projects, and basic ENR services for effective environmental law enforcement.

The entire course, which will run from September 15 to October 12, consisting of five modules with two weeks of webinar, two weeks of practicum, and 12-hour community service on the field.

DENR said the pioneering batch will have a total of 44 participants consisting of 35 enforcement personnel from DENR Central Office and several field offices, three from the Philippine National Police, three from the Philippine Coast Guard, and one each from the Philippine National Police-Maritime Group, Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine Air Force.

DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu underscored the urgent need for a continuous environmental training program for enforcement officers to manage challenging situations effectively.

Data from DENR's Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service (ELEPS) show that a total of 10 environment workers of the agency have been assaulted while on duty since 2017.

Nine of these 10 incidents resulted in death, while one has survived. (See also: [PH '3rd deadliest country' for environmentalists](#))

Four of the 10 incidents took place during the Covid-19 lockdown period.



In one episode of the Talk to The People, President Rodrigo Duterte backed Cimatu's statements, saying that "the culprits are not afraid when facing the forest guards that the DENR has deployed in hotspots."

Cimatu, in response, said that while the DENR "has experienced a hard time in strictly promulgating the laws because the perpetrators are not afraid of the agency's enforcement arm, the DENR shall continue upholding the agency's mandates."



DENR seeks ₱1.6B for Manila Bay rehabilitation

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, September 14) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hopes to allocate ₱1.6 billion from its 2022 budget for the Manila Bay rehabilitation, which will also fund its controversial “white sand” project.

Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu presented the proposed ₱25.295 billion budget of his department during the budget hearing of the House Committee on Appropriations on Monday.

Based on his presentation, the ₱1.6 billion allocation will also be used for other programs like cleaning up of drainage, relocation activities, and construction of other infrastructure.

[President Rodrigo Duterte had defended](#) the ₱389 million project in the past, saying that “dolomite is beautiful to the eyes.” This is after admitting continuous replenishment is needed until there is a good alternative as the crushed dolomite gets washed away.

The rehab program is designed to improve the bay’s water quality and coastline appearance, but it has been heavily criticized as it is seen ineffective in addressing the area’s environmental issues.

Health concerns were also brought up, which were denied by the Department of Health.

Aside from the Manila Bay program, also part of the 10 priority projects of the DENR next year are Clean Air (₱143.01 million); Clean Water (₱315.49 million); Solid Waste Management (₱1.073 billion); Enhanced National Greening Program (₱3.689 billion); Intensified Forest Protection and Anti-Illegal Logging (₱696.41 million); Enhanced Biodiversity Conservation (₱1.016 billion); Scaling up of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management (₱271.801 million); Geohazards, Groundwater Assessment and Responsible Mining (₱407.65 million); and Improved Land Administration and Management (₱415.345 million).

Meanwhile, Undersecretary Jonas Leones told the committee that based on DENR's assessment, ₱43 billion and the involvement of other relevant agencies are needed to fully rehabilitate Manila Bay.

He admitted that it may take years before the waterway is brought back to a better state.

Since 2019, around ₱3 billion had been injected into the project, Leones said.



“Hindi po natin matatapos ngayon ang rehabilitation (We cannot finish rehabilitation now) but this will continue until the next years to come, beyond this administration,” he said.

Still, the official assured that efforts are being made to expedite the program as stated under Administrative Order No. 16, which created the Manila Bay Task Force to speed up rehabilitation and restoration of the bay.



Atienza threatens to block DENR's proposed budget for 2022

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House Deputy Speaker Lito Atienza on Monday, Sept. 13 threatened to block the approval of the budget of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) after he was unable to ask questions during the Lower House's briefings on the proposed P5.024-trillion national budget for 2022.

Atienza criticized House Committee on Appropriations Vice Chairman and Aklan Rep. Teodorico Haresco, whom he said prevented him from fully asking important questions to DENR, specifically on the wrong direction the agency is taking with regards to its budget. "We would have wanted to fully support the DENR's request for a bigger budget for 2022, however, because of the manner in which the committee cut short our interpellation, most of our relevant questions were not asked at all," Atienza said in a statement.

According to Atienza, he would have asked the DENR why the Laguna de Bay is still filled with fish pens and fish cages despite President Duterte's pronouncement in his first State of the Nation Address (SONA) that he would clear it of all obstruction.

The lawmaker also said he wanted DENR to respond why it spent hundreds of millions on the white sand dolomite beach at Manila Bay when it has nothing to do with cleaning up the area.

"This negates any effort to clean the Bay, and is a clear waste of money," he pointed out. "Among their top 10 priority programs is the rehabilitation of Manila Bay, for which they are asking P1.6 billion. Government need not spend anything if they are able to force the two water concessionaires—Maynilad and Manila Water—to fulfill their obligations as stipulated in their service agreement to provide wastewater treatment facilities to clean the water coming from millions of households in Metro Manila which flow directly into the Bay?" Atienza also said.

According to Atienza, the small water treatment plants that are now in the Bay area is not sufficient to clean up the waters of Manila Bay.

"It will only be clean when the sewer lines of Metro Manila are made to run correctly through a sewage network built by these two companies. We have been fining them since 2009 for their non-compliance but until now, patay malisya sila!

"Meanwhile, they keep collecting from consumers a so-called environmental fee or sewerage fee since 1997 for a service which they have not been rendering!"

But since he was not allowed by the panel's chairman to pursue these questions, Atienza said he will raise the matter during the plenary deliberations.

"This forces me to withdraw my proposal to increase their budget since they have not answered my questions regarding the proper utilization of such budget. Kaya magkita na lang tayo sa Plenary (let's see each other at the plenary)," he said.

"If they cannot give us satisfactory answers, then instead of supporting their request for additional budget, we may end up asking for a suspension of their budget!" Atienza stressed.

Source: <https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/13/atienza-threatens-to-block-denrs-proposed-budget-for-2022/>



Boracay task force's term extended until June 2022

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos [September 14, 2021, 6:29 pm](#)



(File photo)

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday signed an executive order (EO) extending again the term of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) until June next year.

Under EO 147, the BIATF will be deemed dissolved on June 30, 2022, “unless extended or sooner terminated by the President.”

The BIATF, created by virtue of EO 53 signed by Duterte on May 18, 2018, was tasked to facilitate the rehabilitation and ensure the ecological sustainability of the famous island of Boracay.

The task force's term was supposed to end two years after its creation, but it was extended until May 8, 2021 through EO 115.

Duterte extended anew the BIATF's term for one more year upon the task force's recommendation to “ensure completion of the remaining milestones of the Boracay Action Plan until 2022.”

“The Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic and the imposition of community quarantine measures have resulted in unprecedented delays and massive disruptions on the implementation of critical programs and projects based on the key thematic areas of the Boracay Action Plan,” EO 147 read.

Boracay was closed to tourists from April to Sept. 2018 to pave the way for a massive rehabilitation of the island.

The BIATF has issued laws and local ordinances to address the environmental problems that have long been plaguing the island.

Since the creation of the task force, it has made various accomplishments to reverse Boracay's ecological degradation, according to EO 147.

Based on the new EO, around 80 percent or 271 out of 339 establishments in Boracay are now compliant with the “25 + five-meter beach easement,” while 83 percent or 1,017 of 1,230 total structures are now compliant with the “12-meter road easement.”



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, EO 147 said, has also prepared 163 cases against illegal occupants of forestlands. Fifty-four of the 163 cases have been filed in court by the Department of Justice and the National Bureau of Investigation, and one by the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office of Aklan and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of Boracay.

According to the EO, the Environmental Management Bureau has also filed a total of 262 cases before the Pollution Adjudication Board, 160 of which have already resulted in settlement of fines.

The ambient water quality monitoring has also found that all beaches, except at the Tulubhan outfall, are now "Class SB-compliant," which means that they are suitable for recreational activities.

"Ninety-six percent of accommodation establishments adjacent to the White beach with 40 rooms and above, and 95 percent of accommodation establishments outside the White beach with rooms 50 and above, have satisfactorily constructed their individual Sewerage Treatment Plants," the order read.

EO 147 added that two wetlands in Boracay have been fully recovered from illegal settlers, as part of the ongoing rehabilitation of all the nine wetlands of the island.

The 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan and Cave Management Plan have likewise been approved and their implementation is continuously being monitored.

Phases 1 and 2 of the rehabilitation and improvement of the Boracay Circumferential Road have also been completed in 2020, while Phase 3 is ongoing, and Phase 4 is planned to be implemented in 2022, the EO said.

"Fifty-seven percent of Phase 2 of the Boracay Drainage Improvement Project, under the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, has been completed," it added. **(PNA)**



BIATF term extended as Covid strains Boracay rehab

BY MA. STELLA F. ARNALDO SEPTEMBER 14, 2021



Boracay Island

THE term of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF) has been extended to June 30, 2022.

According to Executive Order No. 147 signed by President Duterte on September 14, 2021, the extension of the BIATF's term was deemed necessary as "Covid-19 and the imposition of community quarantine measures have resulted in unprecedented delays and massive disruptions on the implementation of critical programs and projects based on the key thematic areas of the Boracay Action Plan (BAP)." The plan was also extended to 2022.

This is the second time BIATF's term has been extended after it was created in May 2018 to oversee the rehabilitation of Boracay, famous the world over for its stretch of creamy, white beach. The BIATF's life was supposed to end on May 18, 2020, but was extended for a year to May 18, 2021.

EO 147 included the accomplishments of the task force, but indicated remaining tasks that need to be completed:

- 20 percent of 339 establishments are not yet compliant with the 30-meter beach easement;
- 17 percent of 1,230 total structures are not yet compliant with the 12-meter road easement;
- All beaches, except at the Tulubhan outfall, are class SB-compliant, i.e., the waters are of swimming pool quality;
- Rehabilitation of nine wetlands are still ongoing;
- Phases 3 and 4 of improvement of the island's circumferential road projects have yet to be completed; and
- 43 percent of Phase 2 of the drainage project by the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority has not yet been finished.

The BIATF is chaired by Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, and co-chaired by Interior Secretary Eduardo M. Año and Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo Puyat. The task force was recently in the news for saying it would implement the decision of Duterte to allow casinos on Boracay. **(See, "BIATF officials seem blindsided by Duterte announcement allowing casinos in Boracay," in the BusinessMirror, September 2, 2021.)**

Source: <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/14/biatf-term-extended-as-covid-strains-boracay-rehab/>



Duterte extends term of Boracay task force until his last day as President

By LLANESCA T. PANTI, GMA News

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EO 53 created the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force in May 2018 “to facilitate the rehabilitation and ensure the ecological sustainability of the island of Boracay.” The task force is headed by DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu.

President Rodrigo Duterte has extended the term of the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force until June 30, 2022 or the day he steps down as President, citing delays on implementing projects due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is provided under Executive Order (EO) 147 issued by President Duterte on Tuesday, September 14.

“The COVID-19 pandemic and the imposition of community quarantine measures have resulted in unprecedented delays and massive disruptions on the implementation of critical programs and projects based on the key thematic areas of Boracay Action Plan,” the EO read.

“Therefore, I, President Duterte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order that the Task Force shall be deemed dissolved on June 30, 2022 unless extended or sooner terminated by the President,” the EO added.

EO 53, which created the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force in May 2018 “to facilitate the rehabilitation and ensure the ecological sustainability of the island of Boracay,” states that the Boracay Action Plan aims to safeguard the island famous for its long coast adorned with white sand via: enforcement of laws and regulations, pollution control and prevention, rehabilitation and recovery of ecosystems and reliable infrastructure, responsive social services and sustainable economic activities.

The Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force was only supposed to last for two years before EO 115 extended its tenure to May 8, 2021.

The task force is chaired by Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu and has as its members the secretaries of the Justice, Public Works, Social Welfare, Labor, and Trade departments; the chief operating officer of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority; the chief of the Philippine National Police; the governor of Aklan; and the mayor of the municipality of Malay.

In March, Cimatu [asked for the Boracay rehabilitation program to be extended for another year.](#)



Duterte ordered Boracay island's six-month closure in April 2018, citing the need to rehabilitate the island due to looming degradation.

The closure affected 36,000 jobs and resulted in P56 billion worth of foregone revenues.

Boracay island was reopened in October 2018, but 24-hour partying has been banned since then.

The COVID-19 pandemic, however, has again reduced activity on the island due to quarantine restrictions largely banning leisure to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

EO 147 cited a number of infrastructure projects which posted progress so far since Boracay island's closure in April 2018 such as roads, sewage systems, as well as improved beach water quality.

EO 147, however, did not provide details on the job situation in the Boracay island since it reopened to tourists in October 2018. — **BM, GMA News**

Source: <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/regions/803302/duterte-extends-term-of-boracay-task-force-until-his-last-day-as-president/story/?fbclid=IwAR2LFEiBp1KHeShg7ZJIGFQXqD1onCj5zVp26zT9ivoJUz2no7mSbBEPis8>



Duterte extends Boracay task force

[Helen Flores](#) - The Philippine Star September 15, 2021 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines — President Duterte signed yesterday an executive order (EO) extending the term of the Boracay Inter-agency Task Force.

Duterte's EO 147 allows the task force to continue its mandate "to ensure completion of the remaining milestones of the Boracay Action Plan until 2022."

It said the COVID-19 pandemic and community quarantine measures have resulted in unprecedented delays and massive disruption on the implementation of critical programs and projects based on the key thematic areas of the Boracay Action Plan.

"The task force shall be deemed dissolved on June 30, 2022, unless extended or sooner terminated by the President," the EO read.

Duterte created the task force led by Environment Secretary Roy Cimatu in May 2018 to formulate an action plan to reverse the degradation of the world-renowned island resort.



Duterte to keep Boracay task force until end of his term

ABS-CBN News

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A resident wearing a face mask walk along a beach in Borocay on Oct. 2, 2020. AFP/File

MANILA — President Rodrigo Duterte has extended the term of the inter-agency task force in charge of the rehabilitation of top tourist destination Boracay island until the end of his administration, according to an order that Malacañang released on Tuesday.

Duterte in Executive Order 147 said the COVID-19 pandemic and quarantine restrictions “resulted in unprecedented delays and massive disruptions” in critical programs under the Boracay rehabilitation plan.

Amending an earlier EO that created the task force, Duterte said the body would be “deemed dissolved on 30 June 2022, unless extended or sooner terminated by the President.”

The task force was formed in 2018 and was ordered to “reverse” degradation of the island paradise. Duterte earlier extended the task force’s term until May 2021.

About 80 percent of Boracay establishments are now compliant with beach easement rules as of April, said Duterte, quoting the task force’s accomplishment report.

He said the 160 cases filed by government led to the settlement of fines, while all beaches, except the Tulubhan outfall, are now “suitable for recreational activities.”

Two of 9 wetlands in the island “have been fully recovered from illegal settlers,” he noted among other accomplishments.

Boracay was closed to tourists for half a year in 2018 as the government embarked on a 6-month cleanup and rehabilitation of the island.

The steady flow of tourists to the island, famous for its powdery white sand, has led to overcrowding and environmental degradation over the years.

Authorities shuttered Boracay from Aug. 7 to Sept. 7 when Aklan province returned to the second strictest lockdown level to curb COVID-19 cases. The holiday island [reopened](#) last Wednesday.

Duterte late last month lifted a moratorium on casino operations in Boracay to generate taxes for COVID-19 pandemic response.

Source: https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/09/14/21/boracay-task-force-stays-until-june-2022?fbclid=IwAR0fwiQ-ifbG8Tx_tIm1JBjBL0J2O_B6MKaKfOvlg7258rD9aZ5TAINwWu8



DENR says public can contribute to coastal clean-up by managing their household trash

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THE DEPARTMENT of Environment and Natural Resources-National Capital Region (DENR-NCR) office will be holding clean-up activities in five coastal areas in Metro Manila on Sept. 18 in line with the annual International Coastal Clean-up.

The DENR-NCR public affairs office told *BusinessWorld* that its personnel will be conducting clean-ups in Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park, Tanza Marine Tree Park, Baywalk in Roxas Boulevard, the Gloria Maris area at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex in Roxas Boulevard, and Navotas covering Barangays Tangos North and the South Coastal Area.

The department said the general public can also participate in this year's coastal clean-up by managing their household trash. Gatherings are still discouraged by the government amid the continuing coronavirus surge.

"We have to adapt with the new normal, so citizens here in Metro Manila can (celebrate) the international clean-up in their own homes... (By doing this), we are protecting communities from going out and practicing social distancing measures with this 'clean-up in a bubble' arrangement," DENR-NCR Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Al O. Orolfo told *BusinessWorld* in a phone call last week.

He added that the public can record their progress through a public Google form made available by the DENR-NCR. Volunteers must send a message to the office first before they can access the form.

"The data submitted by the participant(s) will be analyzed and used for informing policy decisions and interventions on solid waste management and marine pollution," the DENR-NCR said in a Facebook post.

The ICC is organized by international non-government organization Ocean Conservancy Org and has been running for more than 35 years. It aims to galvanize communities to collect trash along waterways to lessen ocean pollution. It is held in the Philippines every third Saturday of Sept.

based on Presidential Proclamation No. 470 signed by former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. — **Angelica Y. Yang**

Source: <https://www.bworldonline.com/denr-says-public-can-contribute-to-coastal-clean-up-by-managing-their-household-trash/>



DENR Central Luzon bans single-use plastics

By [Jerry M. Hernandez](#)

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THE Central [Luzon](#) regional office of the [Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#) (DENR) has banned single-use plastics in its office and premises to help reduce waste generation and protect river systems from plastic pollution.

DENR [Regional Executive Director Paquito Moreno Jr.](#) issued a memorandum stating employees and food service providers would be strictly prohibited from using plastic bottles, cups, straws, cutlery, thin-filmed sando bags, polystyrene foam and plastic takeout containers.

"We consider this initiative as a big leap in our fight against plastic pollution, which poses danger to the environment and hampers the fulfillment of cleaning our water bodies, specifically those that drain the [Manila Bay](#)," Moreno said.

A "no baonan, no food" policy shall be imposed in the DENR regional office, where bringing individual food containers and eco-bags will be mandatory among employees before buying food and goods from the canteen.

Moreno, during in-house meetings and training in the regional office, said participants would be required to bring their own tumblers, while caterers would be advised to provide water dispensers and drinking glasses.

"We hope this practice would be adopted by all regional agencies here in the government center including the local government units to create a big impact in saving our environment," he added.

Studies show about 2.7 million tons of plastic waste are generated in the [Philippines](#) each year wherein 20 percent is estimated to end up in the ocean.

In Central Luzon, a large volume of collected wastes from cleanup activities were made up of single-use plastics such as bags, bottles, straws and food wrappers.



53 mineral processors in Davao de Oro given cease order for operating outside designated zone

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PHOTO BY GOV. TYRON UY

THE TASK force handling the rehabilitation of Naboc River in gold-rich Davao de Oro province has ordered 53 processors to stop operations outside the designated zone.

In a statement on Monday, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Davao office, one of the lead agencies of the task force, said the cease and desist orders (CDOs) were served last week alongside the seizure of equipment.

“The CDOs were issued for the non-compliance of the operators on the DENR’s order to have them transferred to the designated Mineral Processing Zone at Mabatás area in Barangay Upper Ulip. This said move is the first step to take in order to implement DENR’s Naboc River Rehabilitation Project,” the agency said.

The project was launched in 2019 to clean up the 24-kilometer Naboc River, which has been found to have high levels of hazardous chemicals such as mercury and cyanide due to illegal ore processing operations in upstream areas.

The operators were directed that same year to transfer to the processing zone.

Dredging of Naboc River started on Sept. 1 this year.

“The serving of CDOs is a parallel effort of the government in rehabilitating Naboc River and since the dredging activity has already commenced, it is immensely needed for these mineral processing operators to transfer to the Mabatás Mineral Processing Zone,” Regional Executive Director Bagani Fidel A. Evasco said.

A 1998 report by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau regional office placed Davao de Oro’s gold deposits at 36, 328,699 metric tons, one of the biggest in the world. — **MSJ**

Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/53-mineral-processors-in-davao-de-oro-given-cease-order-for-operating-outside-designated-zone/?fbclid=IwAR0W4dtlbAVZe7xz8HvKAAkcHUs0iLWm4R2rMI4IrTD5VKf_8b9JWK9PpE



Villar pushes for more protected areas in PH

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by [Vanne Elaine Terrazola](#)

Six bills seeking to declare Mount Pulag and more ecologically vital locations in the Philippines as protected areas (PAs) have been endorsed for plenary approval in the Senate.



Senator Cynthia Villat (Office of Sen. Villar)

Senator Cynthia Villar, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change, sponsored on Monday, September 13, the bills seeking to include more sites under the protection of the National Integrated Protected Areas Systems (NIPAS).

“Human activities have a profound impact on all components of the natural environment particularly the effect of increasing population, resource exploitation and industrial advancement,” Villar said.

“Because of this, it is critically important to protect and maintain the natural, biological, and physical diversities of the environment,” she added.

The bills push for the declaration of the following as protected areas:

1. Mount Pulag located in provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, and Nueva Vizcaya;
2. Banao landscape in Balbalan, Kalinga province;
3. Tirad Pass in Ilocos Sur;
4. Mt. Arayat in the Pampanga;
5. Sicogon Island in Carles, Iloilo; and
6. the Naga-Kabasalan landscape in Zamboanga Sibugay.

Under the NIPAS Act of 1992, 13 sites were declared as protected areas. The law was expanded in 2018 to add 94 more PAs.

“But, the work does not stop there. We need to declare more PAs through legislation to fulfill the state’s constitutional guarantee to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology,” Villar further said.



Villar pushes for more protected areas

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Sen. Cynthia A. Villar

SIX more bills seeking to declare six ecologically vital areas in the Philippines as additional protected areas (PAs) under our existing National Integrated Protected Areas Systems (NIPAS) were sponsored by Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change chairperson Senator Cynthia Villar.

The proposed measures in the Senate which Villar filed are the following:

- 1-Senate Bill No. 2278, which under Committee Report No. 300 or the Mt. Pulag Protected Landscape Act. Mt. Pulag Benguet, Ifugao and Nueva Vizcaya
- 2- Senate Bill No. 2280 under Committee Report No. 303 or the Banao Protected Landscape Act. Banao is in Kalinga
- 3-Senate Bill No. 2279 under Committee Report No. 301 or the Tirad Pass Protected Landscape Act. This area is found in Ilocos Sur
- 4- Senate Bill 1713 under Committee Report No. 299 or the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape Act. Mt. Arayat is located in the Pampanga
- 5- Senate Bill No. 2277 under Committee Report No. 304 or the Sicogon Island Wildlife Sanctuary Act. The area is located in Iloilo
- 6-Senate Bill No. 2276 under Committee Report No. 302 or the Naga-Kabasalan Protected Landscape Act. The area is located in the municipalities of Naga and Kabasalan in Zamboanga Sibugay.

In her Omnibus Sponsorship Speech on the six Protected Area bills, Villar cited the urgency and need to secure for the present and future Filipinos the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals.

“Human activities have a profound impact on all components of the natural environment particularly the effect of increasing population, resource exploitation and industrial advancement,” said Villar.

“Because of this, it is critically important to protect and maintain the natural, biological, and physical diversities of the environment.”

Under the NIPAS Act, she said Congress was able to strengthen the protection status of 13 ecologically important areas through individual legislations.

As newly installed Chairperson of the said committee in the 17th Congress, Villar said vigorously pursued the passage of RA No. 11038 known as the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018” or the ENIPAS Act. ENIPAS Act included the legislation of ninety four (94) more PAs.



At present, she said there are 107 PAs classified as national parks in the country. Containing of 4,382,568.68 that is classified as national parks under the provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

“But, the work does not stop there. We need to declare more PAs through legislation to fulfill the state’s constitutional guarantee to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology,” further stated Villar.



Villar pushes more protected areas

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The STAR / Jeremy Pintolo, file

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In her omnibus sponsorship speech, the senator cited the urgency of securing the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals until the future.

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Villar files bills to protect six sites via NIPAS

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In her Omnibus Sponsorship Speech on the six bills, Villar cited the urgency and need to secure for the present and future Filipinos the perpetual existence of all native plants and animals.

“Human activities have a profound impact on all components of the natural environment particularly the effect of increasing population, resource exploitation and industrial advancement,” said Villar.

“Because of this, it is critically important to protect and maintain the natural, biological, and physical diversities of the environment.”

Under the NIPAS Act, she said Congress was able to strengthen the protection status of 13 ecologically important areas through individual legislations.

As newly installed Chairperson of the said committee in the 17th Congress, Villar said vigorously pursued the passage of RA No. 11038 known as the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018” or the ENIPAS Act. ENIPAS Act included the legislation of ninety four (94) more PAs.

At present, she said there are 107 PAs classified as national parks in the country. Containing of 4,382,568.68 that is classified as national parks under the provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

“But the work does not stop there. We need to declare more PAs through legislation to fulfill the state’s constitutional guarantee to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology,” stated Villar.

Source: <https://manilastandard.net/mobile/article/364931>



Leyte town creates 'unity garden' to promote tourism, environment conservation

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by [Marie Tonette Marticio](#)

MATAG-OB, LEYTE – In an effort to conserve the environment and make this municipality an eco-tourism site, 21 villages participated in the creation and development of Bondari Peak's Unity Garden in Barangay Masaba here.

Bondari Peak lies in a 60-hectare mountainous range between the boundary of Matag-ob and Villaba town.

The 21 gardens represent the villages in the municipality that were given an area where donated plants, herbs, and trees are planted to contribute to the area's development.

Bernardino 'Bernie' Tacoy, head of the BGT Cares Foundation, said they envision the Bondari Peak as the center of eco-tourism, wellness, sports, and fitness to bring additional employment to the town.

"The gardens will be at least 1 km away from each other. We will build a resort here in the future and place different kinds of amenities in each garden," he shared.

He added that through the garden, they aim to have unity among all the villages regardless of their status and affiliation.

'Plantitos' and 'Plantitas' are also welcome to sell or donate their plants that will be placed in the gardens.

Tourists may visit for free during weekends, provided that they will plant trees under their name.

Aside from its breathtaking views on top of the mountainous range during sunrise and sunsets, Bondari is an ideal place for camping, hiking, bike trailing, and motocross competitions.

It is also a perfect escape just a few hours from the buzzing life in the cities.



Climate change may push 216M people to migrate — World Bank

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PEOPLE walk through a flooded cemetery in Masantol, Pampanga, Oct. 25, 2020. — PHILIPPINE STAR/ MICHAEL VARCAS

WASHINGTON — Without immediate action to combat climate change, rising sea levels, water scarcity and declining crop productivity could force 216 million people to migrate within their own countries by 2050, the World Bank said in a new report on Monday.

The report, Groundswell 2.0, modeled the impacts of climate change on six regions, concluding that climate migration “hotspots” will emerge as soon as 2030 and intensify by 2050, hitting the poorest parts of the world hardest.

Sub-Saharan Africa alone would account for 86 million of the internal migrants, with 19 million more in North Africa, the report showed, while 40 million migrants were expected in South Asia and 49 million in East Asia and the Pacific.

Such movements will put significant stress on both sending and receiving areas, straining cities and urban centers and jeopardizing development gains, the report said.

For instance, sea-level rise threatens rice production, aquaculture and fisheries, which could create an out-migration hotspot in Vietnam’s low-lying Mekong Delta. But the Red River Delta and central coast region, where those people are likely to flee, face their own threats, including severe storms.

Conflicts and health and economic crises such as those unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic could compound the situation, the bank said. And the number of climate migrants could be much higher since the report does not cover most high-income countries, countries in the Middle East and small island states, or migration to other countries.

The report’s authors say their findings should be seen as an urgent call to regional and national governments and the global community to act now to reduce greenhouse gases, close development gaps and restore ecosystems. Doing so, they said, could reduce that migration number by 80% to 44 million people.

“We’re already locked into a certain amount of warming, so climate migration is a reality,” said Kanta Kumari Rigaud, the bank’s lead environment specialist and one of the report’s co-authors. “We have to reduce or cut our greenhouse gases to meet the Paris target, because those climate impacts are going to escalate and increase the scale of climate migration.” — **Reuters**

Source: <https://www.bworldonline.com/climate-change-may-push-216m-people-to-migrate-world-bank/>



Wildfires climate change reality, Biden says

By Associated Press

September 15, 2021

MATHER: President [Joe Biden](#) on Monday pointed to wildfires burning through the West to argue for his \$3.5-trillion rebuilding plans, calling year-round fires and other extreme weather a climate change reality the nation can no longer ignore.

"Even some of my less believing friends are all of a sudden having an altar call," Biden said of those who have sought to minimize the risks posed by climate change. "They're seeing the Lord."

The president spoke during a briefing from officials in [California](#)'s emergency services office. Gov. [Gavin Newsom](#), who faces a recall vote on Tuesday and was set to appear with Biden later on Monday in Long Beach, participated. Biden was also setting out on an aerial tour of fire damage.

Newsom said the emergency center had become his office because fire season has "just kept going" as he amplified points Biden made in California and at an earlier stop in [Idaho](#). "This has been a hard year and a half," Newsom said.

In [Boise](#), Idaho, earlier on Monday, Biden sought to boost support for his big rebuilding plans, saying every dollar spent on "resilience" would save \$6 in future costs. And he said the rebuilding must go beyond simply restoring damaged systems and instead ensure communities can withstand catastrophic weather that doesn't strike based on partisan ideology.

"It's not a Democrat thing. It's not a Republican thing. It's a weather thing," he said. "It's a reality. It's serious and we can do this."

The president's two-day Western swing comes at a critical juncture for a central plank of his legislative agenda. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are working to assemble details of the infrastructure-plus plan - and how to pay for it, a concern not just for Republicans. A key Democratic senator said on Sunday he will not vote for a package so large.

The president issued his plea about climate change during a briefing at the [National Interagency Fire Center](#) in Boise, which coordinates the government's wildfire response.

He noted that wildfires start earlier every year and that this year they have scorched 5.4 million acres. "That's larger than the entire state of [New Jersey](#)," Biden said.

"The reality is we have a global warming problem, a serious global warming problem and it's consequential, and what's going to happen is, things are not going to go back," he said.

With stops in Idaho, California and Denver through Tuesday, Biden aims to link the increasing frequency of wildfires, drought, floods and other extreme weather events to what he and scientists say is a need to invest billions in combating climate change along with vastly expanding the nation's social safety net.

The president argued for spending now to make the future effects of climate change less costly as he did during recent stops in Louisiana, New York and New Jersey - all states that suffered millions of dollars in flood and other damage and scores of deaths after Hurricane "[Ida](#)."

Source: <https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/15/news/world/wildfires-climate-change-reality-biden-says/1814733>



Environment threats 'greatest challenge to human rights' — UN

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An empty restaurant is seen next to the East River, in a part of lower Manhattan that increasingly experiences flooding on August 09, 2021 in New York City.

GENEVA, Switzerland — The UN's rights chief warned on Monday that environmental threats were worsening conflicts worldwide and would soon constitute the biggest challenge to human rights.

Michelle Bachelet said climate change, pollution and nature loss were already having a severe impact but that countries were consistently failing to take action to curb the damage.

"The interlinked crises of pollution, climate change and biodiversity act as threat multipliers, amplifying conflicts, tensions and structural inequalities, and forcing people into increasingly vulnerable situations," Bachelet told the opening of the 48th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

"As these environmental threats intensify, they will constitute the single greatest challenge to human rights of our era."

The former Chilean president said the threats were already "directly and severely impacting a broad range of rights, including the rights to adequate food, water, education, housing, health, development, and even life itself".

She said environmental damage usually hurt the poorest people and nations the most, as they often have the least capacity to respond.

Bachelet said recent months have unleashed "extreme and murderous climate events", while drought was potentially forcing millions of people into misery, hunger and displacement.

'Set the bar higher'

Bachelet said tackling the crisis was "doable", suggesting that spending to revive economies after the COVID-19 pandemic could be focused on environmentally friendly projects.

But she said countries had not taken this approach consistently—and were even failing to fund and implement commitments made under the Paris climate accords.

"We must set the bar higher—indeed, our common future depends on it," the UN rights chief said.

Bachelet said that at the 12-day COP26 climate talks in Glasgow, set to begin on October 31, her office would push for more ambitious, rights-based commitments.

Bachelet also said environmental activists were threatened, harassed and killed often with impunity.



No Xinjiang access

In her opening global update, Bachelet touched on the human rights situations in several countries, including Chad, the Central African Republic, Haiti, India, Mali and Tunisia.

On China, she said no progress had been made in her years-long efforts to seek "meaningful access" to Xinjiang but that her office planned to assess the claims about violations.

Rights groups believe at least one million Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim minorities have been incarcerated in camps in the northwestern region, where China is also accused of forcibly sterilising women and imposing forced labour. Beijing has strongly denied the allegations.

In the West Bank, Bachelet said she deplored "continued and increasing instances of excessive or entirely unwarranted use of force" against Palestinian civilians by Israeli security forces.

She said 54 Palestinians, including 12 children, had been killed so far this year—more than double the figure for 2020—with more than 1,000 people injured by live ammunition.

"I am also deeply concerned by crackdowns on dissent by the government of the State of Palestine in recent months," she added.

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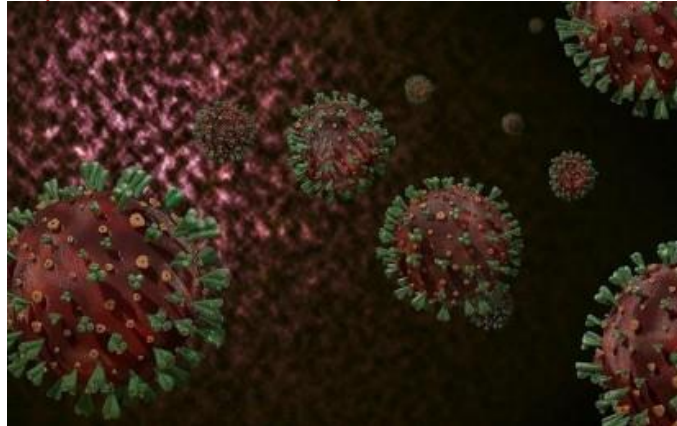
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20K new recoveries bring down PH active Covid-19 cases to 177.7K

By Ma. Teresa Montemayor **September 14, 2021, 5:42 pm**



MANILA – An additional 20,542 patients have beaten the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), pushing the country’s overall recovery count to 2,052,867 as of Tuesday.

The Department of Health (DOH), in its latest Covid-19 bulletin, said recoveries account for 90.6 percent of the total of 2,266,066 infections since the start of the pandemic last year.

Another 18,056 new cases and 222 new deaths were also reported. These figures bring the overall tally of active cases to 177,670 as compared to Monday’s 180,293 cases.

The death toll has reached 35,529.

The latest figures showed 85.8 percent of the active cases are mild, 9.5 percent are asymptomatic, 1.4 percent are severe, 2.66 percent are moderate, and 0.6 percent are in critical condition.

“There were 92 duplicates removed from the total case count as 54 of these are recoveries. Moreover, 92 cases previously tagged as recovered were reclassified as deaths after final validation,” it said.

DOH data on Sept. 14, likewise, showed that 29.7 percent of 50,425 who were tested turned out positive for Covid-19.

All laboratories were operational on Sept. 12 and 12 laboratories were not able to submit their data to the Covid-19 Document Repository System (CDRS).

Based on data in the last 14 days, the 12 non-reporting laboratories contribute, on average, 1.7 percent of samples tested and 1.7 percent of positive individuals.

To date, 77 percent of 4,200 intensive care unit beds, 69 percent of 20,800 isolation beds, 74 percent of 16,000 ward beds, and 57 percent of 3,200 ventilators dedicated to patients with Covid-19 are in use nationwide.

Meanwhile, 79 percent of 1,400 intensive care unit beds, 65 percent of 4,500 isolation beds, 74 percent of 4,500 ward beds, and 62 percent of 1,200 ventilators reserved for patients with Covid-19 are being used in the National Capital Region. **(PNA)**

Source: <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1153526>



Philippines sees 18,056 new COVID-19 cases, 12 labs without data

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Parents check the self-learning modules and books distributed at General Roxas Elementary School in Quezon City on Sept. 9, 2021.

The STAR / Michael Varcas

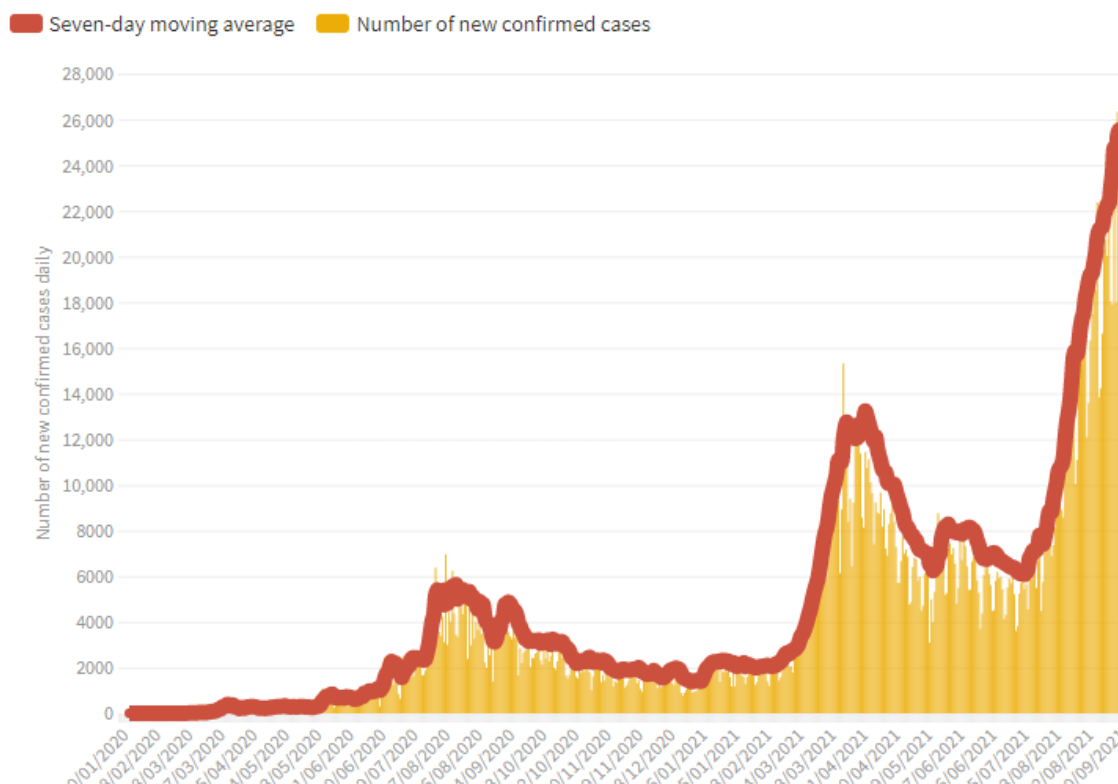
MANILA, Philippines — Health authorities on Tuesday posted 18,056 new coronavirus cases, bringing the Philippines' total to 2,266,066.

Today's figures saw active cases down by 2,623 from the 180,293 on September 14. The Department of Health said 12 laboratories did not turn in screening results.

"The relatively low cases today is due to lower laboratory output last Sunday, September 12," DOH added.

- Active cases: 177,670 or 7.8% of the total
- Recoveries: 20,542, bringing the number to 2,052,867
- Deaths: 222, or now 35,529 in total

COVID-19 cases in the Philippines



Source: Department of Health • As of September 14, 2021, 4 p.m.



- Metro Manila will see some restrictions eased starting September 16 as it shifts to [Alert Level 4](#) of the new granular lockdowns, which replaces region-wide quarantines.
- Curfew in the capital region will also now be from [10 p.m. to 4 a.m.](#), after Metro Manila mayors agreed to adjust the hours.
- President Rodrigo Duterte said the government is eyeing to start COVID-19 vaccinations for the general public in October if the country's supply of the jabs becomes [stable](#).
- The World Health Organization's representative said the country's vaccine rollout on senior citizens has been "[unfortunate and unsatisfactory](#)" as he urged authorities to ramp up inoculations.
- WHO said [COVAX Facility](#) has allocated some 10 million more COVID-19 doses to the Philippines in the coming weeks.



Alert Level 4 ipatutupad sa Metro Manila

By [Mer Layson](#), [Danilo Garcia](#) (Pilipino Star Ngayon) - September 15, 2021 - 12:00am



“NCR is currently at high risk case classification as it maintains a moderate risk two-week growth rate (TWGR) and high risk average daily attack rate (ADAR),” ayon kay Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire.

MANILA, Philippines — Simula sa Setyembre 16 ay isasailalim ang National Capital Region (NCR) sa Alert Level 4 sa ipatutupad na bagong COVID-19 Alert Level System ng pamahalaan. “NCR is currently at high risk case classification as it maintains a moderate risk two-week growth rate (TWGR) and high risk average daily attack rate (ADAR),” ayon kay Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire.

Ipinaliwanag nito na tumaas pa sa 39.09 ang ADAR mula sa 30.44 noong nakaraang linggo habang ang ICU utilization ay naitala sa 77.5% na high-risk din habang malapit na rin sa high-risk ang bed utilization na nasa 69.5%.

Ang Alert Level 4 ang ikalawang pinakamataas na alert level. Nasa ‘high’ at patuloy na tumataas ang transmisyon ng virus habang high rin ang ICU at bed utilization.

Sa Alert Level 1, mababa at patuloy ang pagbaba ng impeksyon at mababa rin ang health care utilization; sa Alert Level 2, mababa pa rin ang impeksyon ngunit ang health care ay mababa pero tumataas; sa Alert Level 3, mataas na ang impeksyon at patuloy na tumataas habang tumataas na rin ang healthcare utilization.

Sa Alert Level 5 naman, dito nakakaalarma na ang hawahan ng virus at kritikal na ang healthcare utilization rate.

Base sa bagong guidelines, sa ilalim ng Alert Level 4, hindi pinapayagang lumabas ng kanilang tahanan, maliban na lamang kung para sa essential goods at services at pagpasok sa mga industriya at tanggapan na pinahihintulutan, ang mga below 18 years old at 65 years old pataas; may mga immunodeficiencies, comorbidities, at mga buntis.

Ang individual outdoor exercises ay pinapayagan sa lahat ng edad, may comorbidities man o anuman ang kanilang vaccination status.

Maaari ring magdaos ng religious gatherings sa loob ng simbahan sa 10% venue/seating capacity ngunit para lamang sa mga fully-vaccinated.

Ang mga pagtitipon sa necrological services, burol, inurnment, at libing para sa namatay nang hindi dahil sa COVID-19, ay pinapayagan ngunit limitado lamang sa immediate family members.



Pinapayagan din ang barbershops, hair spas, nail spas, at beauty salons sa 30 percent capacity kung ito ay gagawin outdoor, anuman ang kanilang vaccination status, at 10% kung indoor.

Samantala, ang mga critical areas sa COVID-19 ay isasailalim sa granular lockdowns na tatagal sa loob ng 14-araw.

Maging ang mga frontliners ay hindi na papayagang lumabas ng bahay kung ang kanilang lugar ay naka-lockdown.



Metro tests Covid 'alert' restrictions

Some restrictions in Metro Manila will be eased in the last two weeks of September under alert level 4, the second strictest of the five-tier quarantine system set by the pandemic

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Some restrictions in Metro Manila will be eased in the last two weeks of September under alert level 4, the second strictest of the five-tier quarantine system set by the pandemic task force, Malacañang announced Tuesday.

Presidential spokesperson Secretary Harry Roque said that the capital region shall observe the guidelines under alert level 4 from 16 to 30 September as recommended by the health department.

Under the new lockdown category, minors and persons above 65 years old, individuals with comorbidities, and pregnant women are barred from stepping out of their homes, except when to obtain essential goods and services or to work in permitted industries and offices.

People not in those categories may be allowed to travel within and outside of areas under level 4, subject to the regulations of their destination's local government unit (LGU).

Outdoor exercises shall be permitted for all residents, regardless of their health and vaccination status, but only within their streets or villages. They should also observe basic Covid-19 protocols, such as wearing masks and avoiding crowds.

Under level 4, outdoor or al fresco dine-in services are permitted at 30 percent capacity, while indoor dine-in services may accommodate customers up to 10 percent of their seating capacity and can only cater to those fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Personal care services were only limited to barbershops, hair and nail spas, and beauty salons at 30 percent capacity if they operate in an outdoor setting. If they function indoors, only 10 percent of seating capacity shall be allowed.

Meanwhile, indoor tourist attractions, cinemas, Internet cafés, casinos, wedding receptions, gyms, and cosmetic clinics, and the like will remain prohibited under alert 4.

Religious gatherings, except processions and similar services, are allowed, but limited to a specific number of people. Necrological services, meanwhile, will be limited to immediate family members, provided the cause of death was not Covid-19.



Government offices may operate within 20 percent of their capacity in the capital region under level 4.

New scheme
The new alert level system is the government's attempt at replacing region-wide curbs with granular lockdowns, where smaller areas are placed under strict restrictions.

It consists of five levels, with alert level 5 being the strictest, under which mass gatherings, indoor dining, and personal care services are prohibited.

The said lockdown scheme remains limited to Metro Manila, since it would only serve as pilot area for the newly-created quarantine system.

The existing four-degree quarantine classifications remain effective across the country, unless otherwise stated by the pandemic task force.

with Raffy Ayeng, John Roson and Paula Antolin



Metro Manila mayors to shorten curfew hours during pilot run of alert level system

By [CNN Philippines Staff](#)

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FILE PHOTO

Metro Manila (CNN Philippines, September 14) — Metro Manila mayors are set to issue a resolution revising the unified curfew hours to 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. during the pilot run of the alert level system from Sept. 16 to 30, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairman Benhur Abalos said on Tuesday.

The current curfew time is from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque said all local chief executives also agreed to place the capital region under a unified community quarantine classification due to its porous borders.

Metro Manila will be under Alert Level 4 starting Sept. 16.

Under Alert Level 4, persons below 18 years old and over 65 years old, those with comorbidities, and pregnant women are not allowed to go out of their houses. However, they are permitted to go outside if they are buying essential goods or services or working in permitted industries.

Outdoor dine-in services, barbershops, hair spas, nail spas, beauty salons, and physical religious gatherings are allowed to operate for up to 30% of their outdoor seating capacity, regardless of vaccination status. These establishments and services can also operate indoors for up to 10% capacity, but employees and customers must have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Intrazonal and interzonal travel for authorized persons outside of residences would be allowed subject to the regulations of the local government of destination.

Source: <https://cnnphilippines.com/news/2021/9/14/Metro-Manila-curfew-GCQ-Alert-Level-4.html>



KATAKOT-TAKOT NA AWAY NG MGA BAKUNADO, 'DI BAKUNADO



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NAGAGANAP sa iba't ibang bansa ang mga away ng pamahalaan at kanilang mga mamamayan at mamamayan laban sa mamamayan ukol sa pagbabakuna laban sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19.

SA FRANCE

Nitong nagdaang mga araw, sunod-sunod ang mga protesta laban sa patakaran ng pamahalaang France na bawal nang pumasok ang mga hindi bakunado sa mga kapihan, restoran, parke at iba pang pampublikong lugar.

Nitong Agosto, may nagprotestang umabot ng 237,000 at nitong nakaraang linggo, 140,000.

Nitong nagdaang araw lang, may nag-protestang 120,000.

Gumagawa umano ang pamahalaan ng diskriminasyon na kanilang inaayawan.

Noong unang mga protesta, mga protester at pulis lang ang nagbabanggaan pero nitong huli, mga Bro, sumagupa na ang mga naka-face mask at bakunado sa mga nagpoprotesta.

Nagkaroon ng mga paluan, batuhan, suntukan, tadyakan at iba pa at nagsilbing tagaawat ang mga pulis sa mga awayan sa Paris at Toulouse.

France ang pang-6 sa may pinakamaraming biktima ng COVID-19 sa mundo sa bilang na nasa 7 milyon at may na mahigit nang 115,000 patay at sinasalakay ngayon ito ng Delta variant.

SA GREECE

Unang nagkaroon ng protesta nitong Hulyo laban sa pagbabakuna nang sabihin ng pamahalaang Greece na babakunahan ang mga kabataang 15 anyos pataas.

Matapos nito, sumunod na ang protesta ng mga ayaw magpabakuna makaraang sabihin ng pamahalaan na lahat na medical frontliner sa mga ospital, alagaan ng mga maysakit at matatanda at guro ay babakunahan.

Mismong mga doktor at nars ang ayaw sa sapilitang pagbabakuna at gusto nilang boluntaryo lang ito.

Dahil hindi sumusunod sa sapilitang pagbabakuna kahit unang turok lang hanggang sa Setyembre 1, 2021, sinuspinde ng pamahalaan ang nasa 6,000 medical worker.

Ngayon binibigyan pa rin ang mga ayaw magpabakuna ng tsansa na magpaturok upang makabalik sa trabaho.



Libo-libo pa umano ang ayaw magpabakunang health worker at maaaring aabot sa 10,000 ang nanganganib na mawalan ng trabaho na makasasama naman sa mga nagkakasakit.

SA UNITED STATES

Bumabalik ang United States sa pagiging number 1 sa rami ng mga biktima ng COVID-19 na nasa 150,000 araw-araw at nasa 1,000-2,000 patay ngayon.

Ayon sa US Centers for Disease Control, ang pananalasa ng Delta variant na mabilis na nakahahawa at nakamamatay ang dahilan.

At tinatamaan ang milyon-milyong ayaw pa ring magpabakuna at nadadamay na ang mga bata na hindi pa nababakunahan mula 19 anyos pababa.

Kaya naman, naghayag na mismo si Pangulong Joseph Biden na sapilitan nang magpabakuna ang 2.6 milyong empleyado ng federal government at maaaring masibak sa trabaho ang ayaw magpabakuna.

Idinamay na rin ni Biden ang lahat ng pribadong kompanyang may 100 empleyado o obrero pataas at apektado ang nasa 80 milyong obrero.

Asar na asar na si Biden sa nabulilyaso nitong pagdedeklara ng kalayaan sa COVID-19 sa pag-ayaw ng milyon-milyong ayaw magpabakuna kahit nananalasa na ang Delta variant.

TEACHERS VS MAMAMAYAN AT STATE OFFICIALS.

Palawak nang palawak na rin ang awayan ng mga titser at magulang na kakampi ng mga gobernador at iba pang mga opisyal ukol sa pagbabakuna at pagsusuot ng face mask ng mga bata na sasali sa face-to-face na klase.

Karaniwang pabor ang mga titser na mabakunahan na ang mga 12 anyos pataas na mag-aaral at magsuot nang sapilitan ng face mask sa pagpasok sa eskwelahan.

Nagsimula na ang klase nitong nakaraang buwan at may 50.2 milyong public school student at 3.8 milyong guro at staff.

Kabilang sa pabor sa pagbabakuna sa lahat ng bata at guro ang mga gurong miyembro ng National Education Association at grupong AFT na parehong 90 porsyento sa mga titser ang bakunado.

Itong sapilitang pagsusuot ng face mask na kinokontra ng mga state official, lalo na ang mga kakampi ni dating Pang. Donald Trump, ang pinaiiral ng mga school board at magandang balita na sinusupportahan sila karaniwan ng mga korte na humahawak sa mga kasong kaugnay rito.

Pinag-uusapan na rin kung higit na igigiit nila ang pagbabakuna ng mga estudyante o gagawing boluntaryo ito.

Kaligtasan sa kamatayan at pagkakasakit ang pinaninindigan ng mga guro para igiit ang sapilitang pagsusuot ng face mask at maaaring maidamay na rin ang pagbabakuna.

SA PINAS?

Nasaan tayo sa mga nagaganap na ito at mga isyu sa COVID-19?

Naliligaw yata tayo dahil pulitika at agawan sa kapangyarihan ang inaatupag ng mga namumuno sa bansa.

Pati ang problema sa pandemya ay idinadamay sa mga awayan.

Source: <https://www.remate.ph/katakot-takot-na-away-ng-mga-bakunado-di-bakunado/>



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DENR-CO COVID-19 Monitoring



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

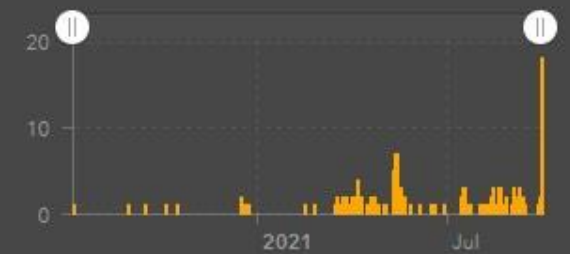


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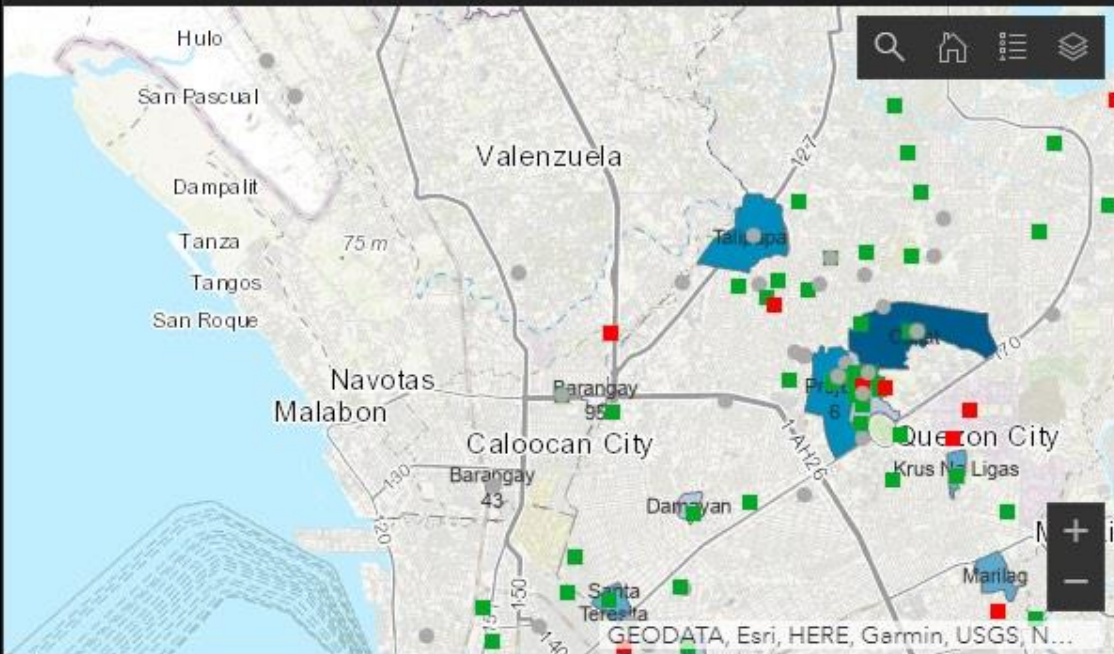
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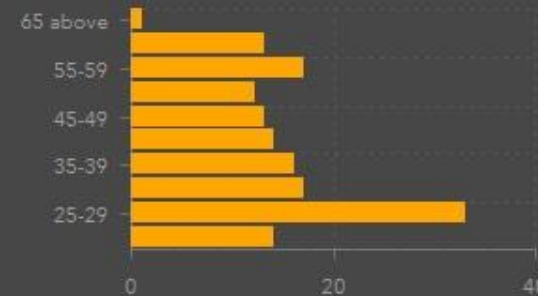


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Age Group by Sex



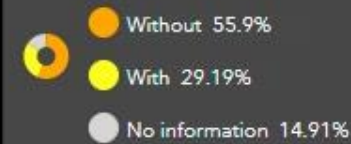
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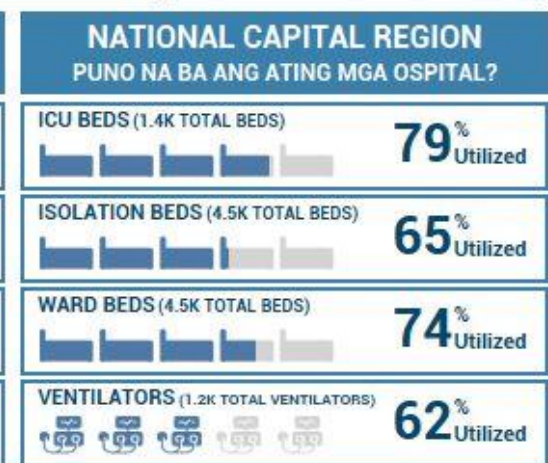
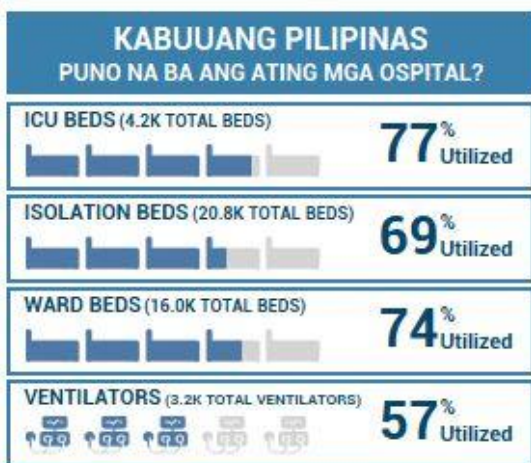
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COVID-19 ang ating nilalabanan, at ang **Minimum Public Health Standards** ang pangunahing panangga natin dito. Panatilihin ang ating kaligtasan, at agad na makipag-ugnayan sa **BHERTS** o sa **One COVID Referral Center** sa oras na makaramdam ng anumang sintomas. Maabot ang One COVID Referral Center sa **1555, (02)886-505-00, 0915-777-7777, o sa 0919-977-3333**.

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Intrazonal and interzonal travel for persons not otherwise required to remain at their residences may be allowed subject to the reasonable regulations of the LGU of destination.

Individual outdoor exercises shall be allowed for all ages regardless of comorbidities or vaccination status but shall be limited within the general area of their residences.

Establishments and/or activities characterized as high-risk for transmission shall not be allowed to operate, or be undertaken in areas classified under Alert Level 4.

Outdoor or al fresco dine-in services in restaurants and eateries shall be allowed at maximum of 30 percent venue/seating capacity regardless of vaccination status. Indoor dine-in services may be allowed at a limited 10 percent venue/seating capacity but will cater only to individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Personal care services limited to barbershops, hair spas, nail spas, and beauty salons shall be allowed at a maximum of 30 percent venue/seating capacity if services are conducted outdoors regardless of vaccination status.

In-person religious gatherings shall be allowed a maximum of 30 percent venue/seating capacity if conducted outdoors regardless of vaccination status.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed, but limited to immediate family members.

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


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



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





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