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# P.3 No displacement on fishpen demolition – DENR

What they are saying is out of context

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) yesterday denied the claim of cause-oriented groups that 15,000 plus small fishermen will be displaced once they pushthrough with their planned demolition of fishpens in Cavite as part of Manila Bay's rehabilitation.

DENR Undersecretary Benny Antiporda made this assurance, in a television interview yesterday, saying the claim is ridiculous.

"What they are saying is out of context. In fact, the government will support the small fishermen and the mussel farmers in the area by introducing new technology in order not to pollute the waters," he said.

The DENR spokesperson said that based on the mandamus order issued by the Supreme Court, the Manila Bay water should be swim and bath quality and this was what the DENR is doing for the past months.

How can a small fisherman finance such fishpen when in fact they have to spend thousands to build a fishpen.

One thing is clear though according to Antiporda. The illegal fishpen in the area numbering about 500 in all and occupying a large portion of municipal waters in Cavite fishermen will be demolished as they have no permits.

The DENR official said the fishpen are occupying the 15-skilometer municipal waters forcing small fishermen to go out of the area to catch fish.

"How can a small fisherman finance such fishpen when in fact they have to spend thousands to build a fishpen," Antiporda said.

He said one fishpond is being manned by at least two persons thus the claim that 15,000 small fishermen will be displaced is not true because small fishermen have been displaced in the first place because the fishpen owners are occupying municipal waters.

The mussel farmers will also be guided by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in using the long line technology in growing their (talaba and tahong) instead of using styropor which contribute to the pollution of the Manila Bay.

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#### LGU finally clears wastes from closed Sta. Ana MRF



CLEARED. The LGU-operated MRF in Sta. Ana town is finally clear of garbage nearly eight months after it was shut down by the DENR. (Sta. Ana Menro)

#### PRINCESS CLEA ARCELLAZ

September 28, 2021

THE waste that was stuck at the municipal Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Barangay San Nicolas, Sta. Ana was finally cleared, nearly eight months since the facility was shut down by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

In February 2021, the DENR led by Undersecretary Benny Antiporda issued a cease and desist order against the facility, which was then identified as an illegal open dumpsite.

Antiporda said the local government unit (LGU)-operated facility, which was reportedly disguised as a temporary recycling center, was closed down due to alleged Section 37 of Republic Act (RA) 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Over the weekend, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of Sta. Ana noted on its official Facebook page that they were already able to address the concerns on the operation of said MRF.

It was also disclosed that some 20,096.26 tons or 1,100 truckloads of wastes were disposed of by the local government to the MetroClark Waste Management Corp. (MCWMC) through a private hauler.

"The local government allocated some P9.5 million for the clearing and rehabilitation of our MRF. The allocated funds passed through proper proceedings and were approved by the local council," the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (Menro) noted in Kapampangan

The Menro assured that the local government is compliant to the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and all collected waste will be properly disposed of by MCWMC.

It also urged residents to observe the proper segregation and disposal of their waste to further ensure cleanliness in their area.

Source: https://www.sunstar.com.ph/article/1908655/Pampanga/Local-News/LGU-finally-clears-wastes-from-closed-Sta-Ana-MRF





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# DENR spearheads nat'l plan of action vs marine debris

By Catherine Teves September 28, 2021, 7:33 pm



(PNA file photo)

**MANILA** – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is spearheading a national plan of action (NPOA) to help prevent, reduce, and manage marine litter (ML) in the country.

Set for launch in November this year, the NPOA promotes shared responsibility, accountability and participatory governance in addressing ML which is any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment.

"NPOA-ML's goal is zero waste in Philippine waters by 2040," said Solid Waste Management Division OIC Ma. Delia Cristina Valdez, of the DENR's Environmental Management Bureau, during Tuesday's webinar on the issue.

DENR Memorandum Circular 2021-10 already adopted NPOA-ML, she noted.

Valdez raised the urgency for action, noting international studies identified the Philippines as among the world's top ML sources.

One study even ranked the Philippines as the third leading ML source accounting for an estimated 0.8 million metric tons of plastic marine debris annually, she continued.

According to Valdez, NPOA-ML has 10 strategies for making the Philippines ML-free.

The first of such strategies is establishing science- and evidence-based baseline ML data that will help identify appropriate interventions to address the problem, she noted.

"While international studies helped raise the ML issue, the Philippines has yet to carry out its definitive baseline study," she said.

Valdez said NPOA-ML's strategies also include mainstreaming circular economy and sustainable consumption and production initiatives to help reduce waste, enhancing waste recovery and recycling coverage and markets, preventing leakage from collected or disposed waste, reducing maritime sources of ML, as well as managing litter that is already existing in riverine and marine environments.





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The other strategies are enhancing policy support and enforcement for ML prevention and management, developing and implementing a strategic and targeted social marketing and communication campaign using various media, enabling sufficient and cost-effective financing and other institutional resource requirements for NPOA-ML's implementation as well as strengthening LGUS' capacities and local-level implementation of NPOA, she said further.

Among measures the government has been undertaking to help address the country's ML problem are cleaning coasts and waterways, conducting ML-related information and education campaigns and intensifying implementation of RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act).

NPOA-ML resulted from nationwide consultations DENR had with various agencies and the public, noted Valdez.

Feedback from such consultations helped align NPOA-ML with several international ML-related agreements and frameworks, she also said.

DENR is just awaiting the conclusion of the ongoing budget season before rolling out the NPOA-ML in November, she added. (PNA)

Source: https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1154911





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#### Central Luzon residents urged: Protect caves

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By Jonas Reyes



CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) called on the protection and conservation of the region's cave systems during the celebration of International Year of Caves and Karst this year.

The agency noted that Central Luzon has 53 important cave ecosystems found in Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Zambales, Aurora and Tarlac.

"Among the known caves in Region 3 are Aguinaldo Cave and Bahay Paniki Cave in Biak na Bato National Park in Bulacan and Minalungao cave ecosystems in Minalungao National Park in Nueva Ecija," the DENR said.

 $Source: \underline{https://tribune.net.ph/index.php/2021/09/28/central-luzon-residents-urged-protect-caves/$ 





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House Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda orges the DENR and its chief Roy Cimato to do more to ensure air quality in the Philippines is at par with WHC standards. #/NCSoundbytes

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## Fixed Manila Baywalk dolomite beach arch now covered after series of criticisms

By Jeline Malasiq - September 28, 2021 - 6:54 PM



People pass by the Manila Bay dolomite beach along Roxas Boulevard on on Sept. 26, 2021. (The STAR/Jesse Bustos)

From no spaces to cover up.

The controversial entrance arch of the **Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach** was covered by black plastic after the spacing of the letters on it was fixed following criticisms over the weekend.

Pictures of the structure were uploaded by <u>Radyo Inquirer</u> on Tuesday where it was talked about by Filipino online users.

"Aww ba't tinakpan??? Na-compromise naman tuloy mental health ko," a <u>Twitter</u> user commented in response to the covered arch with a smiling face-with-tear emoji.

"We need space," Satirical Twitter account "The Professional Heckler" said.

The comments were referencing Palace's previous reasoning that the dolomite beach could supposedly benefit Filipinos' state of mental health, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Kasi alam mo, sa gitna ng pandemya, kinakailangan din na pangalagaan ang mental health," presidential spokesperson Harry Roque previously told <u>reporters</u>.

"I think 'yung pagpapasyal sa mga lugar gaya ng Manila Bay na may white beach, hindi mo maka-quantify ang epekto niyan pagdating po sa mental health ng ating mga kabababayan, 'yung kapayapaan ng pag-iisip at 'yung break from 'yung dangers ng pandemic," he added.

"Right now, Manila Bay is known for its sunset, probably the best sunset in the world. With the white beach there, it will be one of the most picturesque sceneries in the whole world," the Palace official further claimed before.

Meanwhile, others quipped that there would be an "unboxing" of the dolomite beach arch, hence its covering.

"May pa-unboxing sila later," a <u>Twitter user</u> said with a crying face-with-tears emoji.

"Unboxing" is a term that refers to people showing off their purchases online and then describing or commenting about it in front of the camera. Others would also give product reviews.





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It is usually done by vloggers and content creators who unbox everything from gadgets to makeup products and other hauls so that their followers can have a preview of what they have bought and what the viewers can buy.

In jest, others said that the arch might be having another signage change.

"Palitan ng Manila Bay Sands, tutal para tayong Singapore," comedian-host Ramon Bautista tweeted, referencing a 2016 comparison done by a lawmaker who claimed that the country is becoming safer "like Singapore" in terms of safety under the Duterte administration.

The dolomite beach is part of the **Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program** which aims to clean, rehabilitate and preserve the historic bay.

Over the weekend, photos of a <u>finished arch</u> with signage were uploaded online. The entrance served as a finishing touch to the project meant to restore the harbor's shoreline.

It reads: "MANILABAYWALKDOLOMITEBEACH."

Two days after, spaces were placed between the letters of the arch after it drew flak.

Despite the change, the arch continued to gain criticism as it reminded some Filipinos of how a cemetery's entrance gate supposedly looks like.

The dolomite beach project has since stirred <u>controversy</u> due to the government's perceived misplaced priorities while the country is battling the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **Department of Environment and Natural Resources** said that the project is "not untimely" and that it was approved by Congress under the 2019 General Appropriations Act.

It also underwent competitive bidding under Republic Act 9184.

The agency added that the contract was awarded prior to the pandemic and that "the government cannot simply stop a project when it is already under a contractual obligation to proceed."

"Beach nourishment mainly aims to rehabilitate and protect the coastal resources in the area to prevent coastal flooding and erosion," DENR said.





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### 5 NIPAS areas declared

By Malaya Business Insight -September 29, 2021

THE country's National Integrated Protected Areas Systems (NIPAS) has been expanded with the approval in the Senate on final reading of five local bills. All these measures seek to declare the ecologically vital areas under the protective mantle of the NIPAS.

Approved were House bills that seek to protect the Banao landscape in Balbalan, Kalinga; the historic Tirad Pass area in the towns of Gregorio del Pilar, Quirino, Sigay, Cervantes and Suyo in Ilocos Sur; and Naga-Kabasalan forests in the municipalities of Naga and Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay.

The Senate also passed the Mt. Pulag Protected Landscape Act in the municipalities of Kabayan, Boko and Buguias in Benguet; Tinoc, Ifugao and Kayapa in Nueva Vizcaya; and the Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape Act in Pampanga.

'SEVERAL "PROTECTED AREAS" SUCH
AS THOSE IN UPPER MARIKINA IN
BARAS, RIZAL ARE EVEN HOSTING
A RESORT COMPLETE WITH SWIMMING POOLS AND OTHER FACILITIES.'

Sen. Cynthia Villar, chairwoman of the Senate environment committee, said passage of the measures into law would expand the conservation and protection of the nation's rich biodiversity.

Under the NIPAS Act, she said Congress was able to strengthen the protection status of 13 ecologically important areas such as the Batanes Group of Islands and Islets in Batanes; the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park in Isabela; Bangan Hills National Park in Nueva Vizcaya; and the Banahaw and San Cristobal Protected Landscape in Laguna and Quezon.

The senator also pointed out that the 2018 E-NIPAS law, which created the 94 compilation protected area, has also brought the total legislated protected areas to 107. Villar said there are still many areas in the country that remain under-protected such as wetlands, marine sanctuaries, tropical forests, watersheds and wildlife sanctuaries.

This legislative intervention to protect and preserve the environment is as good only as its implementation. Several "protected areas" such as those in Upper Marikina in Baras, Rizal are even hosting a resort complete with swimming pools and other facilities. Armed men working for the businessmen behind this illegal forest encroachment even attacked forest rangers, resulting in a court case.

The incident happened recently in the Masungi reforestation project of a foundation-partner of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, where rangers keep watch over a 2,000-hectare forested area that has been prone to encroachment. This effort to protect the environment needs not only new laws, but strict and thorough enforcement.

Source: https://malayaph.com/index.php/news\_opinion/5-nipas-areas-declared/





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# Mining industry environmental compliance report due next year

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THE REPORT of the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC) on large-scale metallic mines will likely be made available to the public by the second quarter of next year, and will indicate the failure of some companies to comply with environmental rules according to Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III.

Mr. Dominguez, who co-chairs the MICC with Environment Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, said the report is targeted for completion by May 2022 and will be released to the public in the second quarter of that year. It will contain the results of the two-phase audit of the industry along with the review of mines in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

"The report should be in such a form that can be used by the ordinary reader and the public, and that it be made widely available, not only to government officials, the legislature, maybe even in the judiciary, but also to the public in general," he said in a statement Tuesday, which outlined his remarks during a Sept. 17 meeting of the council.

So far, the review has covered 44 large-scale metallic mines in which a "majority" registered passing marks on legal and technical matters, "but required major reforms in the environmental, social and economic aspects of their operations."

Mines and Geosciences Bureau Director Wilfredo G. Moncano said the audit turned up "marked improvements" after the Environment department issued administrative orders aimed at addressing the deficiencies of the sector.

Executive Order (EO) No. 79 issued in 2012 created the MICC to audit mining companies based on the economic, sociocultural, technical, environmental and legal aspects of their operations, as well as to review current laws and regulations.

"This is the only administration that has actually done a serious review of the mining operations as mandated by the EO," Mr. Dominguez said.

He said making the report available to the public will enhance trust and confidence in the government. It will also showcase the capacity of Philippine experts to conduct mining audits. — **Beatrice M. Laforga** 

Source: <a href="https://www.bworldonline.com/mining-industry-environmental-compliance-report-due-next-year/">https://www.bworldonline.com/mining-industry-environmental-compliance-report-due-next-year/</a>





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# DOF orders full disclosure of mining review report

BYBERNADETTE D. NICOLAS SEPTEMBER 28, 2021



DOF Sec. Dominguez

FINANCE Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III ordered the publication of a report on the comprehensive review of large-scale metallic mines across the country, which found most of them hurdling legal and technical aspects of the audit, but still needing major reforms in the environmental, social, and economic aspects of their operations.

Dominguez, who co-chairs the Mining Industry Coordinating Council (MICC), said the report should cover not only the recently completed two-phase audit but also the upcoming review of mines in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) that is set to begin this October.

With the third audit focused on the BARMM mines scheduled to be completed by April next year, Dominguez said he expects the report on all the reviews to be done by May 2022.

Independent experts were tasked by the MICC to conduct the mining audit.

"May I suggest that as this administration is ending its term in eight and a half months, that the MICC secretariat prepare a report of all the activities of the MICC, particularly in these reviews that were done," Dominguez said during the 41st meeting of the MICC held via Zoom on September 17, 2021.

Dominguez said releasing the report would enhance the public's trust and confidence in government, and demonstrate the capability of Filipino experts in conducting mining audits.

"The report should be in such a form that can be used by the ordinary reader and the public, and that it be made widely available, not only to government officials, the legislature, maybe even in the judiciary, but also to the public in general," Dominguez said.

On top of this, Dominguez said the release of the report will also encourage provincial/city mining regulatory boards, which are under the direct supervision of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), to undertake similar audits on small-scale mining operations under their respective jurisdictions.

The finance chief also thanked the teams of independent experts, represented during the meeting by Dr. Gem Castillo, for its "very comprehensive report" and "for helping the MICC fulfill its mandate."





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"This is the only administration that has actually done a serious review of the mining operations as mandated by the Executive Order [EO]. So thank you for making this very comprehensive report," Dominguez told Castillo, in reference to EO 79.

The review, which covered 44 large-scale metallic mines in the country, found that majority of the mines passed the legal and technical aspects of the audit, but required major reforms in the environmental, social, and economic aspects of their operations.

During the meeting, Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Director Wilfredo Moncano pointed out that the DENR issued several administrative orders to address the deficiencies of the mining operations uncovered by the experts after it was revealed in the first phase of the MICC audit that metallic mines required major reforms.

"These DENR directives resulted in marked improvements" in the conduct of operations in most of the mines, Moncano said.

The review of mining operations is mandated by EO 79 issued in 2012, but it was only during the Duterte administration that the MICC undertook this task to ensure the compliance of mining companies with existing environmental standards, laws, rules and regulations, and to rationalize the management and utilization of minerals toward sustainable development. A total of 29 experts forming technical review teams were involved in the first and second phases of the review ordered by the MICC.

Source: <a href="https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/28/dof-orders-full-disclosure-of-mining-review-report/">https://businessmirror.com.ph/2021/09/28/dof-orders-full-disclosure-of-mining-review-report/</a>





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### Offshore mining project threatens environment

By Jordeene B. Lagare

September 28, 2021

The offshore black sand mining project in <u>Lingayen Gulf</u> will threaten the livelihood in Pangasinan, according to Tugon Kabuhayan.

In a virtual briefing on Monday, the advocacy group said the planned mining project of Iron Ore, Gold and Vanadium Resources (Phils.) Inc. will impact fish production and the livelihood of fishers and aquaculture operators.

Estimated annual production from bangus (milkfish) cages alone is around 125,000 to 150,000 metric tons (MT), thus making the area one of the country's top bangus producers. "This project is going to endanger an actual production of 250,000 metric tons," said Tugon Kabuhayan convenor Asis Perez.

As a result, fishing and aquaculture operators in the area could lose up to P42.5 billion in revenues.

"At a farm gate price of P110 pesos per kilo, revenue from bangus production in Pangasinan alone is at least P16.5 billion," said Tugon Kabuhayan co-convenor Norberto Chingcuanco.

Chingcuanco also said with the production rate of 250,000 MT and farm gate price of P250,000, the revenue loss could amount to P27.5 billion.

"At retail of a P170 a kilo, that's P42.5 billion (worth of revenue loss) of good protein with Omega-3," he told reporters.

#### **Questionable approval**

Meanwhile, experts and stakeholders who joined the virtual briefing also questioned the project's approval process and its possible effect on Lingayen Gulf.

<u>Pangasinan State University</u>'s <u>Irene de Vera</u> said they were surprised when they learned about a public scoping for the said project when consultations were not yet conducted at the barangay level, a prerequisite before the issuance of an environmental compliance certificate (ECC).

<u>De</u> Vera also questioned how the proponents were able to secure a clearance from the Mines and <u>Geosciences Bureau</u> (MGB) when the company has not yet obtained an ECC, which is a requirement for an MGB clearance.

"An ECC is a requirement before entering a financial or technical assistance agreement with the government," she said.

Lemnuel Aragones of the <u>UP Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology</u> cited the need to legislate a truly enacted and institutionalized environmental impact assessment (EIA) law.

"When we look at it, the biological environment and social environment are both going to be compromised by this project," said Aragones.





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"The EIA focuses on the biological and social environment. Any sort of mining that will extract resources... if not truly handled well particularly if its impact are not mitigated well, will not be effective on the economic and financial projections. It will be such a loss especially since the current biological environment is already providing economic gains that are already benefitting coastal communities surrounding Lingayen Gulf," he explained.

Tugon Kabuhayan is urging the government to reconsider the offshore mining project to extract 25-million dry MT of back sand per year in Lingayen Gulf.

"We're asking our national government to reconsider (their decision) and study the really adverse impact of this project on the livelihood of our fishers," said Perez, former director of the <u>Bureau of Fisheries</u> and Aquatic Resources.

Tugon Kabuhayan said the sand and other raw materials where magnetite will be extracted also contains eggs, larvae and fry that are abundant in the gulf.

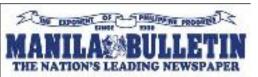
Covered by Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement 07-2020-IOMR 1, the project is located along the municipal waters of Sual, Labrador, Lingayen, Binmaley and <u>Dagupan City</u>, covering a total 9,252.45 hectares.

The excavation will start 500 meters from shore seaward. The group said this is where coral reef, sea grass and soft bottom ecosystems thrive. This is also where spawning and nursery, egg and larval dispersal of economically important species occur.

Lingayen Gulf is one of the major fishing grounds in the <u>Philippines</u> covering 2,064 square kilometers of water, surrounded by the towns of Agoo, Alaminos, Anda, Aringay, Bani, Bauang, Binmaley, Bolinao, Caba, Dagupan, Labrador, Lingayen, <u>Rosario</u>, San Fabian, <u>San Fernando</u> (La Union), Santo Tomas, and Sual.

Source: <a href="https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/28/business/top-business/offshore-mining-project-threatens-environment/1816318">https://www.manilatimes.net/2021/09/28/business/top-business/offshore-mining-project-threatens-environment/1816318</a>





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# DepEd's 'MANA Mo' raises awareness on PH maritime ecosystems, resources

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To advocate maritime and archipelagic awareness, the Department of Education (DepEd) launched the "MANA Mo" webinar series.



(Photo from DepEd)

As part of the Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo), the webinar series aims to to raise awareness of the country's maritime resources and ecosystems.

"This will allow us to understand better the issues relative to maritime and archipelagic concerns and awareness among us Filipinos," said DepEd Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction Diosdado San Antonio.

The MANA Mo webinar series is livestreamed every Monday and Wednesday of September via DepEd Philippines Facebook page.

DepEd said that the MANA Mo webinar series supports President Rodrigo Duterte's Proclamation No. 316 signed in 2017, which mandates agencies to observe maritime biodiversity, resources, and cultural heritage protection and preservation every September.

With theme, "Our Seas, Our Livelihood, Our Heritage: Connecting Lives and Nations," the "MANA Mo" webinar series is being led by the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction (OUCI) through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD).

An eight-episode webinar series, the first episode of "MANA Mo" was livestreamed on Sept. 6.

Titled "Discovering the Richness of Philippine Coastal and Marine Ecosystem and Biodiversity," the first episode of the webinar series featured Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Coastal and Marine Management Section – Biodiversity Management Bureau Chief Desiree Eve Maaño.





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(Photo from DepEd)

"I think ang mga teachers po natin yung isa sa mga pinaka-influential sa buhay ng isang tao, so kayo po yung pwedeng mag-advocate talaga ng kung ano ba yung pwede maging impact ng basura sa karagatan, sa mga marine resources," Ms. Maaño noted on teacher's role in marine conservation awareness.

"I think our teachers are one of the most influential in a person's life, you are the ones who can really advocate what the impact of waste can be on the ocean, on marine resources," Maaño said in a mix of English and Filipino as she underscored the roles of teacher in marine conservation awareness.

DepEd BLD Director Leila Areola, on the other hand, urged the students to participate in the essay writing, slogan writing, and poster making contest in observance of "MANA Mo."

"With the MANA Mo webinar series, it will allow learners to demonstrate their ingenuity and creativity while highlighting our maritime and cultural legacy and biodiversity," Areola said.

"Marami po kayong pwedeng maging role para i-advocate natin yung tamang pamamaraan, saka yung mga sustainable activities para maituro natin sa ating mga kids at mga students (There are many of you who can play a role so that we can advocate the right methods, as well as sustainable activities so that we can teach our kids and students)," she added.

Source: <a href="https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/28/depeds-mana-mo-raises-awareness-on-ph-maritime-ecosystems-resources/">https://mb.com.ph/2021/09/28/depeds-mana-mo-raises-awareness-on-ph-maritime-ecosystems-resources/</a>





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### 'Murderous to ecosystem': Netizens oppose Pasig River expressway construction

Published September 28, 2021, 7:27 AM by Joseph Pedrajas

The upcoming Pasig River Expressway or PAREX does not seem to have earned the public's nod after social media users voiced out their objection against the project.

Twitter user @13thFool said in a post Monday that "building a highway on top of the Pasig River is not only a stupid idea, [but] it's murderous to the surviving ecosystem there."



According to him, "every river system needs direct sunlight to thrive," which another Twitter user @MattDayniel agreed by saying, "another thing is water is a better heat absorber than roads and concrete."

Meanwhile, user @ohHansel said that instead of PAREX, which will cost P95 billion and will be financed by San Miguel Corporation, an "inland waterway transport" should be built so the river will remain clean while there will be more means of mass transportation.

instead of that multimillion peso PAREX project, why not invest it on rehabilitating the river and using it as an inland waterway transport??? Clean river + public mass transport = everyone wins





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In a public statement jointly drafted by concerned social media users posted online, they also said that "PAREX will kill the Pasig River."

"The project will render useless the years of work done to restore the river, and it will disregard the needs of future citizens. PAREX will hamper the river's role in controlling floods, ensuring water security and urban biodiversity, and reducing the Urban Heat Island effect."

"Inducing car travel above the Pasig River will increase non-exhaust emissions like microplastics from car tires, road dust, and particulate matter that will pollute our rivers, streams, and oceans," they added.

They also said that PAREX will also worsen air pollution in the Philippines and will "destroy Pasig River's ecology, and make Metro Manila more vulnerable to the climate crisis."

The reactions came after SMC broke ground on Friday last week, Sep. 24, for the proposed 19.37-kilometer PAREX, several days after it secured the government's approval.

The project aims to connect the eastern and western cities of Metro Manila, and to accommodate not only cars, but also bikes and buses.

Ang also said that PAREX will be a "solution within a solution," through decongesting Metro Manila traffic with minimal disruption on existing cities and roads while cleaning up the entire length of the Pasig River and alleviating the flood problems of Metro Manila as SMC is also undertaking a P2 billion initiative to clean up and rehabilitate the Pasig River.

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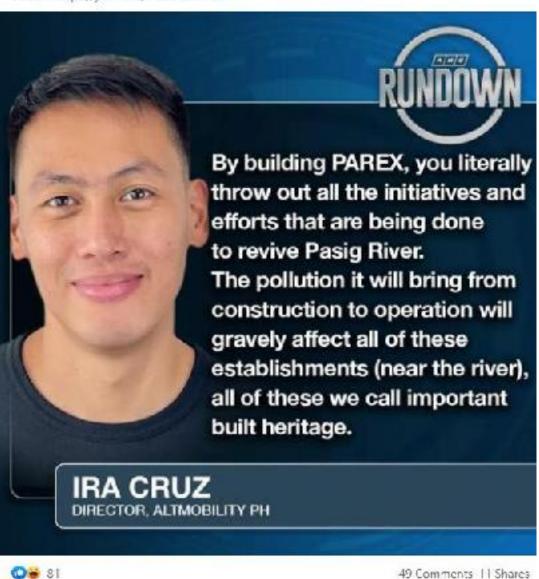
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AltMobility PH says the Philippine government and San Miguel Corp. are sentencing the Pasig River to death by building an expressivay over it, #ANCSoundbytes

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### Coalition hails ordinance protecting marine reserves

By Mary Judaline Partlow September 28, 2021, 8:03 pm



ANTI-RECLAMATION ORDINANCE. Coalition groups opposing a proposed multi-million pesos reclamation project in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental are thankful to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for enacting an ordinance protecting marine protected areas. Opposition groups, photographed here on Sept. 12, 2021, continue to hold protest activities in the capital city. (PNA file photo by Judy Flores Partlow)

**DUMAGUETE CITY** – A coalition of groups opposing the proposed controversial 174-hectare offshore reclamation project here is thankful to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Negros Oriental for its firm stand on the protection of marine protected areas (MPAs) to ensure food security.

"The coalition is pleased with the outcome of the voting (of the SP) to override the Governor's (Roel Degamo) veto. We are thankful that all 12 board members present listened to the voice of the fisherfolks and voted in favor of ensuring the food security of the province," said Gary Rosales, president of the environmental group Kahugpungan para sa Kinabuhi ug Kinaiyahan, Inc. (Kinaiyahan), in an interview Tuesday afternoon.

On Monday, the SP voted unanimously to override Degamo's veto of proposed Ordinance No. 20 "establishing marine protected areas network in the province of Negros Oriental and declaring the marine protected areas that form the network as reclamation-free zones".

Degamo, through Provincial Legal Officer Rogelio Enojo, in a video statement, said he vetoed the ordinance as it was "ultra vires" or beyond the powers of the local government, noting that the Office of the President has the sole authority to approve or disapprove reclamation projects.

But this does not change his stand opposing the proposed PHP23-billion offshore reclamation project here as everything remains unclear to him, Degamo said.

The coalition also thanked Degamo that while he vetoed the proposed ordinance for legal reasons, he did not recant his previous statement supporting the opposition groups, Rosales said.

"The coalition also thanks the governor for declaring publicly that he is against the proposed 174-hectare reclamation but our members were dismayed that he vetoed the provincial ordinance declaring existing and future MPAs as free from reclamation areas," he said.

"However, he can make up for it by encouraging his allies in the municipalities and cities to pass ordinances creating MPAS in their respective jurisdictions (as) this would help ensure food security for the province and the region," he added.





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Vice Governor Edward Mark Macias said the measure on the protection of MPAs will have to be published three times in a weekly community paper before it officially becomes an ordinance.

In the proposed reclamation project in this capital dubbed "Smart City", at least four MPAs were identified, namely those in Barangays Banilad, Looc, Mangnao, and Bantayan.

The "father of MPAs", National Scientist Dr. Angel C. Alcala, who hails from this city, is among those opposed to the project.

Mayor Felipe Antonio Remollo has repeatedly said the project will be "at no cost" to the city government and is seen to boost the economy and generate jobs and livelihood.

Remollo has asked the city council to withdraw the resolution granting him authority to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Quezon City-based proponent, E.M. Cuerpo, Inc., which opposition groups learned had partnered with Chinese firm Poly Changda Engineering Ltd. Co. Inc.

Opposition groups have been mounting protest activities for more than two months now against the reclamation project, citing legal, moral, and environmental reasons, among others. (PNA)

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### 3 'poachers' nabbed, P50-K illegally caught fish seized in CamSur

By Mar Serrano September 28, 2021, 1:59 pm



BLAST FISHING. Some of the fish caught through blast fishing that were seized from three residents in Lagonoy, Camarines Sur on Tuesday (Sept. 29, 2021). The "yellowband fusilier", locally known as "dalagang bukid", were confirmed to be illegally caught by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. (*Photo courtesy of Lagonoy MPS*)

**LEGAZPI CITY** – Close to PHP50,000 worth of illegally caught fish was seized while three male haulers were nabbed Tuesday morning in a police checkpoint in Lagonoy town, Camarines Sur.

In a report, Lt. Jaime Enciso, deputy town police chief, said police personnel manning the checkpoint flagged down at around 12:30 a.m. an Isuzu Flexi truck transporting 10 "banyera" (fish tubs) containing "yellowband fusilier", locally known as "dalagang bukid," which were suspected to have been caught through blast fishing.

The incident was reported to the local Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) office, which then sent a technician to the area.

After inspection was conducted, it was confirmed that the fish were indeed caught by way of blast fishing, which is a destructive practice using explosives.

The haulers who were arrested were identified as Willard, 45, and Herbert, 35, both surnamed Delloro, and Joseph Delovino Jr., 37, all residents of Barangay Santa Maria of the same town.

The truck and cargo were taken to the town police station for documentation and disposition.

The arrested suspects are facing charges for violating Republic Act 10654, otherwise known as "An Act to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing". (PNA)

Source: <a href="https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1154876">https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1154876</a>





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Hindi birong panganib ang sinusuong ng ilang tauhan ng MMDA paralang matiyak na hindi magiging malala ang baha sa Metro Manila.

Ang mga basurang bumabara sa pumping stations, mano-mano nilang sinisisid at tinatanggal — kahit pa napakadumi ng tubig at nagkalat ang mga bubog at matutulis na bagay sa ilalim!

Ang peligrong kinahaharap ng 'trash divers,' tunghayan sa video! ... See More



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# EDITORIAL - Our first zero-waste island, hopefully not our last

(The Freeman) - September 29, 2021 - 12:00am



Apo Island in Negros Oriental, already known for its marine reserve and viewing deck, among other attractions, has made Philippine history by becoming the first zero-waste island in the archipelago.

According to reports, the residents of this island located in Dauin Town have successfully implemented proper waste segregation, door-to-door collection of said segregated waste, composting methods, and the use of a Materials Recovery Facility.

Their efforts didn't go unnoticed.

"We want to recognize Apo Island for their amazing work on their Zero Waste journey. We want to acknowledge their hard work and to encourage them to sustain it and do more," said Froilan Grate, Asia Pacific regional coordinator of the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA), in a press release dated last September 18.

This is quite a feat, when you consider that Filipinos in general have a bad reputation for being litterbugs.

Of course, we cannot say that what worked in Apo Island will also work in other places in the country. The place is an island after all; it is easy to disseminate ideas and implement policies in smaller places where everybody knows almost everybody.

The good news is that more and more local government units around the country are finding their own tailor-made solution to this problem. An LGU in Ilocos Norte is now building ecobricks from garbage, mostly discarded plastic, while some LGUs in Samar and Leyte now allow their residents to exchange collected plastic wastes for food and rice.

While these are far from being total zero-waste solutions, they are a step in the right direction. When you have a country with many people who really don't care about where their garbage ends up, that's a start.

Garbage management is a growing problem that will soon become too big to ignore, literally. We see this already happening in our major urban centers.

We hope that soon more and more LGUs around the country will find the zero-waste strategy or strategies suitable to their situation, location, and circumstances, including our own Cebu City.

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# Climate Change: Don't sideline plastic problem, nations urged

By Roger Harrabin
BBC environment analyst

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image caption, Plastic pollution is washed on to beaches during storms

Scientists are warning politicians immersed in climate change policy not to forget that the world is also in the midst of a plastic waste crisis.

They fear that so much energy is being expended on emissions policy that tackling plastic pollution will be sidelined.

A paper from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and Bangor University says plastic pollution and climate change are not separate.

It says the issues are actually intertwined - and each makes the other worse.

Manufacturing plastic items adds to greenhouse gas emissions, while extreme weather such as floods and typhoons associated with a heating planet will disperse and worsen plastic pollution in the sea.

The researchers highlight that marine species and ecosystems, such as coral reefs, are taking a double hit from both problems.







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Reefs and other vulnerable habitats are also suffering from the seas heating, from ocean acidification, pollution from farms and industry, dredging, development, tourism and over-fishing.

And in addition, sea ice is a major trap for microplastics, which will be released into the ocean as the ice melts due to warming.

The researchers want politicians to address all these issues – and not to allow climate change to take all the policy "bandwidth".

Professor Heather Koldewey from ZSL said: "Climate change is undoubtedly one of the most critical global threats of our time. Plastic pollution is also having a global impact; from the top of Mount Everest to the deepest parts of our ocean.

"Both are having a detrimental effect on ocean biodiversity; with climate change heating ocean temperatures and bleaching coral reefs, to plastic damaging habitats and causing fatalities among marine species.

"The compounding impact of both crises just exacerbates the problem. It's not a case of debating which issue is most important, it's recognising that the two crises are interconnected and require joint solutions."

Professor Koldewey added: "The biggest shift will be moving away from wasteful single-use plastic and from a linear to circular economy that reduces the demand for damaging fossil fuels."

Helen Ford, from Bangor University, who led the study, said: "I have seen how even the most remote coral reefs are experiencing widespread coral death through global warming-caused mass bleaching. Plastic pollution is yet another threat to these stressed ecosystems.

"Our study shows that changes are already occurring from both plastic pollution and climate change that are affecting marine organisms across marine ecosystems and food webs, from the smallest plankton to the largest whale."

ZSL is urging world governments and policy makers to put nature at the heart of all decision making in order to jointly tackle the combined global threats of climate change and biodiversity loss.

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### Climate finance can transform food systems

By Barbara Buchner September 28, 2021

SAN FRANCISCO: Sept. 23, 2021 is the first <u>UN</u> Food Systems Summit, convened to mobilize the highest-priority transformations needed to end hunger through the sustainable production and distribution of food.

Transforming food systems to ensure food security for all has never been so urgent.

Ongoing waves of Covid-19 and extreme weather events have exposed and multiplied the vulnerability of food systems across the globe, increasing food prices and food insecurity in every country, but especially in countries least equipped to handle multiple, ongoing crises. One in four people globally — 1.9 billion — are moderately or severely food insecure. A statistic that is sadly, and unnecessarily, increasing. And by 2050 the world will need to feed an estimated 9.7 billion people, all while protecting natural resources and biodiversity.

Ending hunger by 2030 is a core challenge set by the UN Sustainable Development Goals, but food system transformation is not always high on the list of public funders and private investors. We need to rethink this priority because the potential benefits — economic, social and environmental — are huge. Agriculture, while both a contributor to and a victim of climate change, must and can be part of the solution. Improved climate action in food systems can deliver 20 percent of the global total emissions reductions needed to meet the Paris Agreement targets by 2050, along with other sustainability and resilience benefits.

#### How does this translate in practical terms?

This can range, for example, from increasing the efficiency of energy-consuming agricultural practices, reducing methane emissions, and using more renewable energy. Regenerative agriculture practices such as cover crops, tillage reduction, and improved grazing remove carbon from the atmosphere and put it back in the soil. Adaptation can mean converting to crops that are less resource intensive and more resilient. We must also support programs that reduce food waste and improve sustainability across the value chain, including changing consumer diet and purchasing patterns.

Climate finance can provide the means to accelerate this critical process, but the slow pace of climate finance is particularly true in the agricultural sector. Cumulative climate finance for agriculture, forestry, and land use represents only 3 percent of the total tracked global climate finance. This is a crisis, and a missed opportunity, but there are numerous next steps we can take to address these issues.

Use public finance wisely. Governments must make more effective use of public resources and policies targeting capacity building for climate-related finance and incentivizing conservation efforts, rather than on agriculture subsidies that support unsustainable crops and practices.

Channel climate finance to sustainable agriculture at large. We must enhance collaboration between the public and private sectors to mitigate the risk associated with investments in the agricultural sector. Blended finance mechanisms, including guarantees and first-loss tranches, can improve the risk-return profile of small-scale agriculture investments.

Invest with integrity. International and domestic climate flows should stimulate the transition of agri-businesses and its finance service providers towards low emission supply chains. Public, development and private sectors must work together to further enhance their reporting of climate finance for sustainable foods systems under a common definition and set methodology.





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By focusing on these priorities, we can finance profitable businesses that promote biodiversity and conservation, improve productivity, nutrition, and resilience, while also benefiting farmers and their communities.

The UN Food Systems Summit is a great opportunity to harness science, finance, and collaboration to make significant progress towards our 2030 food security goals. **IPS** 

Dr. <u>Barbara Buchner</u> is an Austrian economist with a doctorate in economics from the <u>University of Graz</u>. She specializes in climate finance and is global managing director of <u>Climate Policy Initiative</u>.

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NSWMC Resolution No. 1428, Series of 2021

### RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PLASTIC SOFTDRINK STRAW AND PLASTIC COFFEE STIRRER AS NON-ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program which shall ensure, among others, (1) the protection of public health and environment, (2) utilize environmentally-sound methods that maximize the utilization of valuable resources and encourage resource conservation and recovery, (3) encourage greater private sector participation in solid waste management, and (4) institutionalize public participation in the development and implementation of national and local integrated, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management programs;

WHEREAS, the enactment of Republic Act 9003 (RA 9003) institutionalized the creation of the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), an inter-agency body that is mandated to oversee the implementation of the solid waste management plans and prescribe policies to achieve the objectives of the Act;

WHEREAS, Section 29 of RA 9003 mandated the NSWMC to prepare a list of non-environmentally acceptable products as defined by the said Act that shall be prohibited according to a schedule prepared by the Commission provided however, that the non-environmentally acceptable products shall not be prohibited unless the Commission first finds that there are alternatives available which are available to consumers at no more than ten percent (10%) greater cost than the disposable product;

WHEREAS, the Study found out that the following products are within the definition of the Act as NEAP:

- 1. Plastic Coffee Stirrer
- 2. Plastic Softdrink Straw

WHEREAS, a deliberation of the Executive Committee as a whole was conducted on February 2, 2021 at 10 AM and a recommendation by the majority of the Commission that the two mentioned products be included in the list of NEAP to be endorsed to the NSWMC En banc for its approval;

WHEREAS, the precautionary principle states that when human activities may lead to threats of serious and irreversible damage to the environment that is scientifically plausible but uncertain, actions shall be taken to avoid or diminish that threat;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Study on selected Single Use Plastic Products be adopted and that the aforementioned products be included in the list of NEAP and be phased out following the guidelines adopted by virtue of NSWMC Resolution No. 19.

FURTHER, it is hereby resolved that guidelines including specification and phase-out period of the said NEAP List will be issued one year after publication in a national paper of national circulation.

APPROVED on this 2nd day of February 2021.

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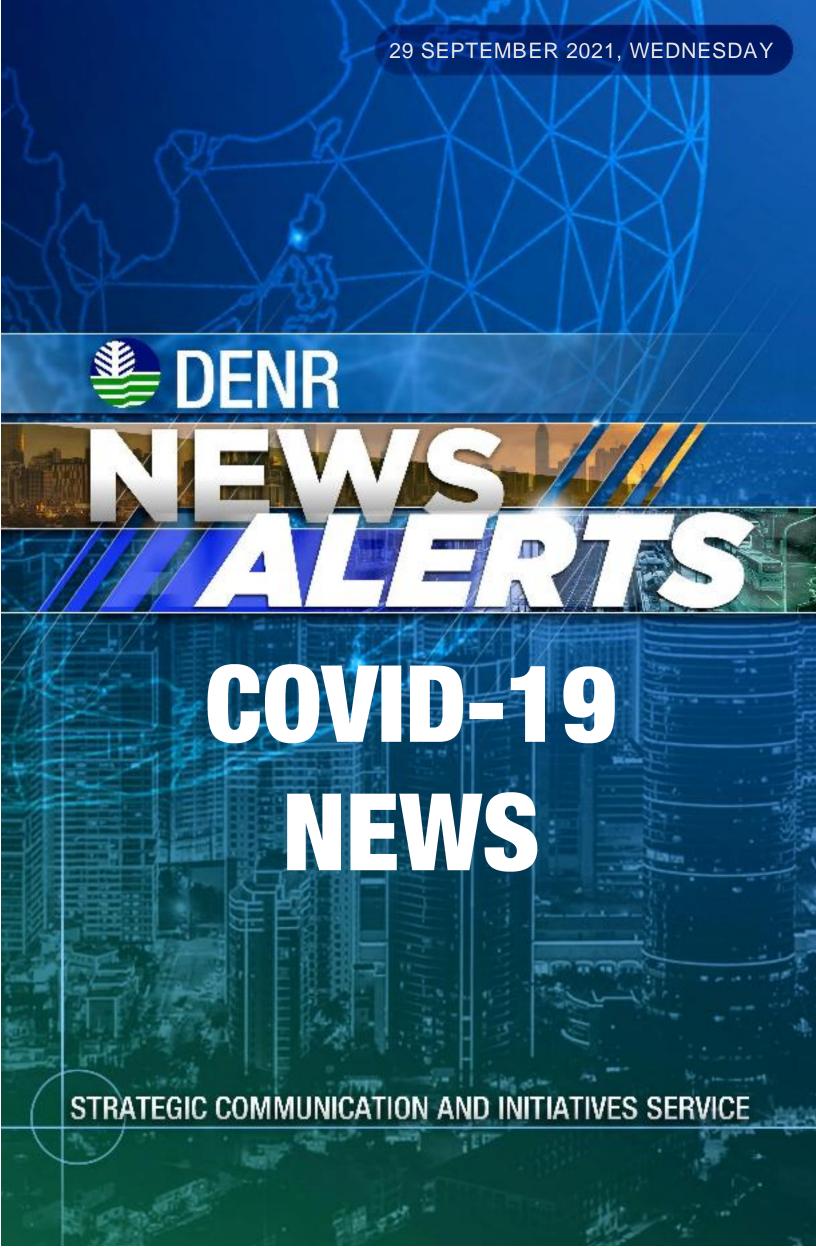
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## Philippines lists 13,846 more coronavirus cases

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Residents queue for vaccination in Marikina City, suburban Manila on August 6, 2021, as 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.

MANILA, Philippines — Local health authorities on Tuesday reported 13,846 more COVID-19 infections, bringing the national caseload to 2,522,965.

Today's numbers saw active cases down by 26,030 from the 158,169 reported on September 27. The Department of Health said seven laboratories did not submit screening results.

- Active cases: 132,139 or 5.2% of the total
- Recoveries: 39,980, pushing total to 2,353,140
- Deaths: 91, bringing total to 37,686

#### Philippines to start vaccinating general public next month

- Malacañang <u>announced</u> that President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the vaccination of the general population against COVID-19 starting October.
- The Department of Health reported 102 additional deaths that were left out of yesterday's tally because its technical team is still "manually" encoding data from facilities.
- DOH will <u>reinspect</u> medical-grade face shields purchased by the government from its largest pandemic supplier, Pharmally Pharmaceutical Corp., after one of the firm's executives admitted to tampering with their expiration dates.

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#### President okays children's jabs, warns anti-vaxxers

The President had expanded the state's inoculation coverage as the country sees a steady supply of vaccines in the coming months

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By MJ Blancaflor @tribunephl\_MJB



President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the vaccination of children and the general adult population against Covid-19 starting October, Malacañang announced Tuesday.

Presidential spokesperson Secretary Harry Roque said the President had expanded the state's inoculation coverage as the country sees a steady supply of vaccines in the coming months.

"The good news is that the President has approved the vaccination of the general population starting October," Roque announced in his regular Palace briefing. "We urge parents to list the names of their children, too, in our vaccination program."

He said the national pandemic task force will soon release the guidelines on the general public's vaccination.

At present, the government administers Covid-19 vaccines to five priority groups, namely: Health workers, the elderly population, people with health risks, essential workers, and the poor.

Roque assured the said priority groups that the government will provide "express lanes" for them at inoculation sites once the vaccination for the general population begins.

In recent months, Philippine authorities have been reluctant in expanding the vaccination coverage for all citizens due to limited jab supply.

Around 69.62 million doses of anti-coronavirus vaccines have been shipped to the Philippines since March, and the government is expecting the arrival of up to 100,000 vaccine doses by the end of October.

The Philippines is heavily banking on vaccination against Covid-19 to get past the pandemic, which has crippled its economy and killed over 37,000 individuals.

Six months after the country rolled out its inoculation program, only 18.6 percent of its population have been fully vaccinated, which accounts for 20.5 million Filipinos.

The figure remains far from the government's target of immunizing 50 to 70 percent of its 110 million citizens by the end of the year to achieve population protection.





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President Duterte has also urged Congress to pass a law requiring Filipinos to get fully vaccinated against the virus.

Roque said lawmakers should take a cue from the Chief Executive who warned on Monday night that he can invoke the state's police power to compel anti-coronavirus vaccination on those who refuse to do so.

"As long as there is a law, we can implement that," Roque said.

Asked to clarify if Duterte's new pronouncement meant he was urging Congress to pass a law compelling the public to get vaccinated, he responded in the affirmative.

"Yes, of course," he said. "That's the jurisdiction of Congress, but the President can always certify an administration bill for such a law."

The Palace official also noted that several countries have turned to vaccine mandates to increase vaccination rates.

"The state really has the power to use police power to promote the good of the majority. But when it comes to the vaccine, let us wait, because we need a policy first," he said.

In his televised address on Monday night, Duterte reinforced his strongman reputation by reminding the public that the government can compel everyone to get vaccinated through police force.

"I do not want to advance this theory, but under the police power of the state, everybody can be compelled to be vaccinated — not because we do not believe in your theory or belief or your religion, but because you are a (virus) carrier and is a danger to society," the Chief Executive said.

Duterte noted that the government has long been appealing to Filipinos to immediately receive Covid-19 jabs once they become available.

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#### MAG-INA KRITIKAL NA SA COVID-19, INISKAM PA SA TOCILIZUMAB



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PAGING Philippine National Police chief P/Gen. Guillermo Eleazar ukol sa Tocilizumab scam.

P/Gen. Eleazar, sir, nag-aagaw-buhay buhay ngayon sa tama ng coronavirus disease-19 sa Ilocos Norte ang iniskam sa bentahan ng Tocilizumab sa Cavite.

Habang tinitipa natin ito, mga Bro, half-conscious ang biktimang si Marinel Antolin, job order employee ng Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur, residente Brgy. Ayusan, Sta. Lucia at naka-confine sa Mariano Marcos Hospital and Medical Center.



Sapilitang ginawan din siya ng ceasarian operation ng mga doktor para sa kanyang walong buwang sanggol sa pagsisikap na masalba ito sa kamatayan.

Isinasailalim si Marinel sa hemoperfussion o proseso sa pagsala ng dugo habang ginagawan ng blood transfusion o pagsasalin ng dugo ang kanyang baby.

Kasabay ng nakaaawang kalagayan ng mag-ina ang pagkamatay rin ng ina ni Marinel dahil din sa COVID-19 at inilibing agad ito kamakalawa ng gabi.

Magkabahay sina Marinel at kanyang ina at nagkahawaan sila.

#### **ISKAM SA TOCILIZUMAB**

Sa kagustuhang masalba si Marinel sa tiyak na kamatayan, naghanap ang hipag nitong si Janine Tobias ng gamot na Tocilizumab na inireseta ng mga doktor sa MMH&MC.

Inilabas nito sa Facebook ang pangangailangan nila ng gamot at isa sa nakabasa ang nagalok ng nasabing gamot.

May ngalang Lyn Ana ang nag-alok.





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Agad na nakipagkasundo si Tobias kay Lyn Ana dahil sa pagpapadala nito ng Passport na kumpleto ang mga detalye na may litrato.

Nakatala sa pasaporte ang P45583578 na inisyu para sa Jan. 25, 2020 hanggang Jan. 24, 2030 ng DFA NCR NORTHEAST.

Isang Christine Joy Villanueva ang lumitaw na may-ari ng pasaporte at may Birthday na Nov. 5, 1997.

Bagama't iba ang ngalan sa passport at sa nasa Facebook, nagtiwala si Tobias na lehitimo ang nagbebenta ng gamot kaya nakipagkasundo na siya sa kabayarang P50,000 na may advance payment na P20,000 na ipadadala sa pamagitan ng GCash.



#### SUSPEK HINDI NAGPAKITA, P2OK TINANGAY

Upang mapaniwala nang husto si Tobias na walang daya sa transaksyon, nagpadala pa ang scammer ng litrato ng Tocilizumab na nakasilid sa plastic at nakasilid na rin sa isang ice box.

Mula sa Pasay City, pumunta sa SM Molino, Cavite ang biktima para makipagkita sa seller na si Lyn Ana alyas Christine Joy Villanueva.

Ngunit hiningan ito ng advance payment na P10,000 na pinadagdagan pa ng P10,000 sa pamamagitan ng GCash na may numerong 09051075138.

Nang nasa SM Molino na ang biktima, nagkaroon pa ng palitan ng mensahe para sa pagkikita ng dalawa subalit ayaw makipag-usap sa video call sa messenger at maging sa viber ang suspek para masiguro sana ni Janine na lehitimo ang kanyang kausap.

Nagtagal si Tobias ng dalawang oras sa paghihintay sa lugar ngunit walang dumating na seller ng gamot.

Tanging ang palitan nila ng refund sana sa advance payment ang ilan sa palitan nila ng mensahe subalit nawala na ang lahat.

Kasabay nito ang pagmamakaawa ni Tobias para sa kanyang hipag na nasa kritikal na kalagayan.

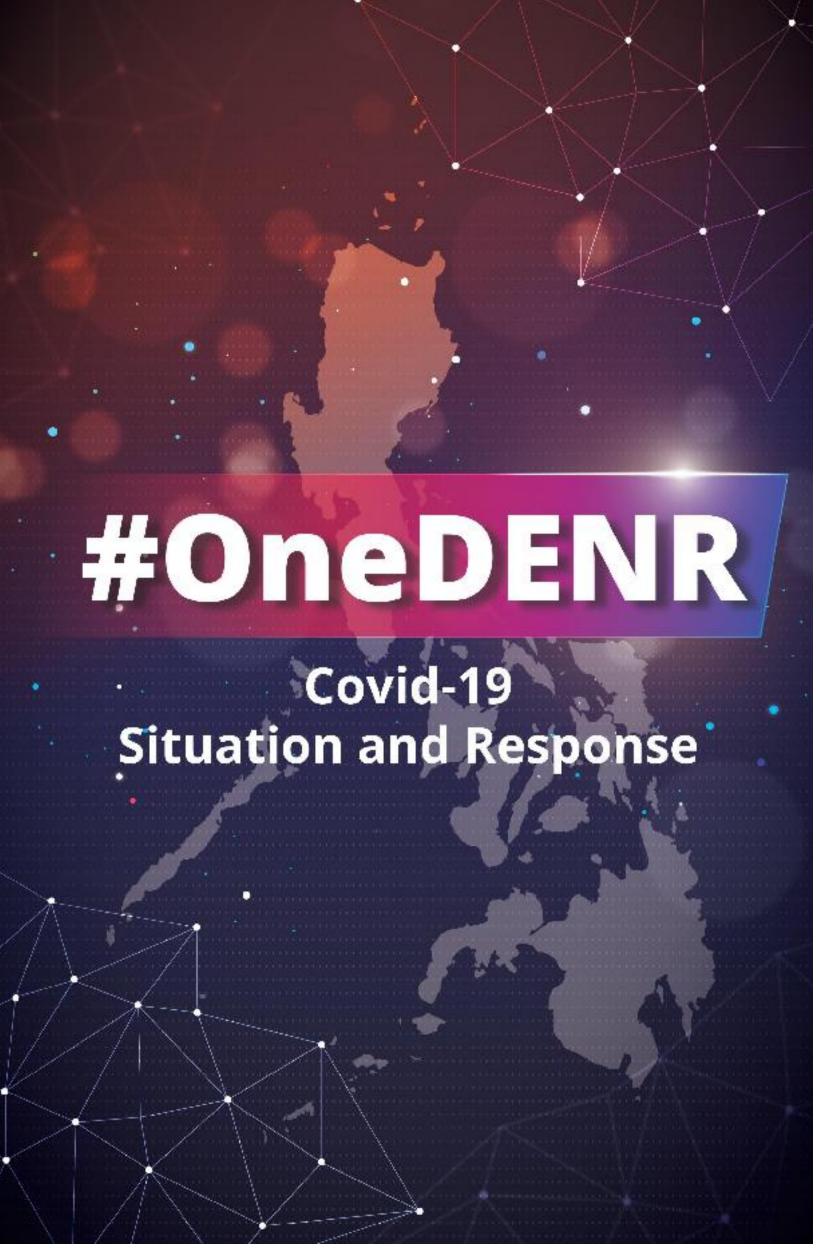
Dito na napagtanto ng biktima na naiskam siya nang hindi na sumagot ang scammer.

#### **TULONG NI GEN. ELEAZAR**

Nagmamakaawa ngayon si Tobias, nars sa isang construction company, na makamit ang katarungan sa pamamagitan ng paghuli ng mga awtoridad sa suspek at pagsasauli ng dinugas sa kanya na para sana sa may malubhang sakit.

General Eleazar, sir, alam naming bibigyan ninyo ng pansin ang problemang ito at kahilingan para sa katarungan ng namatayan at may malubhang mga pasyente kaugnay ng COVID-19.

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# COVID-19 HOME CARE POCKET GUIDE



# PAANO AKO MAKAKAIWAS SA COVID-19?



Magsuot ng mask at face shield



I-sanitize ang mga kamay



Dumistansya nang isang metro at limitahan ang pisikal na interaksyon



Siguraduhin ang magandang bentilasyon at air flow



Magpabakuna para sa dagdag na proteksyon.

Mag-ingat lalo na kung may kasama sa bahay na matanda, bata, sanggol, o mga may karamdaman!





## PROTEKTAHAN ANG ATING PAMILYA!

Hangga't maari, iwasang lumabas ng bahay kung hindi naman kinakailangan. Posibleng madala natin ang virus pag-uwi galing sa trabaho, sa grocery o palengke, o kung saan man tayo nagpunta. Kung kinakailangang lumabas, gawin ang mga sumusunod:

Bantayan kung makakaramdam ng sintomas, at magreport o tumawag agad sa BHERT oras na magkaroon.
Magdala lagi ng alcohol o hand sanitizer at extra mask.
Bago pumasok sa bahay, mag-disinfect ng sapatos at iwanan sa labas kung maari.
Maligo agad at magsuot ng malinis na damit bago makihalubilo sa mga kasama sa bahay. Ilagay agad ang sinuot na damit sa labahan.
Sa bahay, i-sanitize ang mga kamay, dumistansya ng isang metro, at siguraduhing may bukas na bintana o pinto para sa daloy ng hangin at magandang bentilasyon.
Linisin at mag-disinfect ng mga bagay na madalas hawakan tulad ng mesa, doorknob, kubeta, lababo, at mga gadget.
Kung posible, bawasan ang exposure sa iyong pamilya, lalo na sa mga matatanda, bata, at mga may comorbidities.
Kamustahin ang ating pamilya. Hikayatin ang pamilya na mag-exercise, kumain ng masustansyang pagkain, at matulog nang sapat.

# MAGING TAPAT SA INYONG CONTACT TRACING TEAMS!

Matatalo natin ang COVID-19 kung alam natin kung nasaan ito. Tulungan natin ang mga contact tracers na alamin kung sino at saan ang posibleng apektado ng COVID-19. Kailangang i-monitor ang sinumang maaaring na-expose sa COVID-19 para mapigilan ang patuloy na pagkalat ng virus.

## PAANO GINAGAWA ANG CONTACT TRACING?



#### Sa pagsabi ng totoo, kapwa mo, protektado.

I-report sa mga contact tracers ang kasalukuyan mong kalagayan, mga posibleng close contact, at mga lugar na binisita sa mga nakaraang araw.



## Sa pamamagitan ng testing, safety ng komunidad mo ay sigurado.

Malaking tulong ang resulta ng test para siguruhin na wala tayong COVID-19 at safe sa infection ang ating mga close contacts.



## Sa pag-iwas sa tao, mapipigilan ang pagkalat ng COVID-19.

Kung tayo ay kabilang sa close contacts, dapat tayong mag-quarantine sa loob ng 14 days kahit walang sintomas.

## KAKAMPI NATIN ANG CONTACT TRACERS KONTRA COVID-19

#### Hindi kailangang kabahan, kaibigan.

Makinig sa payo ng mga contact tracers. Sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagtulungan, mananatiling protektado ang ating komunidad sa COVID-19.

#### Gawin natin ang parte natin.

I-report ang mga close contacts sa nakaraang 5 araw. Sabihin ang iyong totoong kalagayan sa mga contact tracers. Patuloy na sundin ang mga alituntunin para maiwasan ang COVID-19.



## PAANO KUNG PINUNTAHAN NG CONTACT TRACER ANG AKING KAPITBAHAY?

Irespeto at tulungan ang ating kapwa. Hindi laging COVID-positive ang isang close contact. Kapag pinuntahan ng contact tracer ang iyong kapitbahay, huwag matakot. Huwag manood, lumabas, at kumuha ng litrato. Huwag maki-tsismis at maniwala sa tsismis.

# MAGPA-TEST KUNG IKAW AY ISANG CLOSE CONTACT:

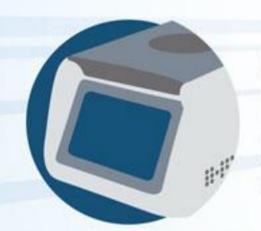
- May interaksyon sa taong may COVID-19 sa lapit na isang metro ng higit sa 15 minuto
- May direktang pisikal na interaksyon sa taong probable o confirmed na may COVID-19
- May interaksyon sa taong may COVID-19 nang walang suot na protective equipment

Ipagbigay alam sa BHERT (Barangay Health Emergency Response Team) kung ikaw ay isang close contact. Ito ay upang malaman ang susunod na mga hakbang:

- COVID-19 testing
- Referral sa isang TTMF (temporary treatment and monitoring facility) o ospital, kung kinakailangan



#### **ANONG TEST ANG MAAARING GAMITIN?**



RT-PCR Pinakamainam na test



#### **ANTIGEN**

Para sa mga tukoy na lugar na may mataas na kaso ng COVID-19 kung saan kulang ang RT-PCR

#### **KELAN DAPAT MAGPATEST?**

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huling araw ng exposure

testing period

quarantine period (kahit may negatibong resulta)

	QUARANTINE	ISOLATION
Para kanino?	Mga close contact na walang sintomas	Mga may sintomas o kumpirmadong may COVID-19
Para saan?	Upang i-monitor ang iyong kalagayan	Upang maiwasan ang paghawa sa iba

### MGA SINTOMAS NA KAILANGAN BANTAYAN

#### MILD

Lagnat, ubo, pagkapagod, kawalan ng ganang kumain, pananakit ng kasu-kasuhan; iba pang mga hindi tiyak na sintomas tulad ng pananakit ng lalamunan, baradong ilong, sakit sa ulo, pagtatae, pagkahilo o pagsusuka; pagkawala ng pang-amoy o panlasa bago ang simula ng mga sintomas sa paghinga; at WALANG sintomas ng pulmonya o kakulangan ng oxygen

#### MODERATE

Bata o matanda na may mga klinikal na sintomas ng banayad na pulmonya.

Matanda o may comorbidity or may ibang karamdaman (tulad ng hypertension, diabetes, at iba pa) na may banayad na sintomas lamang at WALANG sintomas ng pulmonya.

#### **SEVERE**

Bata o may matanda na may mga klinikal na sintomas ng matinding pulmonya o matinding impeksyon sa baga.

Bata na may mga klinikal na sintomas ng pulmonya (ubo o hirap sa paghinga) at isa sa mga sumusunod: kakulangan ng oxygen o SpO2 <90%, matinding pagkabalisa sa paghinga, o mabilis na paghinga.



#### **CRITICAL**

Mga pasyente na nagpapakita ng acute respiratory distress syndrome, sepsis at / o septic shock.

> Kung nakarararanas ka ng iba pang mga sintomas na nakababahala, agad na tumawag sa inyong BHERT.

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- Kung may severe o kritikal na sintomas, ikaw ay irerefer sa ospital
- Kung asymptomatic, o may mild o moderate na sintomas, pwedeng mag-isolate sa bahay o pumunta sa TTMF

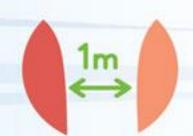
#### **MAAARI LAMANG MAG-HOME ISOLATION KUNG:**

Hiwalay ang iyong kwarto sa ibang miyembro ng pamilya

May sariling banyo ang kwarto

Walang kasamang matanda, bata, o may comorbidities

#### **IWASANG MAKAPANGHAWA!**



Manatili lamang sa kwarto. Dumistansya ng isang metro, magsuot ng face mask, at i-sanitize ang kamay tuwing may interaksyon sa iba.



Kumain nang tama at inumin ang mga niresetang gamot ng iyong doktor



I-disinfect nang mabuti ang iyong mga kagamitan, at maghugas ng kamay bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang mga ito



Takpan ang bibig at ilong gamit ang tissue kapag umuubo o bumabahing. Itapon ito sa basurahan at agad na maghugas ng kamay



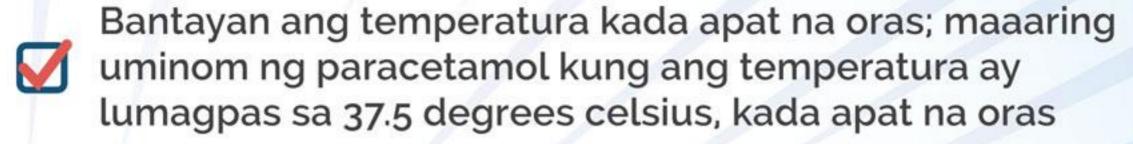
Paalalahanan ang nangangalaga sa iyo na magsuot lagi ng mask kung lalapitan ka



Huwag ipagamit sa iba ang mga personal na gamit tulad ng tuwalya, sapin ng kama, pinggan at kubyertos

### PAGGAMOT SA MILD O MODERATE SYMPTOMS HABANG NASA BAHAY

#### Kung ikaw ay may lagnat:



Maligo araw-araw kung kaya at posible

Siguraduhing may magandang daloy ng hangin sa kwarto

Huwag magdamit o magkumot ng labis-labis

Uminom ng maraming tubig, fresh fruit juices, at mild na tsaa

#### Kung ikaw ay may ubo at sore throat:

Siguraduhin ang pag-inom ng niresetang gamot

Umiwas sa mga bagay na maaaring magpalala ng iyong sintomas tulad ng alikabok, pollen, pabango, at balahibo ng hayop

Uminom ng maraming tubig

Uminom ng salabat o tsaa upang mabawasan ang kati o hapdi ng lalamunan

Magmumog ng maligamgam na tubig na may kaunting asin



Kung pipiliin mong magpunta sa isang TTMF, kontakin ang iyong BHERT para sa iyong referral.

Mga dapat dalhin sa TTMF: IDs, cellphone, charger, damit at toiletries pang 14 days, face mask, alcohol, at gamot.

### PAANO ALAGAAN ANG TAONG MAY COVID-19?

#### I-ISOLATE ANG MAY SAKIT

Maghanda ng hiwalay na kwarto at ilayo siya sa iba.

Siguraduhing maganda ang bentilasyon o air flow at buksan lagi ang mga bintana.

#### **BAWASAN ANG CONTACT SA VIRUS**

Pumili ng isang tao sa bahay na walang ibang sakit at hindi masyadong lumalabas para maging tagapangalaga ng taong may COVID-19.

Magsuot ng medical mask kung kasama ang may sakit.

Ihiwalay ang personal na gamit tulad ng tuwalya, sapin ng kama, pinggan at kubyertos ng taong may COVID-19.

Linisin at i-disinfect ang mga bagay na madalas hawakan gaya ng table, doorknob, toilet, sink, at electronics.

#### **ALAGAAN ANG MAY SAKIT**

I-monitor at i-record ang mga sintomas kada araw.

Ipainom ang mga nararapat na gamot kung kinakailangan.

Siguraduhing nakakapagpahinga at nakakainom ng sapat na tubig ang may sakit.

Kumain ng masustansiyang pagkain.

Panatilihing malinis ang katawan (maligo o magpunas) araw-araw.

#### **ANO ANG MGA KAILANGANG IHANDA?**

Contact numbers ng BHERT, health centers, hotlines, pamilya, kaibigan, paaralan o opisina

Gamot, medical masks, at cleaners o disinfectants

Nakabukod na kwarto o espasyo kung saan nakahiwalay ang may sakit sa iba

Maghanap ng posibleng tumulong o maatasan sa pagbili ng groceries, transportasyon, pag-aalaga ng bata, at iba pang mga pangangailangan

## I-MONITOR ANG IYONG MGA SINTOMAS AT I-UPDATE ANG IYONG BHERT!

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### PAANO KO MALALAMAN KUNG TAPOS NA ANG QUARANTINE O ISOLATION PERIOD KO?

Lahat ng mga close contact, kasama na rin ang nag-negatibo sa COVID-19 ay kinakailangan pa ring tapusin ang 14 days na quaratine upang siguraduhing hindi sila nakakahawa sa iba.

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	Tagal ng isolation	Saan mag- iisolate	Clearance	Kailangan ng retesting?
Asymptomatic	At least 10 araw mula sa paglabas ng positibong resulta	Bahay o sa isang TTMF	Nanatiling walang sintomas sa loob ng 10 na araw mula sa araw ng pagtetest	Hindi
Mild	At least 10 araw mula sa pagkakaroon ng sintomas	Bahay o sa isang TTMF	Nanatiling walang sintomas at clini- cally recovered sa nakaraang 3 na araw	Hindi
Moderate, severe, o critical	At least 21 araw mula sa unang araw ng pagka- karoon ng sintomas	Ospital	Nanatiling walang sintomas at clinically recovered sa nakaraang 3 na araw	Hindi

## ANO ANG DAPAT KONG GAWIN KAPAG AKO'Y NAKARECOVER NA?

Mag-ingat at alagaan ang sarili! Posibleng mahawaan ulit ng COVID-19 o magkaroon pa ng ibang sakit kaya importanteng palakasin natin ang ating resistensya.

Magpahinga, kumain ng masustansyang pagkain, matulog nang sapat, at mag-exercise. Hikayatin din natin ang ating mga loved ones na maging malusog!

# MAG-AVAIL NG COVID-19 HOME ISOLATION BENEFIT PACKAGE (CHIBP) MULA SA PHILHEALTH!

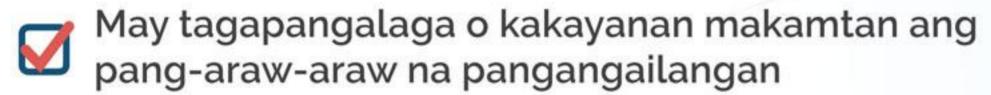
#### SINO ANG PWEDENG GUMAMIT NG CHIBP?

Mga confirmed COVID-19 patients na walang symptoms o may mild symptoms na may kakayanang mag-isolate ayon sa mga sumusunod na criteria:





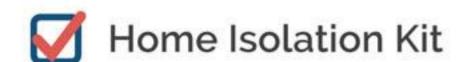




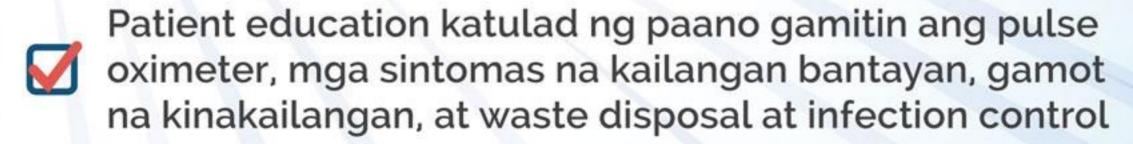
Kapag ang pasyente ay nahihirapang huminga, may pananakit ng dibdib, o may history of illness/health risk factor, ang patient ay hindi maaaring mag-home isolate.

TANDAAN! Dahil sa UHC Law, lahat ng Pilipino ay maaaring mag-avail ng PhilHealth benefits. Kung hindi ka pa rehistrado, magsumite lamang ng PhilHealth Member Registration Form (PMRF) sa iyong healthcare provider.

### **ANO ANG KASAMA SA CHIBP?**



Consultation at monitoring services katulad ng teleconsultations at supportive care



Referral sa mga high level health facilities (kung kinakailangan)

Karagdagang clinical support habang nag-aantay ng admission sa higher level facilities (kung kinakailangan)

## PAANO MAKATUTULONG ANG BENEFIT PACKAGE?

Ang CHIBP ay makapagbibigay ng karampatang suporta para sa mga COVID-19 positive patients na naka-isolate sa bahay. Kasama dito ang access sa consultation sa mga primary care doctors, clinical and monitoring support, at agarang pag-refer sa mas mataas na pasilidad kung kakailanganin.

## ANO ANG LAMAN NG HOME ISOLATION KIT?









1 thermometer 1 pulse oximeter 1L 70% alcohol

5 face masks



Gamot at vitamins:

18 pcs. Paracetamol

12 pcs. Lagundi tablets (or equivalent)

6 satchets oral rehydration salts

10 pcs. Ascorbic Acid

10 pcs. Vitamin D

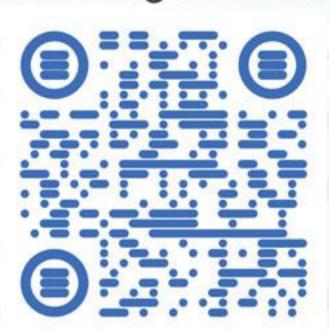
2 syrup bottles or 10 pcs. of ZInc

## PAANO AKO MAKAKA-AVAIL NG BENEFIT PACKAGE?

- Tumawag sa iyong BHERT at ipakita ang iyong positibong COVID-19 test result
- Lumahok sa clinical at social assessment upang malaman kung ikaw ay papasa sa criteria.
- Kapag natukoy ng BHERT na ikaw ay eligible para sa home isolation, maaari mong tawagan ang kahit ano mang accredited provider ng CHIBP.
- Kapag nakahanap ka na ng provider, asahan na magkakaroon ng home visit para sa iyong konsultasyon. Ibibigay din ang iyong Home Isolation Kit.
- I-record ang mga sintomas sa period ng isolation.

Maaring makita ang listahan ng mga pasilidad at ang kanilang contact information dito:

www.philhealth.gov.ph/partners/ providers/institutional/map/ Maaaring i-download ang mga forms at ang monitoring sheet dito:



www.philhealth.gov.ph/ downloads/

TANDAAN: Walang karagdagang bayad (co-payment) na ibibigay sa provider para sa mga serbisyo na kasama sa package.

# PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN THE CURE!

Alagaan ang sarili at ang ating kapwa!



Magpabakuna para sa COVID-19 para maiwasan ang malalang impeksyon at paghahawa-hawa!



Kumain ng masusustansyang pagkain tulad ng prutas, gulay, isda, at karne.



Mag-exercise sa loob ng bahay ng 30 minutes kada araw.



Magkaroon ng sapat ng tulog.



Mag-practice ng self-care. Ang simpleng pagrerelax ay uri ng self-care.



Kausapin at kamustahin ang ating mga loved ones. Alagaan natin ang mental health ng isa't-isa.



Hindi ka nag-iisa. Makipag-ugnayan agad sa iyong local na BHERT \_\_\_\_\_ para sa iyong mga pangangailangan.

Tumawag sa mga sumusunod na hotline:

- 1555 (para sa lahat ng subscribers)
- · (02) 894-COVID (26843)
- DOH Telemedicine partners bit.ly/FreeTelemed

I-message ang DOH Facebook page at sumali sa DOH Viber group upang makatanggap ng tamang impormasyon!













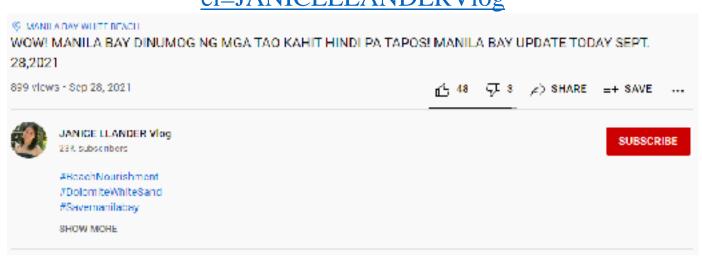




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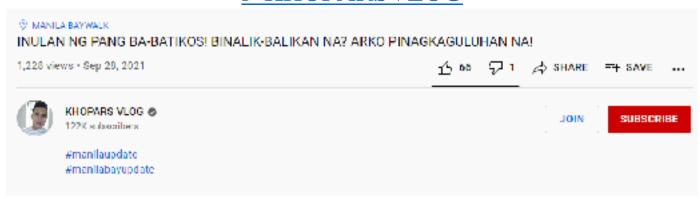




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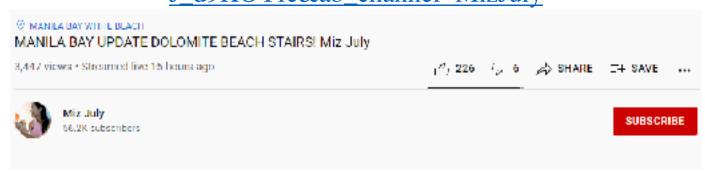




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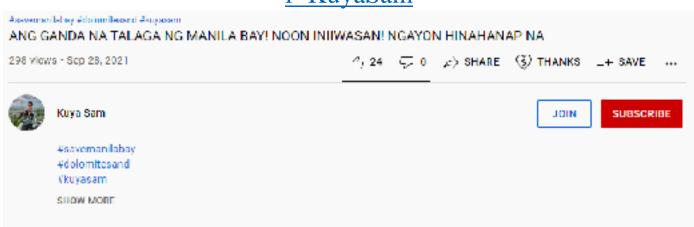




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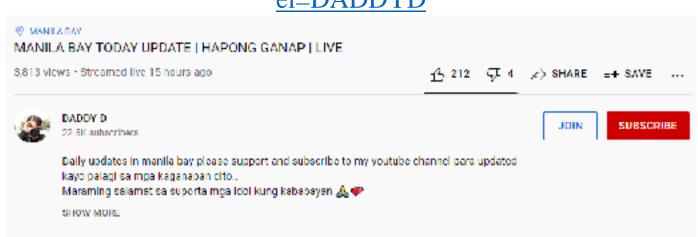




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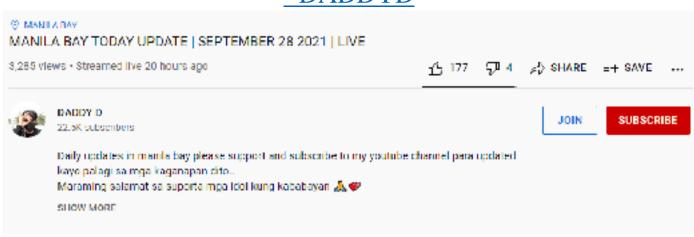




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