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ELEVENTH HOUR: Building resilience amid the climate, environmental, and pollution crises

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[by Climate Reality Project Philippines](#)

Executive Order No. 29 (s. 2017) declared July as National Disaster Resilience Month to raise awareness on disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and rehabilitation and recovery.

For us in the Climate Reality Philippines, this is an opportune time to underscore the fact that disaster resilience will only be possible if we address the triple planetary emergency we face today as a nation—climate disruption, declining ecosystems, and escalating pollution.



This compels us to put in place the following proactive approaches to integrate disaster risk reduction and management, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and environmental management in households, communities, workplaces, and every facet of society:

First: Educating our people on the urgency and solvability of the climate crisis.

A research published by the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative in October 2020 revealed the low level of public awareness about climate change among Filipinos. According to the study, at the national average, only 12 percent of respondents had heard a lot or felt “extremely well informed” about climate change.

We cannot go on like this. We have the laws in place to integrate climate change education into our formal education system. These must be implemented and complemented by mass media organizations by putting more climate solutions in the news cycle.

We need to see information, education, and communication materials on climate change in public places, such as malls, museums, and parks.



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Second: Ensuring an efficient social protection system.

Those who are part of the marginalized sectors of society and who have no access to basic services are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

For climate change adaptation strategies to be successful, we must ensure that nobody is left behind. This means that the government, with the assistance of the private sector, must provide sufficient basic services such as health care, housing, sanitation, financial services, and social protection to the poorest of the poor.

Third: Enabling and supporting people, local leaders, and organizations to do their part.

The government, the private sector, and civil society must converge expertise and resources to help households; micro, small, and medium enterprises; and local governments overcome existing obstacles to take action. These obstacles include lack of support for innovation and lack of access to timely and actionable climate and disaster risk information, best technologies, and financial instruments available.

Fourth: Instituting sustainable urban planning and management.

The government's urban planning system sets the direction to where private investments will go. It is therefore important for both the government and the private sector to ensure that investments trickle down to infrastructure assets that are climate-smart, sustainable, and resilient.



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Fifth: Using the triple-bottom-line (people, planet, and profit) approach to doing business.

Integrating sustainability in value chain management has been compelling due to accumulating anecdotal evidence of greater long-term profitability.

Demand for products and services that meet the sustainability criteria will continue to increase. Getting ahead of the curve and building capability this early will be nothing but beneficial for businesses.

Sixth: Developing business continuity plans.

Climate change is here and it will continue to threaten the lives and livelihoods of our people. Government and business operations must have systems in place to respond to any unforeseen business continuity challenges brought by climate- and environment-related disasters.

Seventh: Reducing the carbon footprint of business operations.

There is no real adaptation without mitigation. Actively pursuing greenhouse gas emission reduction and avoidance efforts will enable us to reduce the cost of adaptation to physical and disruptive climate-related impacts. This includes integrating energy efficiency, using low-carbon technologies, and incorporating renewable energy solutions in day-to-day business operations.

Eighth: Forging collaborative and strategic partnerships.

We cannot work in silos. The need for the government, private business sector, and civil society to work together has never been this urgent.

We must create dynamic synergies in action so that we can build replicable, scalable, and sustainable projects, programs, and practices. Sustainability and climate-resilient development can no longer stay as buzzwords. They must be translated into actions now.

This article is based on The Climate Reality Project Philippines' presentation during last month's virtual townhall discussion entitled "Best Practices for a Proactive Approach to Climate Resiliency," which was facilitated by the international research organization Stratbase ADR Institute and the Philippine Business for Environmental Stewardship.



Violence in the forest

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Violence in the forest

The President, who lifted the nine-year ban on new mining projects through Executive Order 130 and devoted time in his Sona to defending the wasteful, much-criticized dolomite beach project in Manila Bay, can show how ‘fierce’ his commitment is to the integrity of the environment by ordering a thorough probe into the shooting of the two forest rangers and ensuring greater protection for them and their colleagues. As watchdog Global Witness warns, the insidious decimation of earth defenders could have even more catastrophic results—‘rising temperatures, landslides, and increasingly dangerous typhoons (that) make the Philippines the country most at risk of multiple climate hazards.’

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In his final State of the Nation Address (Sona) on Monday, President Duterte exhorted “our next leaders and our future generations [to]... fight for the integrity of our environment in a manner fiercer” than his administration has done.

Apparently, that regard for our natural resources and environment wasn’t fierce enough to prevent the shooting last Saturday of two forest rangers protecting the Masungi Georeserve in Baras town, Rizal province. Melvin Akmad and Kukan Maas were shot in the head and neck, respectively, on the night of July 24 by a still unknown assailant at a reforestation area very near a Special Action Force (SAF) station. They are now recovering in a hospital.

Condemning the “heinous act of violence and attempted murder against forest defenders,” the Georeserve called on the police to protect them, noting that this was not the first time its rangers had encountered harassment.

Proposed in 1993 as a Strict Nature Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary under the National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 1992, the Georeserve has been mandated to reforest almost 3,000 hectares of heavily degraded land in the reservation located in the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape. An administrative order by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) also declared the Georeserve off-limits to quarrying, mining, and land

speculators who acquire undeveloped land for commercial exploitation. Presidential Proclamation No. 296 barred loggers from the area as well.

But while the Masungi Georeserve Foundation has since planted 47,000 native trees with the help of volunteers and visitors, years of deforestation, quarrying, and land degradation have denuded the area, affecting the drinking water supply of its population and unleashing floods in the Metro by way of Marikina Valley every time a strong typhoon blows in.



Violence in the forest

Despite its legal mandate, the Georeserve has had to contend with quarrying and logging companies that have barricaded the area with barbed wire, preventing Georeserve workers and forest rangers from doing their job. Some companies have put up guard huts using illegally cut logs from the sanctuary and hired roving guards with long arms to fence out intruders, even using “errant elements of the SAF and the Army to harass our project teams,” according to Masungi Georeserve Foundation trustee Billie Dumaliang. “Professional squatting” has become a challenge as well, with powerful individuals, including retired enforcement officers, appropriating chunks of forest land for themselves.

With the country’s current ratio of one park ranger for every 4,000 hectares of land nationwide, it has been a losing—and sometimes fatal—battle for environmentalists. The Philippines has earned the dubious title of being the deadliest place for earth warriors in Asia, and the second deadliest, next only to Colombia, in the world. In a report, the watchdog Global Witness (GW) said 43 defenders were killed in the country in 2019, mostly in the resource-rich islands of Mindanao and Negros. Since 2016, scores of indigenous leaders, farmers, and state workers charged with protecting the environment have been the victims of incidents allegedly involving armed forces or paramilitary groups.

In its submission to the United Nations Human Rights Council, the group Kalikasan People’s Network for the Environment noted that “(a)t least 19,498 environmental defenders were subjected to a wide range of human rights abuses under the Duterte administration.” These include red-tagging incidents, outright cases of illegal arrest, and displacement from areas with military operations.

The abuses extend to the dismal working conditions of these environmental defenders who, despite the risks they face, receive less than minimum wage, have no labor contracts, no health or social service benefits, and often have to put up with delayed salaries.

What has the government done about this? The Georeserve has an ongoing petition to President Duterte to fortify protection of the Upper Marikina Watershed and the entire geopark from quarrying. But it’s the government’s silence and/or inaction on instances of violence against environmental protectors that speaks volumes.

The President, who lifted the nine-year ban on new mining projects through Executive Order No. 130 and devoted time in his Sona to defending the wasteful, much-criticized dolomite beach project in Manila Bay, can show how “fierce” his commitment is to the integrity of the environment by ordering a thorough probe into the shooting of the two forest rangers and ensuring greater protection for them and their colleagues. As GW warns, the insidious decimation of earth defenders could have even more catastrophic results—“rising temperatures, landslides, and increasingly dangerous typhoons (that) make the Philippines the country most at risk of multiple climate hazards.”

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Masungi exec: Encroachers could be behind shooting of forest rangers

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People conducting illegal activities like timber cutting and quarrying within the Masungi Georeserve - a protected area in Baras, Rizal - could be behind the shooting of two forest rangers, according to the foundation that runs the conservation park.

According to Raffy Tima's report on "24 Oras," the Masungi Georeserve Foundation, which partners with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in caring for the area, believes that illegal settlers may be behind the crime last Saturday.

"Some of these, we were warned na may syndicated activities. Puwedeng ito 'yung nakaharap na tao pero may iba pa pong involved doon sa situation na puwedeng hindi po natin nakikita," Billi Dumaliang, advocacy officer, said.

(Some of these, we were warned are involved in syndicated activities. There may be others involved in the situation that we do not know.)

The victims, who belong to the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape, were shot on the head and neck, respectively, but are now recovering.

These past months, several houses, resorts, and other establishments were reproached by the DENR and the Department of the Interior and Local Government for illegally entering a protected area.

Based on photos shared by the Foundation, barren areas in the protected landscape have been increasing since 2016.

The group also monitored the burning of some areas, which is included in the forestation area of the Foundation.

"In the strictest sense, dapat wala pong human activities, especially exploitative human activities sa loob. Unfortunately, nakikita po natin na meron pong timber cutting, mayroon pong quarrying interests," she said.

(In the strictest sense, human activities, especially exploitative ones, are prohibited inside. Unfortunately, timber cutting and quarrying have been seen in the area.)

Meanwhile, the Philippine National Police has said that it will deploy personnel to the protected area while the investigation is ongoing. -Joahna Lei Casilao/MDM, GMA news



The hunt must end - protect the forest rangers of Masungi



By Gab Mejia

July 30, 2021

ACCORDING to recent headlines, on the rainy evening of July 24, 2021, two forest rangers of Masungi Georeserve were brutally attacked and shot while doing their regular operations of conserving the reforestation site in Barras, Rizal. One on the head, the other on the neck. A certainty of the vile intention to murder and kill. This harrowing incident occurred following multiple threats and unscrupulous activities to deforest the [Sierra Madre](#) Mountain range, which has provided water, life and defense to millions of Filipinos living at the foot of its denuded slopes. Still, after many legal lawsuits, declarations and promises from government officials, agencies and even the army- the hunt continues.

It has been more than decades since this issue on land ownership, deforestation and the national legal protection of forests in the [Philippines](#) ignited, yet time after time, we are reminded of how our country continues to be one of the deadliest countries for environmental defenders and forest rangers. A title to certainly rebuke. The unfortunate truth is Masungi Georeserve is not an isolated case - but they have long been determined to show what it truly means to protect the people protecting our lands and forests. These two murdered rangers are heroes who passionately worked hard to protect the forests that all of us depend on. [Rain](#) or shine, day and night, they are out-and-about on the field to not just caring about the trees and wildlife, but more so opening their lives to the risks that one day, one night, they could be taken away - and most despicably, the worse happened on that rainy evening. These environmental defenders, they are not just numbers; these are real human lives - with children, families and homes. You are not just taking one life, you are stealing the lives of many more. People with dreams and passions for creating a better home, nation and life for everyone.

However, this is the unjust reality they have to face, and this must change. Protect those who protect us, because in this environmental war no one is going to protect the Philippines but the Filipinos. We were never against each other. The hunt must end!



Mining sector recovery seen on resurgence of demand

By Joann Villanueva July 30, 2021, 1:56 pm



MANILA – Opportunities for the recovery of the mining sector abound given the policy boost and continued demand for its products, and companies just need to maximize the sector’s potential, a Finance department official said.

Finance Assistant Secretary Ma. Teresa Habitan, who also serves as alternate chair of the Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (PH-IETE), said contribution of the sector to the country’s annual output is only around 1percent “so there is still much room to contribute to it.”

“Truly, the natural resources of a country can drive its growth, so extractives (are) among the main economic drivers in many countries. The Philippines has yet to fully maximize this potential. To do this, the sector should take advantage of its strengths,” she said during the PH-EITE event on Thursday.

Habitan identified several measures expected to propel the sector, including increasing its contribution to gross value added (GVA) especially on metallic mines; steady growth in exports; proper handling of commodity price shocks; and pricing of non-metallic commodities that is independent of the global market.

She said growth drivers also include consistent generation of employment opportunities; openness to adapting to necessary changes brought about by extreme events; keenness on automation; and a degree of optimism for the improvement of the overall business environment after the pandemic.



Mining sector recovery seen on resurgence of demand

Habitan said risks to the sector's recovery come both from within the country and overseas but added "quantitative data shows that companies are recovering quickly and steadily."

She said it also indicates "optimistic perspective."

"On top of some favorable government legislation and opportune changes in the global economy, the environment is rife for recent losses to be recouped, and pre-pandemic growth to resume, if not expand much more, post-pandemic," she added.

Habitan said the government has continuously implemented measures to boost the sector and one proof to this is the issuance of Executive Order (EO) No. 130 that lifted the nine-year moratorium on new mining projects.

She said the EO is projected to increase mineral production by around PHP15 billion yearly until 2023, and by PHP43 billion annually until 2027.

The EO is seen to entice more players and increase exports by around USD1 billion to USD2 billion annually, employ as much as 1.3 times more workers, and bring in around PHP34 billion in government revenues by way of taxes and fees, she said.

"Moreover, the passage of the new tax regime, and the implementation of the CREATE (Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives) Act that reduced the corporate income tax from 30 to 25 percent will allow companies to reinvest savings towards further expansion," she added. (PNA)



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Climate past provides tipping point 'early warning' - study

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Climate tipping points -- which are irrevocable over centuries or longer -- are thresholds past which large and rapid changes to the natural world may occur.

PARIS, France - Abrupt disruptions to Earth's climate thousands of years ago that caused extreme sea-level rise and mass ice cap melting can serve as an early warning system for today's planetary tipping points, according to new research.

Climate tipping points -- which are irrevocable over centuries or longer -- are thresholds past which large and rapid changes to the natural world may occur.

They include looming catastrophes such as the melting of the ice sheets atop Greenland and West Antarctica, which contain enough frozen water to lift oceans more than a dozen metres (40 feet).

But they are notoriously hard to anticipate, given the relatively small or incremental changes in variables such as atmospheric carbon concentrations that trigger them.

In a review of past climate events published in the journal *Nature Geoscience*, an international team of scientists examined two major instabilities in the Earth system, caused by changes in ice, oceans, and rainfall patterns.

They looked at the conditions that led to the Bolling-Allerod warming event nearly 15,000 years ago, which saw surface air temperatures soar up to 14 degrees Celsius over Greenland.

The team also studied the end of the so-called African humid period around 6,000-5,000 years ago, which led to regional changes in ecosystems and pre-historic human societies.

They found that various past climate systems, such as ocean dynamics and rainfall patterns, tended to slow as they reached a tipping point, after which they failed to recover from perturbations.



Climate past provides tipping point 'early warning' - study

"Earth's recent past shows us how abrupt changes in the Earth system triggered cascading impacts on ecosystems and human societies, as they struggled to adapt," said Tim Lenton, review co-author and director of the University of Exeter's Global Systems Institute.

"We face the risk of cascading tipping points again now -- but this time it is of our own making, and the impacts will be global," said Lenton.

"Faced with that risk, we could do with some early warning systems."

Compound changes

While current atmospheric CO2 levels of around 412 parts per million have some precedent -- at least 800,000 years ago -- the rate of CO2 accumulation does not.

Scientists are divided on when or if most tipping points will be triggered, but many believe effects such as ice-sheet melt is already "locked-in" due to carbon pollution.

Authors of the review, which was published online Thursday, said it showed evidence that the impacts of past abrupt changes to the Earth system combined to create planet-wide disruption.

Changes to ice levels and ocean currents, for example, at the start of the Bolling-Allerod warming lead to cascading impacts such as low ocean oxygen levels, vegetation cover, and atmospheric CO2 and methane levels.

"It sounds counterintuitive, but to foresee the future we may need to look into the past," said lead author Victor Brovkin from the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology.

"The chance to detect abrupt changes and tipping points -- where small changes lead to big impacts -- increases with the length of observations," he said.

"This is why analysis of abrupt changes and their cascades recorded in geological archives is of enormous importance." -- Agence France-Presse

Floods and heatwaves: Can we tell if extreme weather is linked to climate change?

As Italy, Germany and China experience floods, how much do we know about climate change's role in extreme weather?



A house hit by a landslide is seen after heavy rain caused flooding in towns surrounding Lake Como in northern Italy, in Laglio, Italy, 27 July 2021. Image: Reuters/ Flavio Lo Scalzo

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Mudslides and flooding triggered by torrential rains hit towns surrounding Lake Como in northern Italy this week, blocking roads and trapping dozens of people inside their homes.

While there were no reports of deaths or serious injuries, photos from the popular tourist area showed widespread damage, with houses buried in debris and cars swept away by the waters.

With more rains expected, police urged people to stay indoors, while firefighters evacuated some buildings and tried to reach homes cut off by landslides.

This comes after deadly floods [upended life in both China and Germany](#) earlier this month, sending a stark reminder that climate change is making weather more extreme across the globe.

The floods are the latest in an accelerating pattern of extreme weather around the world, with Canada and western US states facing record-smashing high temperatures that have killed hundreds.

Even Siberia in Russia's far north has been [experiencing a heatwave and forest fires](#).

Floods and heatwaves: Can we tell if extreme weather is linked to climate change?

Climate experts say global warming is making weather extremes more likely and frequent.

But how much can we say about climate's role in a specific weather event? Here's what scientists had to say:

Can we know whether specific extreme weather events are driven by climate change?

Climate change is never the sole cause of an extreme weather event, but it can sometimes be a significant contributing factor, according to specialists.

"An event is the result of many drivers. There are many factors that influence and may favour an extreme event," said Nikos Christidis, a senior scientist at Britain's Met Office.

But global warming is making the world's weather hotter and more volatile in general, making it more likely that extreme events take place, said Maarten van Aalst, director of the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre.

Extreme events happen when climate change and natural weather variability come together - and may be influenced by other geographical factors, such as whether nearby rivers and lakes are empty enough to absorb water from heavy rains.

"The only way you can say if something is changing due to climate change is to say whether the odds of that really bad day are changing," said van Aalst.

"There's always an element of bad luck, but the chances of bad luck are increasing - quite rapidly in some cases."

Can climate scientists calculate how much climate change influenced a particular weather event?

Researchers at the [World Weather Attribution](#) (WWA) project say they can confidently assess how much more likely climate change has made individual major weather events such as heatwaves, intense rains and storms.

They gather key data, such as temperature readings or rainwater measurements.

They compare them to historical trends for similar weather in the area, and run computer simulations that model expected weather norms both with and without climate change.

The process takes between a week and two months depending on the complexity, said Geert Jan van Oldenborgh, one of the leaders of the WWA initiative.

The project's findings can be stark. For instance, the extreme heat that killed hundreds of people in the Pacific Northwest earlier this month would have been "virtually impossible" without global warming, [they found](#).

What is the wider trend in climate-linked extreme weather?

While it is not possible to pin the full blame for any single event on a heating planet, the wider trend is clear, with experts pointing to increasingly volatile weather and a [sharp rise in climate-linked disasters](#) over recent decades.



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Global warming can also bring a few benefits, with harmful extreme cold events reducing even as record heatwaves become more common, said van Oldenborgh.

On average, though, “the net balance is very damaging”, he said.

Why does knowing climate change’s role in extreme weather matter?

Understanding how a warming world is driving extremes and how those trends could develop in the future is vital to ensure we can adapt to coming conditions and try to reduce the risks, climate scientists said.

“These events are the wake-up calls that the world apparently needs,” said van Aalst.

With more people living in cities - many of them very vulnerable to floods, heatwaves, storms and other risks - the combination of strengthening climate change and growing populations in harm’s way needs more attention, he said.

“We’re setting ourselves up potentially for a double-whammy of rising climate risk, plus rising exposure and vulnerability,” he said. “But there’s also an opportunity there if we can increase awareness.”

Clear evidence of increasing risk can help unlock funding to curb threats and ensure officials create plans to protect their residents, said van Oldenborgh.

Evidence of climate risks also can help tackle scepticism among some people about the need to act on climate change, and drive wider action to reduce emissions.

“Showing that climate change is not some abstract thing in the future but is really affecting us right now helps to build support for mitigation - for reducing CO2 emissions,” he said.

“Of course, the big impacts will be in the future but showing there are already sizeable impacts now ... makes it more concrete to people.”

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Bagong hawa ng COVID-19 sa bansa 8,562, pinakamalaki sa nakaraang 64 araw

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Members of the Manila Police District assist individuals waiting in line for their second dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at the San Andres Sports Complex in Manila on Thursday, July 29, 2021.

The STAR/Miguel de Guzman

MANILA, Philippines — Nakapagtala ang Department of Health ng 8,463 bagong infection ng coronavirus disease, Biyernes, kung kaya't nasa 1.58 milyon na sumatutal ang nahahawaan nito sa bansa.

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

- Lahat ng kaso: 1,580,824
- Nagpapagaling pa: 61,920, o *3.9% ng total infections*
- Kagagaling lang: 2,854, dahilan para maging *1,491,182 na lahat ng gumagaling*
- Kamamatay lang: 145, na siyang nag-aakyat sa *total local death toll sa 27,722*

ECQ 3.0 sa Metro Manila

- Ngayong araw naitala ang pinakamaraming bagong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas (8,463) sa nakaraang 64 araw. Huling mas marami ang new infections noong ika-28 ng Mayo.
- Sa ikatlong pagkakataon, [ilalagay uli sa pinakamahigpit na enhanced community quarantine sa Metro Manila](#) simula ika-6 hanggang ika-20 ng Agosto dahil sa lumalaking banta ng mas nakahahawang Delta variant ng COVID-19.



Bagong hawa ng COVID-19 sa bansa 8,562, pinakamalaki sa nakaraang 64 araw

- Kaugnay pa rin ng pag-iingat ng Pilipinas laban sa Delta variant, [palalawigin naman ng bansa ang ipinatutupad na travel ban sa 10 bansa](#) hanggang ika-15 ng Agosto, gaya na lang ng India, Pakistan at Nepal.
- Dahil sa ipatutupad na lockdowns sa Kamaynilaan sa susunod na linggo, nananawagan naman ngayon ang Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) na [itaas sa P5,000 ang kasalukuyang P1,000 ayuda na ibinibigay ng gobyerno sa mga nakatira sa ECQ areas](#). Aniya, malaki kasi ang magiging epekto sa kawalan ng trabaho.
- [Nadagdagan naman ng 1.5 milyong doses pa ng COVID-19 vaccine ng kumpanyang Sinovac ang suplay ng bakuna ng Pilipinas](#), matapos nitong lumapag sa Ninoy Aquino International Airport kaninang 7:30 a.m.
- Umabot na sa 195.88 milyon ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa buong daigdig, ayon sa huling datos ng [World Health Organization](#). Sa bilang na 'yan, patay na ang 4.18 milyong katao.

— James Relativo



Metro Manila back to ECQ from August 6 to 20

By [Alexis Romero](#)(Philstar.com)
- July 31, 2021 - 12:00am



President Rodrigo Duterte approved yesterday the government pandemic task force's recommendation to place the National Capital Region (NCR) under the strictest enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) beginning Friday next week, his spokesman Harry Roque Jr. said.

MANILA, Philippines — Metro Manila will again be locked down from Aug. 6 to 20 to try and arrest the rise in COVID-19 cases, particularly the more contagious Delta variant, even if it means disrupting business activity and displacing workers in the country's economic center.

President Duterte approved yesterday the government pandemic task force's recommendation to place the National Capital Region (NCR) under the strictest enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) beginning Friday next week, his spokesman Harry Roque Jr. said.

The capital had been placed under general community quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions beginning yesterday.

Roque said officials debated for hours before arriving at what he described as a "painful" decision to impose another lockdown.

"It was a painful decision because it's difficult to be under an ECQ, but we have to do it to prevent a shortage of ICU (intensive care unit) beds and other hospital requirements. This would happen if the number of cases balloons because of the Delta variant," explained Roque.

"In the end, everybody thought that this difficult decision had to be made to save more lives," he said.

Under ECQ, only essential sectors like health, food production and distribution, banks, energy, telecommunications, airlines, funeral and embalming services and police-licensed security personnel can fully operate.



Metro Manila back to ECQ from August 6 to 20

The movement of all persons will be limited to accessing goods and services from and working in permitted establishments. Minors and senior citizens, those with health risks and pregnant women shall be required to stay at home at all times except for obtaining essential goods and services, or working in industries allowed to operate.

Roque said the distribution of COVID-19 jobs in areas under ECQ would continue but there should be mechanisms to ensure the safety of health workers and vaccine recipients. He noted that under existing quarantine guidelines, gatherings essential for the provision of health services are allowed.

“With the looming threat of the Delta variant, there is no question that vaccination even in areas under (ECQ) classification is an imperative solution,” Roque said.

Roque said Duterte has ordered the budget department to look for funds to aid sectors affected by the lockdown.

He said the amount may be the same as the aid to be distributed in Iloilo City, Iloilo province, Cagayan de Oro and Gingoog City – areas that have been under ECQ since July 16. Each beneficiary from the four areas will get P1,000 aid, while a family may receive up to P4,000.

Transportation

Roque, however, could not say if transportation and malls would be allowed while Metro Manila is under ECQ.

Amid the development, Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade is hoping to maintain the current capacity in public transportation in Metro Manila through the two-week lockdown.

“Per Secretary Tugade, the recommendation of DOTr is to retain the current supply and capacity of public transportation,” Transportation Assistant Secretary Goddes Libiran said.

“Restrictions will be applied on passengers – that is stricter enforcement to ensure that only APORs (authorized persons outside residence) are permitted to use public transport, as mandated by the IATF,” she added, noting that the DOTr would abide by whatever guidance is given by the IATF.

Pre-lockdown restrictions

Prior to the lockdown, Metro Manila will be under a stricter GCQ. With heightened restrictions taking effect yesterday until Aug. 5, indoor and al-fresco dining are prohibited and only take-out and delivery services are allowed.

Personal care services like beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops and nail spas may operate up to 30 percent of the venue or seating capacity.

Indoor sports courts and venues, indoor tourist attractions and specialized markets of the tourism department are not allowed to operate. However, outdoor tourist attractions may operate but only up to 30 percent of the venue's capacity. Only APORs are allowed to travel into and out of the NCR Plus, which consists of Metro Manila, Cavite, Bulacan, Laguna and Rizal. The Department of Tourism (DOT) said point-to-point flights for leisure would be suspended, but returning flights for tourists residing in the greater Manila area would be allowed.



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"To prevent congestion in the borders of NCR, any type of non-essential travel to and from the NCR Plus shall be prohibited. Only the travel of ... (APORs) in and out of NCR Plus shall be allowed," said Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat.

Religious services

Meanwhile, Roque said in-person religious events are prohibited while gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 are allowed, provided they are limited to immediate family members. Pasig Bishop Mylo Hubert Vergara, Cubao Bishop Honesto Ongtioco and Novaliches Bishop Roberto Gaa were among the first to announce on Facebook that there would be no public masses in all parishes and chapels starting today until the last day of the NCR lockdown on Aug. 20. "I'm asking the parishes to make their worship services available online. We will reopen our churches for public worship on Aug. 21, if conditions improve. I continue to pray for your protection and healing," Ongtioco said.

DOH: No surge yet

The Department of Health (DOH) said Malacanang's decision to reimpose ECQ in the NCR is meant to cut the spread of the Delta variant as foreseen in projections, and not because there is already a surge of cases.

"It was seen in the forecast that there will be an increase in cases in the coming weeks based on current scenarios we have right now," Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said. The projections, which included assumptions on the level of vaccinations against COVID-19 in the country, were made by the data analytics team of the IATF, Vergeire said. Earlier, the DOH reported the NCR as one of six regions contributing to the rising cases of COVID-19 in the country the past two weeks with an average of 1,096 new cases per day the past week (July 23 to 29), up from 854 daily cases the prior week (July 16 to 22).

Latest tally? Yesterday, the daily tally for COVID-19 cases reached 8,652, bringing the total to 1.58 million.

Based on DOH data, daily cases have not hit the 8,000 mark since about seven weeks ago on June 12 at 8,027.

As of now, there are 61,920 active cases of COVID-19, representing 3.9 percent of the total.

There have been 145 new COVID-19 deaths, raising the total pandemic fatalities to 27,722.

Also, 2,854 patients have recovered, raising the number of recoveries to 1.49 million.

Facing the challenge

The OCTA Research group welcomed the government's decision to race against the spread of the highly contagious Delta variant, saying the country is "faced with a significant challenge of reversing a surge in COVID-19 cases in the NCR."

"OCTA supports the government's decision to impose stricter measures in the NCR as a precautionary intervention to arrest the growing number of COVID-19 cases. We also laud the decision to accelerate the deployment of vaccines in the NCR," said OCTA fellow Ranjit Rye.



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The Metro Manila Council (MMC) also welcomed the decision and vowed to use the two-week lockdown to ramp up vaccinations.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) chairman Benhur Abalos lauded the decision for being “timely.”

“The Metro Manila mayors are grateful to the Inter-Agency Task Force for its prompt and appropriate action,” said Abalos. OCTA had tagged as high-risk areas Makati, Caloocan, Las Piñas, Valenzuela, Malabon and Quezon cities. Marikina and Mandaluyong have started preparing for the lockdown, with Marikina Mayor Marcelino Teodoro anticipating the distribution of food packs in communities to be critically affected. Mayor Carmelita Abalos of Mandaluyong, for her part, said they will intensify their vaccination drive against COVID-19 during the two-week ECQ. Rye said it would be crucial for the local government units (LGUs), communities and the private sector in the region to work together to implement strategies to prevent the surge from accelerating further.

“To this end, we implore our fellow citizens to strictly follow minimum health protocols and avoid nonessential travel and all forms of social gatherings outside of their family bubbles,” Rye said.

In an earlier presentation, OCTA fellow Guido David said an early circuit-breaker lockdown starting Aug. 1 would “need just two weeks or even one week to regain effective control of the pandemic.”

Other classifications

Roque also announced that Gingoog City, Iloilo City, Iloilo province and Cagayan de Oro City would remain under ECQ from Aug. 1 to 7. OCTA said Cagayan de Oro is considered as critical risk after the average number of new COVID-19 cases there reached 147 per day from July 23 to 29, up by 58 percent from 93 daily cases in the preceding week.

Cebu City and Cebu province, meanwhile, have been added to areas under modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) from Aug. 1 to 15 but this can still be appealed by local governments.

Ilocos Norte, Bataan, Mandaue City and Lapu-Lapu City will also be under MECQ from Aug. 1 to 15.

Twenty areas will be under GCQ with heightened restrictions from Aug. 1 to 15 but the protocols to be enforced are not as stringent as that of Metro Manila. These areas are Ilocos Sur, Cagayan, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, Laguna, Lucena City, Naga City, Antique, Aklan, Bacolod City, Capiiz, Negros Oriental, Zamboanga del Sur, Misamis Oriental, Davao City, Davao del Norte, Davao Occidental, Davao de Oro and Butuan City.

Baguio City, Apayao, Santiago City, Quirino, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Batangas, Quezon, Puerto Princesa, Guimaras, Negros Occidental, Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur, General Santos City, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands and Cotabato City will be under a regular GCQ from Aug. 1 to 31.

The rest of the Philippines will be under the most relaxed modified general community quarantine for the entire month of August. – Sheila Crisostomo, Janvic Mateo, Richmond Mercurio, Robertzon Ramirez, Ralph Edwin Villanueva, Manny Tupas

Source: <https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2021/07/31/2116472/metro-manila-back-ecq-august-6-20/amp/>



Lockdown uli: Metro Manila ilalagay sa ECQ mula ika-6 hanggang ika-20 ng Agosto

By [James Relativo](#)(Philstar.com)
- July 30, 2021 - 10:47am



Marikina residents, who are among the 250 evacuated families from barangays near the river, assemble makeshift dwelling spaces inside classrooms of the H. Bautista Elementary School after days of heavy rainfall likely to trigger flashfloods.

The STAR/Michael

MANILA, Philippines (Updated 11:46 a.m.) — Ibabalik uli sa pinakamahigpit na lockdown ang National Capital Region (NCR) dahil sa lumalalang pasahan ng COVID-19 dahil sa mas nakahahawang variant simula susunod na Biyernes.

Ayon kay presidential spokesperson Harry Roque, ilalagay uli sa Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) ang Metro Manila simula ika-6 hanggang ika-20 ng Agosto.

Health Sec. Francisco Duque III warns of additional "stricter" quarantine measures in Metro Manila due to the threat of the highly contagious Delta COVID-19 variant. Duque said announcements will be made today. (via News5/[@JCCosico](#)) [pic.twitter.com/pCJMHPvzIB](#)

— ONE News PH (@onenewsph) [July 30, 2021](#)

"Hindi po naging madali ang desisyon na ito ha. Maraming oras ang iginugol para pagdebatihan ang bagay na ito dahil binabalanse nga natin 'yung pagpapabagal ng pagkalat ng COVID-19 dahil sa Delta variant at 'yung karapatan natin na mabuhay at maiwasan mabawasan ang hanay ng mga nagugutom," ani Roque, Biyernes sa PTV4.

"[A]lam natin na mahirap ang ECQ, pero kinakailangang gawin po ito para maiwasan 'yung kakulangan ng ICU beds at iba pang hospital requirements... para mas maraming buhay ang mailigtas."

Mananatili muna sa general community quarantine (with additional heightened restrictions) ang Kamaynilaan simula ngayon hanggang ika-5 ng Agosto bago magtransisyon patungong ECQ.



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Mga bawal sa GCQ ng NCR sa NCR bago mag-ECQ

'Di katulad ng ibang nasa GCQ with heightened restrictions, mas mahigpit ang ipatutupad na porma nito sa Metro Manila simula ngayon hanggang next week. Kabilang sa mga pagbabawalan mula ngayon hanggang ika-5 ng Agosto sa Metro Manila ang:

- indoor dine-in services
- al fresco dining (open air na kainan sa labas)
- operasyon ng indoor sports courts at venues
- operasyon ng indoor tourist attractions at specialized markets ng Department of Tourism
- religious gatherings

Sa mga nagtrabaho sa mga restawran, hahayaan munang patapusin ang kanilang mga shift ngayong araw, ayon kayu Roque. Papayagan naman ang 30% venue capacity sa ngayon sa mga outdoor tourist attractions.

Immediate family members lang din sa ngayon ang papayagan sa mga necrological services at burol, basta't hindi COVID-19 ang ikinamatay.

Ilan din sa mga paghihigpit ang:

- 30% venue capacity sa mga serbisyo gaya ng beauty salons, parlors, barberya at nail spas

Cebu, Cebu province nasa MECQ na rin

Idagdagdag naman sa modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) ang Cebu City at Cebu Province mula ika-1 hanggang ika-15 ng Agosto. Gayunpaman, pwede pa ito iapela ng mga local government units.

Mananatili naman ang parehong ECQ, MECQ at GCQ ang mga inanunsyo na ng Palasyo noong Miyerkules.

Sa huling tala ng Department of Health, 1.57 milyon na ang tinatamaan ng COVID-19 sa Pilipinas nitong Huwebes. 27,577 na ang namamatay sa bilang na 'yan.



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Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque announced on Friday that NCR will be under GCQ with heightened restrictions from July 30 to August 5, and enhanced community quarantine from August 6 to 20, 2021.

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OCTA SANG-AYON SA DESISYON NG GOBYERNO SA PAGPAPATUPAD NG ECQ

written by [Judith Estrada-Larino](#) July 30, 2021



Suportado ng OCTA Research Group ang desisyon ng gobyerno na magpatupad ng ECQ sa Metro Manila simula Agosto 6 hanggang 20.

Magugunitang mismong ang nasabing grupo ang nagsulong na isailalim sa circuit breaker lockdown ang NCR matapos sumirit ang kaso ng COVID-19 dahil sa Delta variant ng Coronavirus.

Sinabi ng OCTA Research na tama lamang ang pagsailalim muli ng gobyerno sa Metro Manila sa ECQ bilang precautionary intervention bagamat malaking hamon sa pamahalaan kung pano mababaligtad ang COVID-19 surge sa NCR.

Kaugnay nito, hinimok ng grupo ang Local Government Units, Private Sector at mga komunidad sa Metro Manila para magtulungan sa pagpapatupad ng mga strategy upang mapigilan ang surge sa COVID-19 cases.

Umapela rin ang OCTA Research sa publiko na sundin ang mga regulasyong inilatag ng LGU's hanggang matapos ang ECQ status sa Metro Manila.

Source: <https://www.dwiz882am.com/index.php/octa-sang-ayon-sa-desisyon-ng-gobyerno-sa-pagpapatupad-ng-ecq/>



Fighting an unseen enemy

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"We need to brace ourselves for a much longer struggle."

The return to Enhanced Community Quarantine on August 6, as recommended and approved while COVID-19 vaccinations continue, is certainly not ideal. Most affected will be the daily wage earners who will have to find another way to earn their keep. Small businesses, which have managed to get by during the past few months, will again see diminished activity—hence revenue.

We defer however to the authorities and decision makers. We are sure they have analyzed the data and deliberated the pros and cons of imposing yet another lockdown.

The return of Metro Manila under ECQ from August 6 to 20, to be reviewed after that period, will succeed the general community quarantine status with "heightened and additional restrictions" which is in effect until August 5 in the NCR Plus Bubble, which includes the provinces of Rizal, Bulacan, Cavite and Laguna.

Local chief executives in the national capital region previously called for the imposition of the strictest form of quarantine—a circuit breaker to the noted increasing daily rate of infections—in Metro Manila to prevent the spread of the disease.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairman Benhur Abalos said the national government has approved the request of local chief executives in the NCR to distribute cash aid to the affected families during the two-week ECQ.

Presidential and Task Force spokesman Harry Roque reminded the public not to resort to "panic buying" since they have a week to prepare for the ECQ. Businesses that will be affected are also encouraged to make the necessary preparations.

Under the latest IATF Resolution 130-A, outdoor dining will not be allowed under the stricter GCO starting July 31. Take-out and food deliveries are the only services allowed.

Starting July 30, personal care services can operate up to 30 percent of venue or seating capacity. Indoor sports courts and venues; and indoor tourist attractions; and specialized markets of the Department of Tourism will not be allowed to operate.

Public transportation will remain operational. Only authorized persons can travel into and outside NCR Plus composed of Metro Manila, Cavite, Rizal, Bulacan, Laguna.

Only virtual religious gatherings shall be allowed starting July 30.

Beyond doubt, the return to ECQ is not the development we all had hoped for—but we need to remember that we are still fighting an unseen enemy. We need to brace ourselves for a much longer struggle.



[Delta variant cases in Calabarzon hits 36](#)

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DOH-4A Regional Director Dr. Eduardo Janairo said the agency is currently coordinating with local governments to monitor confirmed cases as well as implementing measures to prevent the spread of the Delta variant.

The total number of confirmed cases of the Delta variant of Covid-19 has reached 36 in the entire Calabarzon region, the Department of Health (DOH) regional office said today (July 30).

In a report released by the DOH – Center for Health Development Calabarzon, three of the reported cases are active.

21 of these confirmed cases have already recovered, while 11 are still waiting for verification of their swab tests.

Seventeen cases were reported in Laguna province (San Pedro City, Calamba City, San Pablo City and the towns of Bay and Los Banos), while nine were reported in Cavite (Imus City, Cavite City, General Trias City and the towns of Silang at Carmona); six in Batangas province (Bauan, Lemery, San Juan and Lipa City); and four in Rizal province (Cainta and Rodriguez).

DOH-4A Regional Director Dr. Eduardo Janairo said the agency is currently coordinating with local governments to monitor confirmed cases as well as implementing measures to prevent the spread of the Delta variant.

"The DOH regional office, together with the local governments of the affected communities are constantly working and conducting health assessment, case investigation and contract tracing to makataan's ensure the health and safety of the public," Janairo said.

The DOH had also sent epidemiology and health emergency teams in affected areas to conduct mass testing.

"Doblehin po natin ang pag-iingat lalo na po sa ating paglabas ng ating mga tahanan. Pangalagaan po natin ang ating kalusugan at mga sarili upang tayo ay maging ligtas kasama na ang ating mga mahal sa buhay," Janairo reminded the public.

According to health authorities, persons with comorbidities, senior citizens, and minors are most vulnerable to the Covid-19 Delta variant.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/168722493140749/posts/4479452418734380/?app=fbl>



BISA NG LAHAT NG BAKUNA VS COVID-19 NAG-E-EXPIRE SA IKA-6 BUWAN



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NAGSISILABASAN ang mga pag-aaral ukol sa hangganan ng bisa ng mga bakuna laban sa coronavirus disease-19 o COVID-19.

Mahalagang malaman natin ito upang malaman din natin ang mga gagawin, lalo na ang pagkakaroon ng booster shot.

Booster shot ang ikalawa o ikatlong turok ng bakuna.

ANG SINOVAC

Nagsagawa ng pag-aaral ang mga Chinese researcher ukol sa bisa ng bakunang Sinovac at nakita nilang bumaba ang bisa nito anim na buwan makaraan ang pangalawang turok.

Ang sabi, mas mababa na sa threshold o sukatan ng bisa ng bakuna ang nagaganap.

Ayon sa pag-aaral ng mga researcher, nasa 10-32 porsyento na lang sa may dalawang turok ang merong antibodies makaraan ang anim na buwan.

Sa pag-aaral naman nila ng mga may third shot o ikatlong turok, ang anti-bodies o panlaban sa COVID-19 ay naging 3-5 mas marami makaraan ang 28 araw kumpara sa parehong bilang ng araw makaraan ang ikalawang turok.

'Yun bang === lalong lumakas ang panlaban ng 3-5 beses.

Ngunit pinag-uusapan lang dito ang orig na COVID-19 at hindi ang mga variant gaya ng Delta ng India, Alpha ng United Kingdom, Beta ng Soutjh Africa, Gamma ng Brazil at Lambda ng Peru.



BISA NG LAHAT NG BAKUNA VS COVID-19 NAG-E-EXPIRE SA IKA-6 BUWAN

ANG JOHNSON AND JOHNSON

Malinaw naman ngayon sa mga ulat nitong ikatlong linggo ng Hulyo na kailangan ng Johnson and Johnson ng booster shot o ikalawang turok makaraan ang anim na buwan din dahil pahina nang pahina rin ang bisa nito, lalo na sa mga variant.

Noong mga buwan ng Pebrero, nasa 72% itong epektibo sa pangkalahatan o sa iba't ibang bansa.

Pero sa South Africa na umiiral ang Beta variant, 64% lang ang bisa nito at 61% naman sa Gamma variant sa Brazil.

Nitong nakaraang linggo, hanggang 67% lang ang pangkalahatang bisa nito at wala pang katiyakan kung lalagpas ang bisa nito sa 6-8 buwan makaraan ang unang turok.

Kaya naman, kailangan umano nito ang booster shot o pangalawang turok na Johnson and Johnson din o Pfizer o Moderna.

ANG PFIZER AT MODERNA

Nag-aaway-away ngayon ang mga Amerikano ukol sa pagiging epektibo ng Pfizer laban sa COVI-19, ayon sa ulat ng Fox News.

Sinasabi ng Pfizer na 95 itong epektibo laban sa virus at ito umano ang iginigiit ni Anthony Fauci na pinagkakatiwalaang eksperto sa kalusugan ni President Joseph Biden.

Sinasabi naman ngayon ni Senator Ron Johnson na 87% na ng 9 milyong populasyon ng Israel ang bakunado nang kompleto sa Pfizer pero 84% naman sa mga bagong may COVID-19 ang bakunado nang kompleto sa Pfizer.

Hindi umano epektibo ang Pfizer laban sa Delta variant na pumasok na rin sa Israel.

Lumalabas nang kailangan ang Pfizer ng booster shot o pangatlong turok, gayundin ang Moderna na halos kapareho ng Pfizer dahil wala pang matibay na patunay na magtatagal o lalagpas sa 6-buwan ang bisa ng mga ito.

ANG ASTRAZENECA

Sa Australia, sinasabi nilang waepek ang unang turok ng AstraZeneca laban sa Delta variant.

Pero ang AztraZeneca ay epektibo umano sa orig na virus ng COVID-19 at Alpha o UK variant lalo na kung may pagitan na 12 linggo ang una at pangalawang turok.

Ang ginagawa umano ngayon sa UK na 99% sa nagkaka-COVID ay dulot ng Delta, ang ikalawang turok ng AstraZeneca ay makaraan ang 8 linggo, hindi 12 linggo para tiyak na may proteksyon ang mga Australiano dahil hindi nga uubra ang unang turok ng nasabing bakuna laban sa Delta variant.

Maingat pa rin ang mga Australiano sa pagkakaroon ng booster shot na pangatlo, lalo na kung ibang bakuna ang gagamitin dito.

Maalaalang milyon-milyong dose ng Johnson and Johnson ang ibinasura nang maihalo sa kanilang pabrika ang mga sangkap ng AstraZeneca dahil walang nakaaalam kung saan hahantong ito.



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Pareho ang AstraZeneca at Johnson and Johnson na may masasamang epekto gaya ng blood clot at pagkaparalisa naman sa Johnson and Hohnson sa partikular.

Wala ring katiyakan ang tagal ng bisa ni to..kung lalagapas ng 6 ding buwan.

Ang Pfizer naman bilang booster?

Dumarami ang kaso ng mga batang tinuturuan na nagkakaroon ng sakit gaya ng pamamaga o inflammation sa puso.

SA PILIPINAS KAYA?

Hayaan natin ang Department of Health na masusing magsuri kung ano ang maganda, lalo na ngayong may Delta variant at lumalaking bilang din ng Alpha at Beta variant.

Kung kailangang mag-boost, kailangang sundin ang mga awtoridad dahil para naman sa ating kabutihan 'yan.

Basta sinabi ng DOH, dapat go tayo dahil ang bakuna ngayon ang higit nating kalasag laban sa pagkakasakit nang matindi, pagkakaospital at kamatayan.

Pero, muli, igigiit natin na sumunod tayo sa mga health protocol at magkaisa at magtulungan laban sa pandemya.



Hard-won gains at risk as Delta variant spreads - WHO

Stephanie Nebehay and Michael Shields, Reuters
Posted at Jul 31 2021 04:22 AM



A woman mourns during the funeral of her 63-year-old father who passed away due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at a burial area provided by the government for COVID-19 victims, as the country reports a record daily number of COVID-19 deaths, in Bekasi, on the outskirts of Jakarta, Indonesia, July 27, 2021. *Willy Kurniawan, Reuters*

GENEVA - The world is at risk of losing hard-won gains in fighting COVID-19 as the highly transmissible Delta variant spreads, but WHO-approved vaccines remain effective, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has described the Delta variant of the coronavirus as being as transmissible as chickenpox and cautioned it could cause severe disease, the Washington Post said, citing an internal CDC document.

COVID-19 infections have increased by 80% over the past four weeks in most regions of the world, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. Deaths in Africa - where only 1.5% of the population is vaccinated - rose by 80% over the same period.

"Hard-won gains are in jeopardy or being lost, and health systems in many countries are being overwhelmed," Tedros told a news conference.

The Delta variant has been detected in 132 countries, becoming the dominant global strain, according to the WHO.

- [NCR under ECO from Aug. 6-20 to curb COVID-19 Delta variant spread: Palace](#)

"The vaccines that are currently approved by the WHO all provide significant protection against severe disease and hospitalization from all the variants, including the Delta variant," said WHO's top emergency expert, Mike Ryan.



Hard-won gains at risk as Delta variant spreads - WHO

"We are fighting the same virus but a virus that has become faster and better adapted to transmitting amongst us humans, that's the change," he said.

Maria van Kerkhove, WHO technical lead on COVID-19, said the Delta variant was the most easily spread so far, about 50% more transmissible than ancestral strains of SARS-CoV-2 that first emerged in China in late 2019.

A few countries had reported increased hospitalization rates, but higher rates of mortality had not been recorded from the Delta variant, she said.

- [Asian nations impose stricter COVID-19 restrictions due to Delta outbreaks](#)

Japan said on Friday it would expand states of emergency to three prefectures near Olympic host city Tokyo and the western prefecture of Osaka, as COVID-19 cases spike in the capital and around the country, overshadowing the Summer Games.

Ryan noted that Tokyo had recorded more than 3,000 cases in the past 24 hours, among some 10,000 new infections in Japan.

"The Olympics is a part of that overall context and the risk management that is place around the Olympics is extremely comprehensive," he said.



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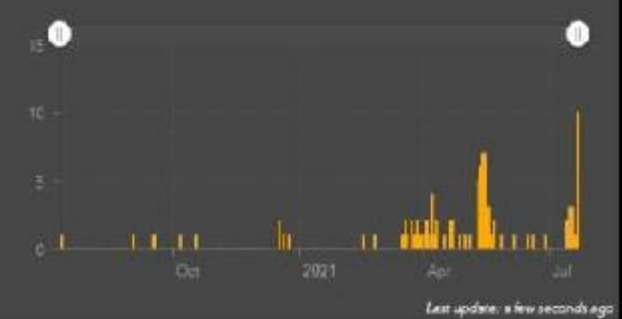
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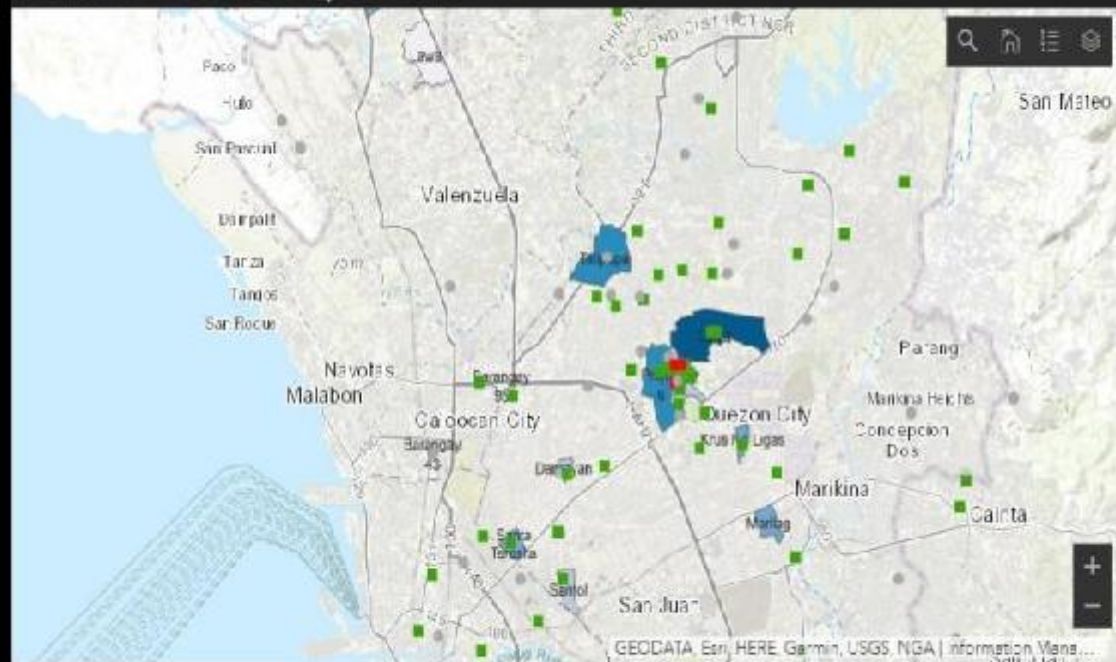
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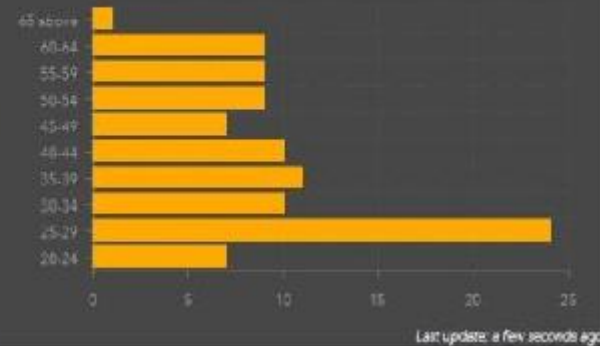
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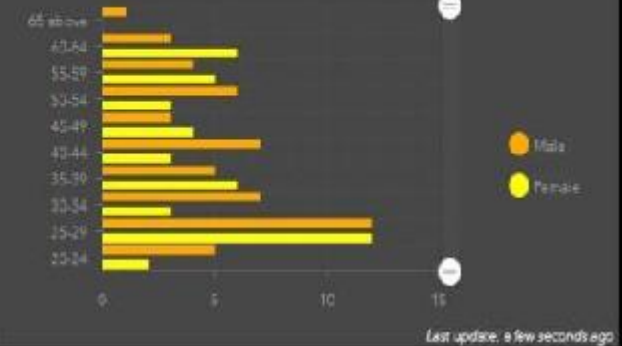
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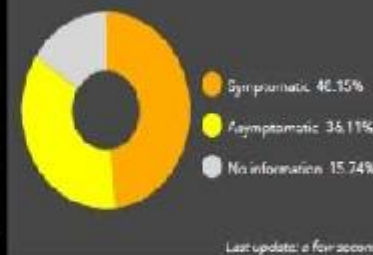
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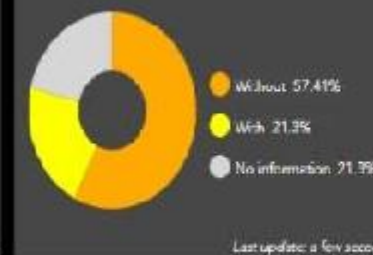
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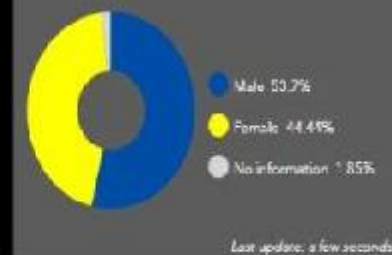
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National COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard – Data as of July 29, 2021

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COVID-19



11,524,212 1 st dose	Coverage Ratio 16.46%
7,835,715 2 nd dose	11.19%
19,359,927 Total doses administered	 646,390 Daily Jobs

IATF Resolution No. 130-A

July 30 to August 5, 2021



August 6 to 20, 2021



IATF Resolution No. 130-A

Subject to the immediate observance and implementation of the following heightened restrictions:

- Indoor dine-in services and *al fresco* dining** of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries **shall not be allowed**, limited to take-out and delivery.
**(Operations for today, July 30, would continue in these establishments until the end of business/ working hours.)*
- Personal care services** (beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas) **may operate up to 30%** of venue or seating capacity.
- Indoor sports courts and venues; and indoor tourist attractions; specialized markets of DOT, **may not operate.**
- Outdoor tourist attractions** shall remain to be **allowed at 30%** venue capacity.

IATF Resolution No. 130-A

Subject to the immediate observance and implementation of the following heightened restrictions:

5 Only APORs shall be allowed to travel into and out of the NCR Plus Area.

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

Other provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of CQ in PH, as amended, **not affected** by the foregoing shall continue to be in effect including those on the **operation of public transportation**. The use of **active transportation shall likewise be promoted**.

IATF Resolution No. 130-A – CQ Classifications for August 1-31, 2021

ECQ Until August 7	MECQ Until August 15	GCQ With heightened restrictions until August 15	GCQ	MGCQ
<p>R6: Iloilo City, Iloilo</p> <p>R10: GDO City, Gingoog City (CC of Misamis Oriental)</p> <p>NCR (August 6 to 20)</p>	<p>R1: Ilocos Norte</p> <p>R3: Bataan</p> <p>R7: Lapu-lapu City, Mandaue City,</p> <p>Cebu City, Cebu Province (subject to further appeals by their respective LGUs)</p>	<p>R1: Ilocos Sur</p> <p>R2: Cagayan</p> <p>R3: Buayan</p> <p>R4-A: Cavite, Rizal, Laguna, Lucena City</p> <p>R5: Naga City</p> <p>R6: Antique, Aklan, Bacolod City, Capiz</p> <p>R7: Negros Oriental</p> <p>R9: Zamboanga del Sur</p> <p>R10: Misamis Oriental</p> <p>R11: Davao City, Davao del Norte, Davao Occidental, Davao de Oro</p> <p>CARAGA: Butuan City</p> <hr/> <p>NCR (August 1 to 5)</p>	<p>CAR: Baguio City, Apayao</p> <p>R2: Santiago City, Quirino, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya</p> <p>R4-A: Batangas, Quezon</p> <p>R4-B: Puerto Princesa</p> <p>R6: Guimaras, Negros Occidental</p> <p>R9: Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga de Norte</p> <p>R11: Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur</p> <p>R12: Gen. Santos City, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, North Cotabato, South Cotabato</p> <p>CARAGA: Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Dinagat Islands</p> <p>BARMM: Cotabato City</p>	<p>Rest of the Philippines</p>

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Travel Restrictions extended until 15 August 2021

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IATF supports the draft Joint Administrative Order of DOH, PRC and PNP on the **Revised Standard Guidelines on the Strict Observance of Health Protocols in the Conduct of Licensure Examinations during Public Health Emergency and/or Pandemic.**

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The following countries/jurisdictions/territories shall be considered as “**Green**” countries/jurisdictions/territories:

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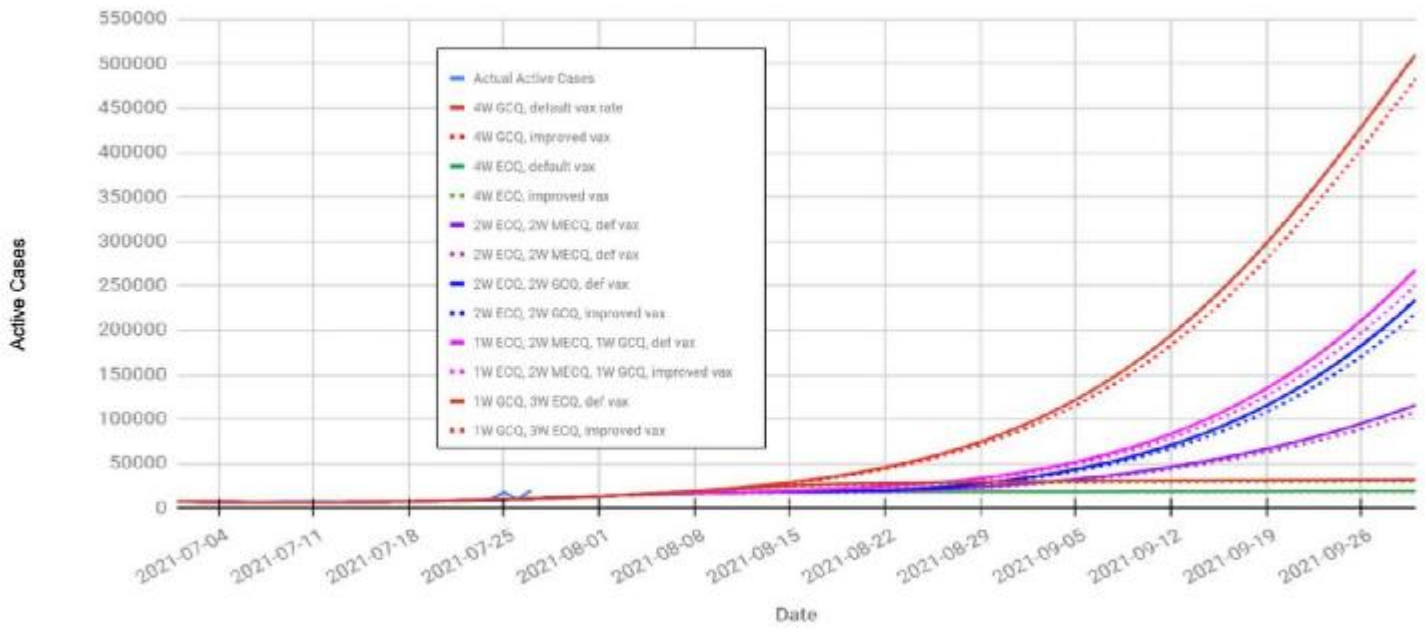
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NCR Active Cases (Delta Variant 60% Transmissible)

Projective number of cases until September 30, 2021



NCR ACTIVE CASES

60% transmissible x [current vaccination rate or 50% increase in vaccination rate]

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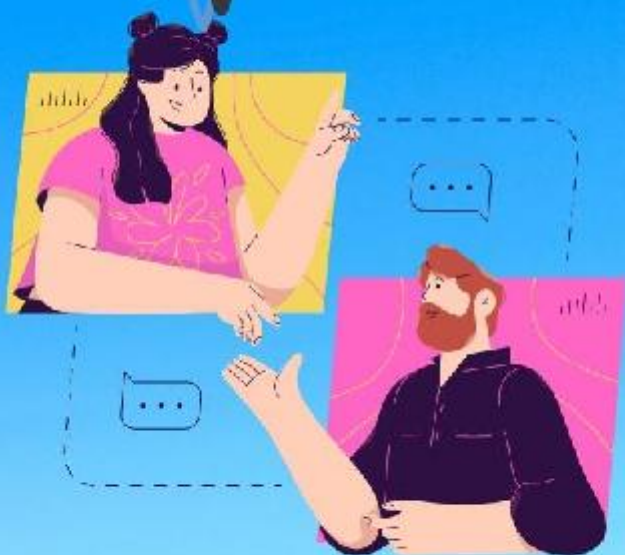
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Listen to those who have questions about vaccination and acknowledge how they are feeling.



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Ask open-ended questions



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Share trusted information

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Explore reasons for wanting to get vaccinated

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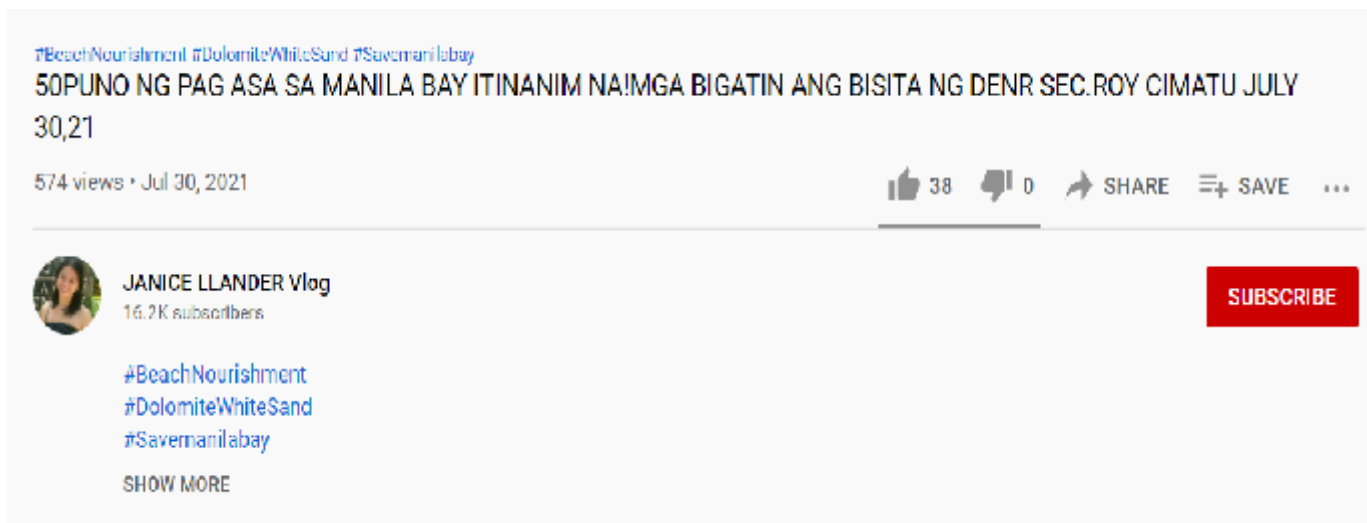
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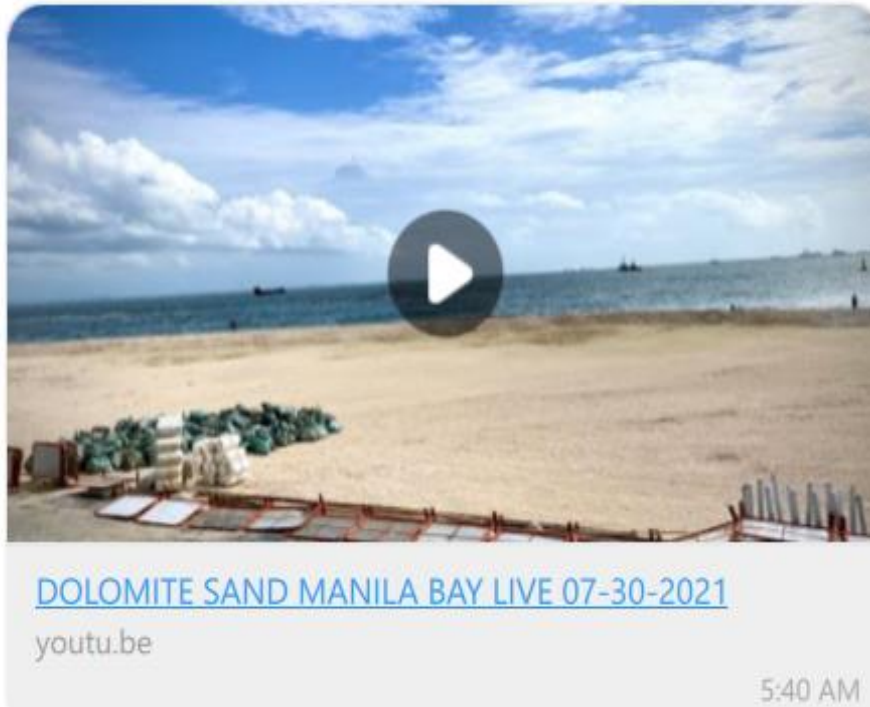
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