

30 Magsasaka ng Batangas, nakatanggap ng kalabaw, baka mula sa DA-4a

Namahagi ang Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) ng 10 babaeng kalabaw at 20 babaeng baka sa 30 magsasaka mula sa bayan ng Lobo, Bauan, Mabini, at San Pascual, Batangas nitong Miyerkules.

Pinangunahan ang pamamahagi nina OIC-Regional Technical Director for Operations Engr. Abelardo R. Bragas at OIC-Regional Technical Director for Research and Regulations Engr. Marcos C. Aves, Sr.

Ayon kay Dr. Jerome G. Cuasay, Livestock Banner Program Coordinator, ang mga naipamahagi ay aalagaan at pararamihin ng mga benepisyaryo, saka ipapamahagi sa mga kapwa magsasaka sa komunidad at maaring ibebenta bilang dagdag kabuhayan.

“Maraming salamat po sa DA-4A dahil bukod sa magagamit sa sakahan, magagamit din naming dagdag-puhunan ‘yong pera na makukuha namin ‘pag naibenta na ‘yong mga

baka,” ani G. Elmer G. Laylay, maggugulay mula Brgy. Bayanan, San Pascual #####(?Reina Beatriz P. Peralta, DA-4A RAFIS; ??Engr. Alex Follosco Jr, DA-4A Office of Regional Technical Director for Research and Regulations)



Ang mga Eco-Aide ng Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Mendez Nuñez, Cavite ay lumikha ng isang Mapa ng Pilipinas mula sa mga walang laman na bote ng plastik at durog na salamin sa kanilang Eco-Park sa Barangay Asis II, Miyerkules.

Ito kanilang paraan upang pagandahin ang kapaligiran sa paggamit ng mga recyclable waste materials.

Photos: PIA Cavite

190 empleyado ng City Hall sa Bacoor, positibo sa COVID-19

CAVITE, Philip-pines — Nasa 190 empleyado ng Bacoor City Hall ang tinamaan ng COVID-19, ayon sa ulat ng lokal na pamahalaan kahapon.

Sinabi ni City Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, umakyat na sa 190 ang empleyado ng City Hall na nagpositibo sa COVID-19 at karamihan dito ay nagtatrabaho sa bahay at ang iba ay nasa isolation facility pa.

Bunsod nito, sinabi ni Revilla na magi-ging limitado ang bilang ng mga pumapasok na empleyado sa city hall. Gayunman, tiniyak nitong mananatili ang iba’t ibang serbisyo ng lokal na pamahalaan sa publiko.

Sa tala ng City Health Office, may kasaluku-yang 1,076 active CO-VID-19 infections ang lungsod nitong Lunes.

Sinabi ng alkalde na

karamihan umano sa mga kasong ito ay nagpapakita lamang ng “mild symptoms”.

“Hindi naman po severe halos ‘yung mga tinatamaan dito, simpleng ubo, simpleng sipon, controlled pa naman po ito. Ang kapasidad ng mga ospital ay more or less nasa 80 percent at may 20 percent pang pwedeng pumasok ang ating mga kababayang may sakit,” pahayag ni Revilla.

PROMENADE DE DASMARIÑAS, MGA PARKE SA LUNGSOD, PANSAMANTALANG SARADO SA PUBLIKO

Sa isang opisyal na pabatid sa social media, ibinahagi ni Dasmariñas City Mayor Jenny Barzaga ang pansamantalang pagpapasara sa Promenade de Dasmariñas at lahat ng mga parke sa lungsod bilang pag-iingat sa banta ng #COVID19.

Ang nasabing kautusan ay nagsimula ngayong Lunes, Enero 3, kasunod ng pagtaas ng mga bagong kaso ng nasabing sakit sa buong bansa.

Ayon sa caption ng post ni Barzaga, “TEMPORARY PARK CLO-

SURE ay ipatutupad para maagapan ang pagdami ng kaso sa ating Lungsod.”

Source/Photo: Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga



CAVITE NANGUNGUNA SA MAY PINAKA MADAMING AKTIBONG KASO NG COVID-19 SA REGION 4-A

CAVITE – 4,273

LAGUNA – 1,723

BATANGAS – 611

RIZAL – 526

QUEZON – 346

AS OF JANUARY 09, 2022



SOURCE: DOH CHD 4A

PARA SA BATANG PIHIKAN KUMAIN

Payo ni Doc Willie Ong

Heto ang payo ni Dr Chin Morabe, isang Pediatrician sa batang mahina kumain.

Napakalaking papel ang ginagampanan ng magulang na gabayan ang pag-uugali sa pagkain ng kanilang anak.

Una sa lahat, alamin ang dahilan. Wala ba talagang gana o sadyang mapili lang sa pagkain. Tiyaga at pasensya ang kailangan upang mapaunawa sa kanila ang kahalagahan ng wastong pagkain. Hindi mapupunan ng pagbibigay ng bitamina ang kakulangan sa tamang pag-papakain sa bata.

Narito ang mga tips:

1. Maging mabuting halimbawa sa bata.

Ang bata ay naiimpluwensyahan ng mga bagay na kanilang nakikita. Kung gusto mong kumain ang bata ng ampalaya, dapat ay ipakitang kumakain ka din nito.

Maari ding makaenganyo ang mga nakatatandang kapatid o pinsan kung nakikitang magana silang kumain.

2. Isama ang bata sa pagpapalano at paghahanda ng pagkain.

Maaring mas matagal ang pagluluto pero mas nagiging interesado ang bata na tikman kung ano ang kanilang nagawa. Isama din sa grocery kung saan maari siyang makapamili ng prutas at gulay na gusto niya.

3. Gawing kaaya-aya ang hapag kainan.

Alisin ang telebisyon, laruan o ano mang mga gadgets sa oras ng pagkain. Ang salu-salo ay hindi din oras upang pagalitan o sermonan ang bata na maaring makapagdulot ng maling signal sa bata kung saan nagiging negatibo ang pananaw sa pagkain.

4. Magluto ng iba't ibang putahe upang hindi madaling magsawa.

Iwasan din na tanging ang paborito nitong pagkain lang ang ihahanda dahil yun lang din ang aasahan ng bata lagi sa mesa. Sa halip maglagay din ng mga bagong sangkap at unti-unting ipakilala ito sa bata. Maaring umabot sa 10-15 beses bago ito magustuhan ng bata.

5. Maging malikhain sa paghahanda ng pagkain gaya ng iba't ibang hugis at kulay.

Bukod sa natututo ang bata, nawiwili din itong kumain. Ang panlasa nila ay sensitibo sa kulay, hugis, anyo, at pagkapino ng pagkain.

6. Magtakda ng regular na oras ng pagkain at miryenda.

Iwasan ang meryenda kung malapit na ang oras ng hapunan dahil mawawalan na sila ng gana. Kahit ayaw kumain ng bata panatilihin pa din siyang kasama sa mesa tuwing oras ng pagkain. Masasanay ito kapag hinayan manood o maglaro na lamang at hindi mapapaintindi ang kahalagahan ng pagkain.

7. Ilayo ang mga pagkain o inumin na ayaw nating ibigay sa bata, tulad ng soft drinks.

Mas mainam na wala ito sa bahay kaysa nakikita nila ngunit sila ay pagbabawalan.

8. Huwag gawing premyo ang pagkain gaya ng pagbibigay ng tsokolate matapos maubos ang gulay. Sa halip na mapaunawa ang kahalagaan ng gulay mas natatakam tuloy sila sa premyong tsokolate.

9. Iwasang puwersahin ang bata, baka lalo nitong katakutan ang pagkain. Imbes na pilitin, unawain ang bata. Kausapin ng mahinahon at alamin ang dahilan ng kanilang pag-ayaw.

10. Huwag mag-alinlangan magtanong sa doctor kung kinakailangan. Happy eating

EDITORIAL

Bantayan, mamemeke ng vaccination cards

Pinakamahalagang gamit ngayon para sa mga bakunado ang kanilang vaccination card. Nakasaad sa vaccination card ang first dose at second dose ng bakunang ginamit at kung kailan isinagawa ang mga ito. Isa na ngayon ang vax cards sa pinakamahalagang bagay na dapat ay nasa bag at pitaka ng sinuman. Kapag wala ito, hindi makapasok sa anumang establishment – malls, groceries, palengke at maski sa mga barbershop. Hindi rin makapasok ang mga bibiyahe patungong Metro Manila at iba pang bayan at lungsod na nasa Alert Level 3. Sa police checkpoint, kailangang magpakita ng vax card ang mga motorista. Ayon sa Philippine National Police (PNP) hindi papayagang makapasok ang mga motoristang walang vax card sa mga lugar na nasa Alert Level 3. Kaya ang paalala ng PNP, huwag kalimutan ang vax card.

Ganito kaimportante ang vax card ngayon. Mas mahalaga pa yata ito sa driver's licence at iba pang identification card. Mahigpit na ipatutupad ang "no vax card, no entry" lalo pa't patuloy ang pagtaas ng kaso ng COVID-19. Kahapon naitala ang mahigit 26,000 kaso ng COVID at maaaring tumaas pa sa mga susunod na araw ayon sa mga eksperto.

Kamakailan, ipinag-utos ni President Duterte na dapat manatili na lamang sa bahay ang mga ayaw magpabakuna at kapag nagpilit lumabas, ipaaresto sa mga barangay tanod. Nararapat pagbawalan na hindi makagala ang mga hindi bakunado para hindi makapanghawa. Kaya tiyak na ang unang hihingin ng baragay tanod ay ang vax card para makatiyak na bakunado ang nasa labas.

Sa ganitong sitwasyon na mahalaga ang vax card, tiyak na magsusulputan ang mga namemeke nito para pagkakitaan. Hindi na muna ang pamemeke ng diploma at transcript ang kanilang pagkakaabalahan kundi ang vax cards. Malaki ang mapepera nila sa modus na ito dahil marami pa ang hindi bakunado.

Nararapat ding bantayan ng PNP ang mga namemeke ng vax card dahil kapag nakalusot ang mga hindi bakunado gamit ang pekeng vax card, lalo nang dadami ang kaso ng COVID. Kailangang maging alerto sa mga namemeke.

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Ipinasilip ni City Councilor Kiko Barzaga ang construction progress ng Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas.

Source/Photos: Kiko Barzaga



IMUS CITY MAYOR, HINIKAYAT ANG PUBLIKO NA MAGPABAKUNA, BOOSTER SHOT, SA GITNA NG BANTA NG OMICRON

Sa isang opisyal na pahayag sa social media, hinikayat ni Imus City Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi ang publiko na unahin ang paglaban sa banta ng Omicron Variant upang hindi na dumami ang mahawaan ng sakit na ito.

Aniya, “Hinihiling natin na huwag na sanang kumalat ang Omicron variant ng COVID-19, alang-alang sa mga kababayan nating maaaring dapuan ng malalang sakit.”

“Unahan na natin ang banta nito at sa lalong madaling panahon ay magpabakuna,



kumpletuhin ang dose, at magpa-booster shot. Ang mga ito ay maaaring tanggapin sa vaccination sites natin sa Imus.”

Dagdag pa niya, kinakailangan makibuklod ang lahat upang malabanan ang pandemya.

Source: Emmanuel Maliksi (FB)

CAVITE LOCKDOWN TINUTULAN NI GOV. JONVIC REMULLA SA KABILA NG PAGTAAS NG KASO NG COVID-19

Tutul si Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla na magpatupad ng lockdown sa probinsya sa kabila ng pagdami ng mga kaso ng COVID-19.

Sa Facebook post noong Biyernes, sinabi ni Remulla na hindi na kakayanin ng lalawigan ang panibagong lockdown at marami ang maaapektuhan.

“We cannot afford another lockdown. Masyadong maraming maaapektuhan. So please take responsibility for yourself and the ones you love,” ani Remulla.

Gayunman, hinimok ni Remulla ang publiko na manatili muna sa loob ng bahay hangga’t maaari. Idiniin niya rin ang pagbabawal sa sabong, basketball, at iba pang contact sports.

“Makakaraos din tayong lahat. Kaunting ingat lang ang kailangan.



Dagdagan ang kapraningan para sa kalusugan. Have faith: The beginning of the end of all this madness is upon us,” ani Remulla. Sa datos mula sa Department of Health-Calabarzon nitong Huwebes, nasa kabuuang 1,370 ang mga aktibong kaso sa Cavite.

Bagama’t may ilang isolation facility at ospital ang nagre-report na puno, lumalabas sa datos ng DOH

na 25 porsyento pa lang ang paggamit ng ICU, 23 porsyento sa ward beds, at 33 porsyento sa isolation bed.

“Bagama’t mabilis ang pagkalat, ang mga may amats ay kadalasan mild cases lang. Kaunting sinat, sipon, ubo at sore throat. Malaking bagay na mataas ang vaccination rate natin. Ganon pa man ay karagdagang ingat pa rin ang kinakailangan,” aniya.

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Transportation (DOTr), and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) have a total of P80 billion they can give as financial assistance.

“Ang bad news, napakaliit ng P80 billion,” he said. “So kung magla-lockdown tayo, mangangapa na naman tayo kung saan tayo kukuha, so napaka-importante na sa bawat galaw natin, we try to predict the unpredictable,” he added.

(The bad news is that P80 billion is too small. If we face lockdown again, we’ll have difficulty finding enough funds again. It’s important that we be prepared and predict the unpredictable.)

Cayetano said providing financial aid directly to all Filipino families is the simpler and more efficient way to distribute financial aid, especially at a time when the Philippines may see more

stringent lockdowns in light of the Omicron variant.

He also said the targeted approach will not work because the funds are lodged in different departments and agencies.

“The most simple way is tulad sa Bayanihan 1. Just give it per family, ibigay niyo sa LGU, at lahat bigyan niyo na. So y’ung targeted approach na per department, it really doesn’t work, so I hope ma-speed up talaga para hindi naman mawalan ng pag-asa ang ating mga kababayan,” Cayetano said.

(The most simple way is one adapted by Bayanihan 1. Just give the aid to every family through the LGUs. The targeted approach in which every department distributes its own aid doesn’t work, so I hope this can be

speeded up so that our people do not lose hope.)

Cayetano has been pushing the government to provide Filipinos P10,000 in direct aid since early 2021. His twin programs, Sampung Libong Pag-asa and Sari-saring Pag-asa which regularly air on his official Facebook page, aim to provide affected sectors and small businesses, respectively, with direct stimulus aid.

“I’m really hoping, this 2022, makapag-innovate ang gobyerno kahit na nage-celeksyon, kahit nagta-transition tayo,” Cayetano said.

(I’m really hoping that this year, the government can innovate even during the election campaign, even when we transition to a new administration.)####



Expand home isolation packages, Palace to PhilHealth

MANILA – Malacañang is pushing the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) to expand its Covid-19 Home Isolation Benefit Packages (CHIBP) to include free reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing.

Acting Presidential Spokesperson and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said PhilHealth currently covers free testing but only among patients who are symptomatic and are currently confined in public or private hospitals.

“We’re also pushing PhilHealth to increase the packages for home treatment. Those who are treating themselves at home can also be covered by PhilHealth. The PhilHealth package will also include RT-PCR,” he said in an interview over ABS-CBN News Channel’s Headstart.

RT-PCR testing is considered the gold standard in detecting the virus that causes Covid-19.

Currently, the CHIBP

is available to patients who passed both clinical and social criteria in surge areas declared by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

Services under the package include home consultations for a minimum of 10 days, 24/7 daily monitoring of patients through teleconsultation, and provision of a home isolation kit which contains: 1L 70 percent alcohol, five pieces face mask, 1 thermometer, 1 pulse oximeter, drugs and medicines (18 pieces Paracetamol, 12 pieces Lagundi tablets or equivalent, six sachets oral rehydration salts, 10 pieces Ascorbic Acid, 10 pieces Vitamin D and zinc), and a consent form.

CHIBP providers may refer patients to higher-level facilities should they experience deterioration during home isolation. However, if the patient expires during home isolation, the facility can still file a claim.

Senatorial aspirant and Sorsogon Governor Francis “Chiz” Escudero earlier called on the Department of Health (DOH) to make RT-PCR testing more affordable and accessible, if not free to encourage the public to get tested and control the spread of Covid-19.

Last Nov. 4, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Executive Order (EO) No. 118, mandating the DOH and the Department of Trade and Industry to determine and implement a price range for RT-PCR testing.

Currently, the price cap for RT-PCR tests ranges from around PHP1,000 to PHP3,000.

Previously, the price cap for RT-PCR tests is PHP3,800 for public laboratories/hospitals and PHP4,500 to PHP5,000 for private laboratories, all costs included.

Meanwhile, the DOH has set at PHP960 the price cap for rapid antigen testing. (PNA)

Dominguez thanks Duterte, Congress for amended retail trade law

MANILA – Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III lauded President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and Congress for the enactment into law of a measure backed by the Department of Finance (DOF) that seeks to further liberalize the Philippine economy and open the country to more foreign direct investments (FDIs) and job creation.

“As we continue our path to recovery, the economic liberalization bills either passed or being considered by our lawmakers will be crucial to bringing in much needed foreign investments that would supercharge the economy and create a lot more jobs for Filipinos, more so at this time when the country is recovering from the pandemic-induced global health and financial crises,” Dominguez said.

Republic Act (RA) No. 11595, which amended the Retail Trade Liberalization Act (RTLTA), was signed into law by the President in December and was released by the Palace last week.

Dominguez said the provisions of this measure will simplify and ease restrictions for foreign retailers that wish to set up shop in the Philippines.

RA 11595 is one of the three investor-friendly measures endorsed by President Duterte and whose passage had been pushed in the Congress by Dominguez and the rest of the Chief Executive’s economic team.

The two others are the amendatory bills to the Public Services Act (PSA) and the Foreign Investment Act (FIA).

The bicameral committee (bicam) report on the amendments to the FIA was ratified by both Houses on Dec. 7, 2021 and is currently pending review by the Office of the President (OP).

Meanwhile, the Senate and House have passed their respective versions of the bill



Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez III

amending the PSA, but still has to go through bicameral proceedings before being ratified by both chambers and then submitted to the President for his approval.

Under RA 11595, the minimum paid-up capital requirement for foreign corporations planning to do business here was lowered from PHP125 million to PHP25 million.

The qualification requirements were also simplified by removing required net worth, number of retailing branches, and retailing track record conditions.

“By lowering the minimum paid-up capital and simplifying the qualification requirements for foreign retailers, the amendments will significantly aid in incentivizing foreign retailers to come in and create jobs. This will also enhance competition among enterprises, which will be beneficial to our consumers by providing more choices at lower and more competitive prices,” Dominguez said.

“These are welcome changes from the previous rule that disproportionately favored already-large enterprises, prevented diverse smaller investors such as startups from entering the Philippine retail market, and complicated compliance for foreign retailers,” he added.

The new law also encourages foreign retailers to have a stock inventory of

products that are made in the Philippines.

“This will help protect our country’s small local manufacturers and encourage retailers to provide opportunities for locally-made products, despite being foreign-owned. We hope this will also aid in generating much needed employment and income for Filipinos,” Dominguez said.

He thanked Congress for writing the law and ensuring its benefits to the country and its constituents.

“We deeply express our gratitude to our legislators for their determination in passing the amendments to the Retail Trade Liberalization Act. We also look forward to continuously working with them on the enactment of the remaining two economic liberalization bills,” he said.

Dominguez also extolled the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for pushing the passage of the economic liberalization bills, along with the rest of the Economic Development Cluster (EDC) of the Cabinet.

“We thank President Duterte for his timely approval of the proposed law and our fellow economic managers in the executive branch for leading the push to further liberalize our economy,” he said. (PR)



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Palace wants all LGUs to provide telemedicine services

MANILA – Malacañang is hoping to see more local government units (LGUs) providing telemedicine and telehealth services for patients who tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).

Acting Presidential Spokesperson, Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles, said some, if not all, Metro Manila LGUs have provided telemedicine services and urged other LGUs to do the same.

“Here in Metro Manila, you will see most, if not all, of our LGUs have a telemedicine or telehealth hotline. That is the ideal that we want to be replicated in other provinces and cities and that’s what we’re pushing for,” he said in an interview over ABS-CBN News Channel’s Headstart on Monday.

Nograles said some wealthier LGUs currently provide Covid-19 home care packages similar to the ones provided by the Office of the Vice President.

He urged LGUs outside Metro Manila to also consider providing free telemedicine services and if possible, Covid-19 home care packages with the start of the implementation of the Supreme Court’s Mandanas ruling expanding local governments’ share in national taxes.

“The LGUs can on their own, especially with the Mandanas ruling wherein mas malaki na yung budget na makukuha ng LGUs (LGUs will get a bigger budget) this year, then all the more reason for the LGUs to also integrate that into the telehealthcare that they’re giving their constituents,” he added.

LGUs are currently the biggest beneficiaries of the PHP5.024-trillion national budget for 2022, getting a PHP959.04 billion

share through their National Tax Allotment, formerly called the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA), according to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The huge increase was due to the implementation of the Mandanas ruling which determined that the “just share” of LGUs shall be sourced from “all national taxes and not only national internal revenue taxes.”

“As far as [Department of Health] is concerned, because siyempre mayroon ding (of course there is also a) delegation of functions, and healthcare is one of those delegated functions of the LGUs. Hopefully, the LGUs can come in and help us also in this regard,” he said.

Meanwhile, Nograles said it will also be the LGU as well as local health officers to determine whether asymptomatic or mild Covid-19 patients within their localities should isolate at home or be transferred to local isolation facilities.

“We have to entrust to

the LGUs the wisdom in their decisions in terms of patient navigation...It will always have to be in consultation with LGUs. But on the ground, it’s LGUs who must be trained, who must be knowledgeable enough to know how to navigate the patients because it’s not a one-size-fits-all rule,” he said.

“They have their own local health officers also and that’s where the coordination between the local health officer and the DOH come in,” he added.

Currently, DOH Covid-18 Hotlines 1555 and 02-886-505-00 or a list of regional hotlines through bit.ly/OHCHotline are available nationwide for all Covid-19 related concerns including consultations.

Persons with health concerns may also talk to licensed doctors via call or video call through DOH-vetted third-party telemedicine service providers at <https://bit.ly/DOHTelemedicine>. (PNA)

IATF-EID to discuss possible Alert Level 4 in NCR: DILG

MANILA – Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Año said the recommendation to place the National Capital Region (NCR) under more stringent Alert Level 4 status will be discussed in the succeeding meetings of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

This, as the OCTA Research Group on Sunday said the positivity rate in Metro Manila has exceeded 50 percent for the first time –50.5 percent as of January 7, 2022.

“This (Alert Level 4) will be discussed in the next IATF meeting,” Año said in a text message to Philippine News Agency on Sunday.

Metro Manila and four nearby provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal are under Alert Level 3.

The OCTA said the NCR logged the most number of the country’s Covid-19 cases from January 2 to 8 at 8,468 followed by Bacoor City with 218, Antipolo with 211, Cainta with 202, and Dasmariñas with 152.

On Sunday, the Department of Health (DOH) reported 28,707 new Covid-19 infections, the highest single-day tally since the

pandemic started in March 2020.

Some 16,803 or 59 percent of new infections were recorded in NCR, increasing the country’s active cases to 128,114, and overall caseload to 2,965,447.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) reiterated its appeal to the public to strictly follow health protocols.

“We have seen photos of people standing in long queues outside the movie houses. Cinemas may have reopened in some areas with lower Covid Alert Level status, but this doesn’t mean that the minimum public health standard must be disregarded,” PNP Chief General Dionardo Carlos said in a statement.

He also urged the establishments allowed to operate by the local government units to strictly enforce the health protocols.

“We remain committed to assisting in the implementation of the protocol especially when the situation may be overwhelming already,” he said.

Carlos expects measures such as prohibiting food and drinks, wearing of face masks and the observance of physical distancing inside movie houses.

Meanwhile, Marikina

City Mayor Marcelino Teodoro clarified that the use of face shields in the city is not mandatory.

“Dahil ito nga ay optional, walang kaakibat na penalty o multa ang hindi pagsusuo ng face shield. Kundi ito ay bahagi lamang ng ibayong pag-iingat o added precaution sa crowded o congested areas (Because it is optional, there is no penalty for not wearing a face shield. But this is only part of the added precaution in crowded or congested areas),” Teodoro said in a message to reporters.

DILG Undersecretary and spokesperson Jonathan Malaya warned that barangay officials may face charges if proven that the surge in Covid-19 cases in their jurisdiction was due to poor implementation of the minimum public health standards (MPHS), particularly the unabated outdoor activities of their unvaccinated residents.

“Madami pong mga pwedeng ifile sa kanila [barangay captains] for dereliction of duty, simple misconduct, negligence, madami pong pwede tayo, so alam naman yan ng kapitan (Many charges can be filed against them for dereliction of duty, simple misconduct, negligence, we many charges we can file, the barangay captains are aware of that),” Malaya said in a radio interview.

Metro Manila mayors earlier approved ordinances restricting the mobility of the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated individuals, particularly in indoor and al fresco dining, hotels, country clubs, and similar establishments.

Many business leaders, medical groups, and organizations have been pushing for the restrictions to be implemented nationwide amid the spike in infections and the threat of the Omicron coronavirus variant. (PNA)

SC extends January deadline of all court filings until Feb. 1

MANILA – The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday announced the extension of deadlines for all court papers due in January following the surge in Covid-19 cases that have halted or paralyzed operations in several institutions.

Circular 01-2022, dated January 10 and signed by Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo, stated that the filing periods of any and all pleadings and other court submissions due this month “are hereby extended until Feb. 1, 2022”, citing the alarming number of Covid-19 infections and the lingering effects of Typhoon Odette.

Some “Odette”-hit areas in the Visayas are still without electricity and water supply.

The extension was requested by the Board of Governors of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

The circular has been disseminated to all judges, justices, court personnel, lawyers, litigants, and court users.

The SC is also implementing reduced on-site work capacity starting this week. Only one third of SC’s work force will physically report on Mondays and Tuesdays, another third on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the remaining third on Fridays and Saturdays.

When not at the office, the work-from-home arrangement will be implemented.

However, personnel of the Office of the Bar Chair and Office of the Bar Confidant involved in the Bar Examination on January 23 and 25 and personnel of the Judicial Records Office involved in e-filing are still required to report on-site.

On Monday, 33,169 new Covid-19 cases were reported. (PNA)

Solon to push for free Covid-19 testing program

MANILA – Senator Panfilo Lacson on Monday said he will push for a free Covid-19 testing program as it should be a part of the public services offered by the government

He also urged the national government to engage the private sector and local government units to roll out free tests that will help manage the surge in positive cases.

“The testing should really be made free, of course, especially to the ordinary employees. If some people have the wherewithal to pay for it, by all means, let them pay. But to those who we know would rather spend money on other things, the daily wage earners, let’s offer it for free,” he said in a statement.

The presidential aspirant is currently in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19 last week. Prior to the confirmation of his result on Friday, he said all his symptoms were gone.

Lacson said his office has gathered concerns from the general public over the price of undergoing a reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test.

“The price range for testing is quite expensive. The swab test costs around PHP3,700 when conducted in a private setting. If you fall in line, of course, you get a much cheaper rate. But we know not all of our countrymen have extra money to pay for it,” he stated.

“Let’s involve our local government units again and even the private sector because the private sector is willing to help in this program,” Lacson said.

He likewise reiterated his appeal to all diagnostic testing centers and laboratories conducting and processing Covid-19 tests to keep their clients informed and updated about the status and results of their samples.

He said it would prevent the unnecessary stress of waiting for their results, like what happened to him and his wife.

They were promised a 12-hour processing time after their home service RT-PCR test but they waited for two days instead. (PNA)



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UNANG INOM, TANGGAL LAHAT NG SAKIT HANGGANG 2025! ???

Viral ngayon sa social media ang larawan ng isang Caviteño na may hawak na malaking banig ng gamot.

Ang naturang post ni Mauricio Fajardo mula sa lungsod ng Imus ay kinagigiliwan ngayon ng mga netizen online lalo’t ilang araw ng nagkakaubusan ng mga anti-flu na gamot sa mga botika.

Ayon kay Fajardo, nais lamang niyang pasayahin ang publiko sa kabila ng biglang pagtaas ng demand ng mga gamot kaya naisipan niyang mag-edit ng larawan.

?? Mauricio Fajardo



Virata-Yuchengco group's Sangley airport offer OKayed

The Cavite government has accepted an offer from a Virata and Yuchengco-led consortium to build a new international airport in Sangley Point in Manila Bay, paving the way for final negotiations and a competitive bidding process.

In a statement on Monday, the SPIA Development Consortium said it had been granted an original proponent status (OPS) for the massive gateway, which will be completed in several phases at an estimated project cost of nearly \$11 billion.

An OPS is a critical step for unsolicited projects governed by the Build Operate Transfer law. The holder of an OPS is also allowed to match counter offers in the mandated 60-day competitive or Swiss challenge process.

Cavite Gov. Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla formally issued the certificate of acceptance on Friday.

In the same statement, he said the move was "a clear sign of the province's commitment to deliver this nationally significant and legacy project to the Filipino people."

The lead investors were the Yuchengco Group, one of the country's largest conglomerates with interests spanning infrastructure, banking, insurance, and automotive services, and the Virata family's Cavite Holdings Inc., which developed the Cavite Expressway project.

The toll road project was eventually acquired by Manuel V. Pangilinan-led infrastructure giant Metro Pacific Investments Corp.

Moreover, taipan Lucio Tan's MacroAsia Corp. will be a non-equity member of the consortium providing management and technical services for aviation support.

The SPIA consortium's foreign partners are Munich Airport International GmbH, the management services arm of Munich Airport, and Samsung C&T Corp., which built Terminal 1 of South Korea's Incheon International Airport and the extension of the Changi International Airport in Singapore. Also joining is London-based design firm Arup Group.

"The long-delayed Sangley Airport project is envisioned as a fully modernized, world-class and green airport that is designed to meet an anticipated increase in demand for air transport in the next 30 to 40 years," the consortium said in the statement.

It added the Sangley Airport was crucial as operations at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) "are eventually phased out to allow for the development of the site and its surrounding areas."

The consortium's proposal covers the phases 1A and 1B, which will provide capacity for a total of 25 million passengers annually at an estimated project cost of \$4.3 billion.

There are also plans to build a second runway and expand capacity to 75 million passengers per year at an additional cost of \$6.6 billion.

The consortium is one of two groups vying to establish an international airport to replace Naia, the country's main gateway.

Conglomerate San Miguel Corp. earlier announced it was building a \$14-billion airport city in nearby Bulacan province.

The SPIA consortium said it would also build a 4.6-kilometer connector road from the Kawit Interchange of Cavite that would lead to Sangley "with the time of completion estimated at two years."

A previous attempt to build an international air hub in Sangley fell through.

On Jan. 26 last year, Remulla cancelled the Feb. 12, 2020 award to the venture of state-run China Communications Construction Co. Ltd. and MacroAsia after the companies failed to comply with the Cavite government's requirements.

On Oct. 20, it declared another failed bidding after no offers appeared by the deadline.

The Inquirer previously reported the initial venture was weighed down by national security and economic concerns as critics feared it would turn into a debt trap where China gains strategic concessions from borrowers that defaulted on their loans. INQ

MANILA LGU BRACES FOR A POSSIBLE SURGE OF INFECTIOUS OMICRON

The local government of Manila is now preparing for the possible surge of Covid-19 cases due to the threat of the Omicron variant.

Presidential candidate and Manila Mayor Isko Moreno Domagoso secured a meeting with Manila Health Department director Dr. Arnold Pangan to ensure six hospitals and Covid-19 field hospitals in the capital are in a position to strategize against the more infectious Omicron, come to its detection in the city.

"We have to prepare since Omicron could be worse than Delta. We should

have sufficient hospital beds and medicines. Kailangang lalong pabilisin ang vaccination, including opening booster shots for everyone qualified after their second dose," he said.

Manila LGU has been strengthening its healthcare system since the pandemic, including the construction of the 344-bed Covid-19 field hospital in front of the Quirino grandstand, designated for patients with mild to moderate symptoms.

Other district hospitals were earlier upgraded like in Sta. Ana Hospital which is now tagged as the capital's infectious disease control

center. Likewise, other world-class facilities are expected to be used in the New Ospital ng Maynila which is soon to be opened.

The city government also secured supplies of anti-Covid drugs Remdesivir, Tocilizumab, with the first batch of Molnupiravir reaching 40,000 capsules.

Moreno also promised that the capital's hospitals are not exclusive to citizens of Manila but are open for all Filipinos.

"Huwag kayong mahihiya sa Lungsod ng Maynila kasi niyayakap namin ang bawat tao sa loob

at labas Lungsod ng Maynila. Hangga't kaya ng supply namin, we can give anti-Covid medicines such as Remdesivir, Tocilizumab and Molnupiravir to patients needing those life-saving drugs. We did it before, we will do it again pag lumala ulit ang Covid situation natin," he mentioned.

The Philippines has recorded 3 confirmed cases of the Omicron variant thus far, but countries in Europe and the United States of America are on a dramatic rise of Covid-19 cases now dominated by the said variant.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) | Tuloyangdaloyng mga opportunities. | Magpakatatagsaiyong paniniwala at pagsisikap nang matamo ang inaasam na bunga. | Naglalandasang full restoration ng kabuhayan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 39, 58, 21, 45 at satin white.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) | May hindi inaasahang dahilan para mag-celebrate. | Isang bagong miyembro ng pamilya ang darating. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 15, 37, 55, 45 at sun yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) | Magiging maayos ang takbong teamwork, aakitng generous customers. Increasing ang sales, happy ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 36, 47, 26, 15, 56 at crimson.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) | Maaakit mo ang iyong kasangga sa buhay at kabuhayan. | Naglalandasang support group natutulon sa'yo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 47, 31, 25, 56, 16 at tangerine.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) | Nasakapalaran ang lilitaw na tadhana. Kung ikatutuwa o hindi, piliin pa rin ang maging masaya sa buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 46, 55, 28, 31 at ice blue.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) | Magse-celebrate ng achievements. Perohindika pa ready mag-retire. | Gayunman, willing ka mag-move on. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 41, 23, 55 at dollar green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) | Lilitaw ng ayonang kakulangan. Sa halip namagmaktol, lalong magsipag. Pasasaan ba at makakaahonka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 38, 59, 25 at tangerine.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) | Ang pandemic ay hamon hindi lang sa'yokundi sa buong mundo. Magpakatatag dahil malampasan ang lahat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 58, 22, 42, 32, 18 at lavender.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set. 23) | Maging aware kasaiyong body function, ang kutob namasidhi ay magpapaalala sa iyong kalooban. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 47, 38, 25, 55 at electric blue.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) | Ang libangan ay magiging kabuhayan. Nga-yon mararanasan ang increasing income na aakitng helpful person. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 16, 39, 45, 55 at ruby red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) | Mapapaunawa sa kasamahan ang halagang kooperasyon. | Dara-ting ang sunod-sunod na oportunidad. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 28, 39, 57, 48, 55 at fuchsia pink.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) | Magiging klarosa'yo ang bawat hakbang na dapat gawin. | Kung magagawang tama, magi-improve ang lahat. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 16, 51, 25, 46, 35 at mango orange.



TINGNAN: Katuwang natin ang Law Enforcement Service ng Land Transportation Office-Philippines (LTO) upang paalalahanan ang mga tsuper at pasahero na sundin ang mga health at safety protocols na ipinatutupad sa mga pampublikong sasakyan.

Ito ay upang siguruhin ang kaligtasan ng bawat isa at maiwasan ang pagkalat ng COVID-19.

Tulad ng mariing paalala ni Secretary Art Tugade, “We cannot let our guard down. We must remain vigilant so we can reverse the uptick of cases in the country. Muli:

1. Wear face masks;
2. No talking and making phone calls;
3. No eating;
4. Keep public utility vehicles well ventilated;
5. Conduct of frequent disinfection;
6. No passengers with COVID-19 symptoms are to be allowed inside the public transportation;
7. Observe appropriate physical distancing rule.”

“Ang mga polisiyang ito ay nandito hindi para pahirapan tayo, kundi para protektahan tayo at ang mga mahal natin sa buhay laban sa Covid,” dagdag pa ni Secretary Tugade.

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COVID ‘HERE TO STAY,’ GOV’T MUST INNOVATE AND ADAPT

With the growing complexities of the pandemic, the Philippine government has to tailor its response with the mindset that COVID-19 is “here to stay,” according to former Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano.

“Pwedeng grumabe, pwedeng bumaba ang cases, pwedeng humina y’ung virus, pwedeng magkaroon ng kung anuman, pero it’s here to stay,” Cayetano said in a media interview.

(The cases can swell, they can go down, the virus can weaken, anything can happen, but it’s certainly here to stay.)

“Ilang beses na ba tayong nabulaga ng COVID? Nabulaga tayo ng Delta, nabulaga tayo ngayon ng Omicron, tapos sinasabi fully vaccinated na pero sa ibang bansa eh third dose na, pinag-uusapan na rin ang fourth dose,” the former Speaker added.

(We’ve been caught off-guard before with Delta, now with Omicron. Other countries already define ‘fully vaccinated’ as three shots, and some are even thinking of a fourth shot.)

Cayetano said the current mindset brought about by less stringent restrictions late last year may hinder more progressive ways in dealing with the Omicron variant as well as other possible future variants of COVID-19.

“Nagtatrabaho naman talaga ang gobyerno, lalo na y’ung local government, o IATF, pero y’ung mindset kasi parang matatapos na ang pandemic, may bakuna na, may gamot na, eh all the doctors have been telling us, we have to live with COVID,



Former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano

hindi basta mawawala ito,” Cayetano said.

(The government is working hard, especially local government units [LGUs] and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases [IATF], but the mindset that the pandemic will end, that there are vaccines and medicines for it anyway, cannot justify our current mindset. Doctors have said that we have to live with COVID.)

Cayetano said because Filipinos are optimistic by nature, people do not think about adapting, innovating, and living with COVID-19.

“We cannot innovate, we cannot adapt kung ang parati nating iniisip ‘matatapos na’ (if our mindset is that the pandemic is about to end),” he said.

Cayetano said even with no lockdowns and other restrictions, the ongoing rise in the number of cases of COVID-19 makes it a necessity for the government to provide financial assistance to everyone.

“For example, some restaurants here in Metro Manila nagsara by them-

selves not because walang customer, not because of lockdown, but because ang dami nilang crew at sa kitchen na nag-positive [sa COVID-19]. Kung ‘yan ay breadwinner, tapos pati y’ung hindi nagpositive ‘pag nagsara y’ung resaturant ng one week, two weeks, three weeks ay walang kakainin yung pamilya nila kung wala tayong mabibigay na ayuda,” he said.,

(For example, some restaurants here in Metro Manila closed by themselves not because there are no customers or there lockdowns but because many of their crew members and kitchen personnel have tested positive for COVID-19. If they are breadwinners, even if they did not test positive but the restaurant closes for one or two or three weeks, their families will have nothing to eat if we do not give financial aid.)

He said the good news is that the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of

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