

Expect more checkpoints as NCR, 4 provinces revert to MECQ

MANILA – Police will impose stricter measures at checkpoints in the city and municipal boundaries of Metro Manila and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal as these areas revert to modified enhanced community quarantine starting August 4 to 18, Joint Task Force Covid Shield commander Lt. Gen. Guillermo Eleazar said on Monday.

sary travels.

“We highly encourage them to buy food and avail other basic goods and services in their respective communities because they will not be allowed to pass the quarantine control points which we will set up anew at the borders of cities and municipalities of Metro Manila and the four provinces that would be reverted to MECQ,” Eleazar said.

Eleazar said checkpoints would be set up anew by the police in these areas to limit the movement of people. Only those authorized persons outside residence (APOR) are allowed to go out.

“We will be implementing stricter measures in areas under MECQ for 15 days starting midnight. This is not something new to our kababayan in Metro Manila and the four nearby provinces because we have been under this community quarantine before so what we are asking is for the cooperation of everybody to make the implementation of the security measures both for the public and your Philippine National Police,” Eleazar said in a statement sent to reporters.

He advised residents of areas under MECQ to avail of the basic goods and services in their respective communities in compliance with the safety protocol of staying at home and avoiding unneces-

Under MECQ, only one person per household will be allowed to go out to avail of basic goods for the entire family, Eleazar said.

Those allowed to go out are required to have a quarantine pass issued by the local government units.

To recall, the quarantine pass was no longer required when Metro Manila and other areas were placed under the less stringent general community quarantine.

The number of quarantine checkpoints was reduced when GCQ was implemented. Only checkpoints in provincial and regional borders were retained. (PNA)

This will include the hiring of 10,000 medical professionals and the calling to active duty and enlistment to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), he said.

Roque said healthcare workers would also be provided with additional benefits, such as risk allowance for private sector healthcare workers treating Covid-19 patients, the amount of PHP10,000 to 15,000 for every healthcare worker that gets sick, life insurance, free accommodation, free transportation, free and frequent testing.

The recommendation to issue work and quarantine passes to minimize movement was also approved, he added.

He said Duterte approved the recommendation to direct local government units (LGUs) and the Covid-19 CODE teams to intensify the localized lockdown strategy and the implementation of Oplan Kalinga.

The recommendation to strictly enforce guidelines for minimum health standards while giving 20 million face masks for the poor has also been approved, he added.

He said Duterte also approved the use of reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing as the gold standard in Covid-19 tests.

Last Thursday, Duterte retained the GCQ classification in Metro Manila despite repeated warnings that it could revert to MECQ if the situation worsens.

On Sunday (August 2), health authorities reported 5,032 additional Covid-19 infections, its largest single-day increase on record, pushing the total tally to 103,185. (PNA)

two-week enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in Mega Manila. I fully understand why you, health workers, would like to ask for such a timeout. They have been in the frontlines for months and they are exhausted,” he said.

He appealed to healthcare workers to “stretch” their patience and fervor by treating Covid-19 patients, assuring them that he recognizes their efforts.

“Wag kayo mawalan ng pag-asa, nakikita at kausap ko ang iba sainyo (Don’t lose hope, I can see you and I speak to some of you) Stretch your patience and your fervor. Tiwala kami sa inyong kakayahan (we trust your abilities),” he added.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said the imposition of a stricter quarantine classification is among the Cabinet’s seven-point recommendation to address the concerns of healthcare workers.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque confirmed that this seven-point recommendation was approved by the President.

Apart from a more stringent quarantine status, Roque said the President also approved the recommendation to hire additional healthcare workers to augment the current workforce.

PRRD heeds frontliners’ call; reverts NCR, other areas to MECQ

President Rodrigo Duterte has reverted Metro Manila to modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) from Aug. 4 to 18 as coronavirus disease (Covid-19) cases in the country exceeded 100,000.

In a late-night public address on Sunday, Duterte approved the recommendation of his Cabinet to return to a more stringent quarantine status in response to medical frontliners’ call for a “timeout” to prevent the collapse of the country’s healthcare system amid the prevailing health crisis.

A least 80 medical associations representing thousands of doctors signed a letter asking the government to revert Manila to en-

hanced community quarantine (ECQ).

Duterte, however, approved his Cabinet’s recommendation to revert to MECQ, the second most stringent quarantine classification.

Aside from Metro Manila, the provinces of Laguna, Rizal, Cavite and Bulacan will also revert to MECQ.

“I have heard the call of different groups from the medical community for a

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By: Bro. Romy Salcedo

AGAPE LOVE IS... "RAPE" IS A CRIME AND PUNISHABLE BY "DEATH"

WICKED PERSONS WILL GO TO HELLFIRE
(1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (bakla), nor abusers of themselves with mankind (rapist ng mga hayop), Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards (mga lasenggo), nor revilers (naninirang puri sa kapwa), nor extortioners (kotonero), shall inherit the kingdom of God."

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RAPE IS AN HEINOUS CRIME WORTHY OF DEATH

Ang panggagahasa ng isang malakas na lalaki sa isang mahinang babae ay isang karumal-dumal na krimeng magagawa ng isang tao hindi lamang sa ating makabagong panahon ngayon kundi ng malaon ng panahong nakalipas na, maging ang mga ninuno natin ay hindi pa isinisilang.

Sinasabi na "prostitution" is the oldest profession in the world. Dahil sa kahirapan ng buhay, ang mga kabataang babae at maging yaong mga nasa sapat na ang gulang ay hayagang ibinebenta na ang kanilang mga sarili basta kumita lamang ng salaping maipambibili ng pagkain para sa sarili at sa pamilya. Sa maraming bansa sa daigdig ay legal na ang prostitusyon subalit sa ating bansa ay illegal na gawain ito pero walang nakukulong dahil sa batas ay nagkakaroon lamang ng kaso kapag may nagreklamo. Papaano nga naman magreklamo ang babae ay "trabaho" niya ito, at paano nga naman magreklamo ang lalaki ay "nasisiyahan" naman siya kahit nga magbayad pa siya ng malaki sa babae.

ANG RAPE AY MAY PARUSANG KAMATAYAN

Si Leo Echegaray ay naparusahan ng kamatayan sa "lethal injection" nang gahasain nito ang sariling anak. Si Congressman Jalosjos ay naparusahan ng pagkabilanggo dahil sa kasong rape. At marami pang mga iba ang napabilanggo nang panghabang buhay dahil sa kasong panggagahasa.

ISANG EIGHT MONTH-OLD NA SANGGOL ANG NI-RAPE

Sa pagpasok pa lamang ng taong 2019 ay bumulaga agad sa mga headline ng mga pahayagan na isang 22 años na construction worker ang gumahasa sa isang walong buwang gulang na kasisilang na sanggol. Hindi pa umabot ang bata ng one year old ay dumanas na agad ng karumal-dumal na kasalanang panggagahasa. Nauna rito may isang 6 month-old na sanggol din ang halinhinang ginahasa ng anim na drug addicts. Wala ni isa man sa anim na halimaw ang nagsabing sanggol pa lamang ang kanilang ginagahasa at mamamatay ito dahil sa kanilang pagiging "hayok sa laman"!

MGA SIRA ANG ULO AT WALA SA SARILING BAIT ANG MGA TAONG NANGGAGAHASA NG MGA BABAE

Ang tanong: "Bakit ka kinakailangang manggahasa ng babae kung ikaw naman ay nasa matinong pag-iisip?" Nagkalat sa mga lansangan ang mga babaeng sa halagang P500 lamang ay "makakaraos" ka na sa init ng iyong katawan! Wala ka bang pera o gusto mo lamang "makalibre" para ka makaraos sa iyong kahayupan? Bakit kinakailangan mong gahasain ang isang bagong silang na sanggol na sarado pa ang ari para lamang makaraos ka sa iyong kalibugan? Kung ikaw na bumabasa nito ay may ganitong kaisipang "sira ang ulo" at nababaliw na ay mag-isip-isip ka na sapagkat hindi lamang parusang kamatayan ang ihahatol sa iyo ng batas ng tao kundi higit sa lahat ay batas ng Diyos na susunugin ang kaluluwa mo sa impiyerno at sa nagniningas na dagat-dagatang apoy na daranasin mo ang walang hanggang paghihirap sapagkat ang taglay mong katawan at kaluluwa na parurusahan ay "walang kamatayan"!

Saludo ako sa tapang ng Pangulong Duterte na ipa-tokhang ang mga drug addict sapagkat sila ang mga taong makagagawa ng mga karumal-dumal na krimen ng panggagahasa, pagpatay, pagnanakaw, at iba't iba pang mga krimen.

(For questions, comments, and free marriage, just text Dr. Bishop Romulo L. Salcedo, D.D. 0919-6081588; 0915-5769415; 0933-5012202 or PLDT: 400-5594)

EDITORIAL

Executive Order No. 116

Last July 24, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Executive Order (EO) No. 116 creating a committee which will study the possibility of tapping nuclear energy as a long term option for power generation. The Nuclear Energy Program Inter-Agency Committee (NEP-IAC) will conduct a pre-feasibility study to evaluate the need for and viability of introducing nuclear power into the state's energy crisis. Likewise, the committee will recommend the necessary steps in the utilization of nuclear energy as well as the existing facilities such as the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP). Secretary Alfonso Cusi of the Department of Energy (DOE) described President Duterte's signing of EO No. 116 as a major step towards the realization of a Philippine Nuclear Energy Program. Cusi said the nuclear energy program ought to 'benefit the Filipino people' by enhancing our energy supply levels and help shield the country's consumers from traditional price volatilities.

Meanwhile, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, chair of the Senate Energy Committee, called for transparency in the plan to study the possibility of utilizing nuclear energy as a power source in the country. "The public should be well-informed on the inherent risk and the potential nuclear power. Only an open and free discussion of this technology will deepen the comprehension of the public. Nuclear energy is a power source that is very complicated and demands high level of knowledge to fully-maximize its utilization without sacrificing public safety," said Senator Gatchalian. And the NEP-IAC should dig deeper why many people are still against the introduction of nuclear energy into the country's energy mix despite the rising costs of electricity in the country. With the signing of the Nuclear Energy Program Inter-Agency Committee (NEP-IAC), the stage is once again open for the ventelation of "pluses and minuses" of transforming the Philippines into a nuclear-powered nation.



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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

GEMINI: (Abr. 21-Hun. 21) Mahalagang mag-relax upang gumaan ang isipan at kalooban. Huwag pansinin ang mang-aasar. Iwasan ang argumento para hindi mapaaway dahil maging maikli ang pasensya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 28, 35, 44 at white.

CANCER: (Hun. 2-Hul. 22) Huwag patagalin ang gustong sabihin kung ayaw na pagmulan ito ng problema. Maging tapat sa sarili at iwasan ang maging magagalitin. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 5, 17, 32 at brown.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Tama ang desisyon na tawanan ang problema at hanapan ng solusyon sa mahinahong paraan. Magiging abala sa pag-aayos ng tahanan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 19, 26, 34 at milk white.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set. 23) Magiging maganda ang epekto ng pakikipagkasundo sa matagal nang kagalit. Dahil taglay ngayon ang mataas na antas ng karisma. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 4, 26, 29 at royal blue.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Ang taglay na problema ay maaaring lumaki sa paglipas ng araw kung hindi mahahanapan ng solusyon. Iwasan ang biglaang pagdedesisyon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 24, 30, 37 at olive green.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Tutuwirin nila ang kanilang pagkakamali dahil alam nilang tama ka. Matutupad at maibibigay ang naipangako. Iwasan ang gumawa ng bagay na makakasakit sa kapwa. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 16, 28, 34 at violet.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Matutukso sa panlabas na anyo ng isang opposite sex. Kung may nararamdaman sa katawan, magpa-check up agad. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 3, 16 25 at sky blue.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Upang manatili ang mataas na antas ng respeto at pagkatao, ipakita ang kabutihan at respeto sa kapwa. Magiging taliwas sa inaasahan ang pangyayari ngayon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 24, 36, 44 at orange.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Ang talinong gabay ay pagkakakitaan ng husto kaysa sa kasalukuyang trabaho. Dapat pag-ukulan ng panahon at i-develop. Lakas ng loob ang landas ng tagumpay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 21, 35, 43 at silver.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Magiging produktibo ang araw kung gugustuhin. Hindi maaapektuhan ang plano na magdulot ng magandang resulta kung iiwasan na mag-init ang ulo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 5, 23, 38, 44 at neon green.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Sikapin na mabuksan ang linya ng komunikasyon sa isang kaibigan. Magiging masigla at masayahin ka ngayon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 7, 23, 36, 41 at blue.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Huwag mangutang at mahihirapang magbayad. Lumalandas ka ngayon sa kaunlaran huwag iwanan ang magandang gawain. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 4, 24, 27, 36 at beige.

DICT supports PRRD's call to boost PH internet

QUEZON CITY, July 29 -- The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) supports President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in his call for telecommunications companies to accelerate the improvement of their services throughout the country.

DICT Secretary Gregorio B. Honasan II is encouraging telcos to support and avail of the benefits of the DICT's Common Tower Initiative, which the Department expects to stimulate the growth of the Independent Tower Company (ITC) sector, and widen the base of Common Towers in the country towards better internet quality and more extensive telecommunications service coverage.

Secretary Honasan said that the DICT maintains its position that the telcos' collocation in the Common Towers that are being rolled out across the

country will enable them to service the wider population, as well as deepen and enhance wireless network coverage and quality of ICT services that will contribute to a healthy, competitive ICT environment that will benefit the Filipino people.

Collocating with Common Towers will also help Telcos cut back on their expenses allocated in building up and maintaining their own towers; expenses which, Secretary Honasan explained, can be used to further upgrade their services.

In addition, the Common Tower initiative is further bolstered by the provisions of the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) between DICT, Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Civil Aviation Authority of

the Philippines (CAAP), Department of Health (DOH), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The JMC significantly removes red tape by streamlining the procedures and requirements for permits, licenses, clearances, certificates, and other requirements in the construction of Shared Passive Telecommunications Tower Infrastructures (PTTI) or common towers—reducing processing time from 200 days to just 16 days.

"We recognize that telcos have existing commitments with some independent tower companies to collocate on the latter's common towers for shared cell sites—we commend them for that. We encourage telcos to take full advantage of the benefits of our common tower initiative, and engage with the ITC sector more actively, especially when it comes to providing connectivity to the unserved and underserved areas in the country. We should work together towards a better, more robust, and future-proofed

ICT environment. This is in line with the spirit of bayanihan, which President Duterte clearly articulated in his SONA." Honasan said.

In his fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA) conducted on Monday, 27 June 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte called on concerned companies and agencies, including the DICT, to implement appropriate measures to boost connectivity, promote electronic governance (e-governance), utilize ICT for education, and toughen up the country's cybersecurity.

"Rest assured that the DICT is continuously implementing programs and initiatives as well as coordinating with relevant agencies and the ICT sectors in ensuring that the country is able to better utilize ICT for education and governance. In addition, we are reinforcing our cybersecurity efforts for the safety and resiliency of Filipinos during this crisis," Secretary Honasan said. (DICT)

Inventors, researchers urged to seek aid in disaster-related jobs

MANILA -- The chief of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) is urging researchers and inventors to seek the Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) assistance if they have works related to disaster mitigation.

"We encourage researchers and inventors to get in touch with the DOST if they have innovations related to disaster mitigation, preparedness and response. Aside from regional offices, we have the Technology Application and Promotion Institute, which is the (DOST-attached) agency that assists inventors to commercialize their products," Phivolcs director Renato Solidum, Jr. told the Philippine News Agency in an interview Monday.

He said the DOST has three councils -- the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD), Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD), and the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) -- which could help them improve their products through technical assistance as well as research funding.

He cited as example the Mobile and Command Post and Triaging Trailer Tent developed by Dennis Abella, that was assisted by the DOST through promotions.

"This was not funded by the DOST as this was Abella's own initiative. There is an agreement between DOST regional offices and the Filipino Inventors Society Producers Cooperative to support each other's programs and projects," Solidum clarified, adding that it is the local government units (LGUs) which shoulder the expenses ev-

ery time a mobile and command post would be put up.

Abella told the PNA that it would only take 15 minutes to put up the command post, and the target users are the LGUs.

It was first deployed in Bacoor City in 2015, he added.

"This was conceptualized in 2013, after the Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan). At that time, the impact of the typhoon was devastating, even the DRRMO (Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office) was wiped out. That was when we realized we needed an equipment that could sustain typhoons and can be deployed post-disaster for communications, rescue and medical training," Abella said.

He said it is currently being used by the LGUs in Makati, Pasay, Bacoor, Muntinlupa, Quezon City, and Capiz.

Other notable deployments, he said, were during typhoons to monitor and the conduct of rescue, during the Papal visit for surveillance and medical triaging, and during a fire in Bacoor for coordination among different departments.

The mobile command post was also used during the pandemic lockdown and deployed in checkpoints for surveillance, he continued.

"(The) DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development) also used it during Taal Volcano eruption, for the purpose of medical triaging and communication," he said.

Meanwhile, Solidum noted the Phivolcs' commitment to support the local inventors in terms of disaster mitigation efforts.

"The DOST is committed to continue its science, technology and innovation initiatives and support Filipino inventors and researchers to increase resilience of our communities, LGUs, businesses and organizations, so that we achieve a safer Philippines," Solidum said. (PNA)



WEEKLY REPORT
on the Activities & Programs of
Carmona

Mayor Roy Loyola conducts inspection at different establishments in Carmona

Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola visited various establishments in Carmona such as at Puregold, Walter Mart, and Alfamart on July 23, 2020 to inspect the establishments' use of Carmona Digital Contact Tracer App. The Carmona Digital Contact Tracer App is an initiative of the Information Technology department of the local government which aims to help the Municipal Health Office in conducting COVID-19 contact tracing.



Mayor Roy Loyola joins as panelist for DILG webinar on vulnerable sectors in the time of COVID-19

Municipal Mayor Roy Loyola alongside Cavite Fifth District Representative Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola attended a webinar of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) titled "Caring and Protecting the Vulnerable Groups during the Pandemic" on July 23, 2020 through Zoom App as a panelist. The webinar tackled how the local government can strengthen their support, assistance, and protection towards vulnerable groups such as the youth, women, LGBTQ+ community, persons with disability, and senior citizens in this time of the pandemic



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Avoid burdening health care system; observe health standards: DOH

MANILA -- Filipinos are urged anew to make it a habit to observe minimum health standards to avoid burdening the country's health care system and workers, amid the continuing increase of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) infections.

Doctors, nurses, and other medical practitioners have been falling ill, increasing the burden on the health care system that is already grappling with the pandemic.

Total bed occupancy, meanwhile, is at 50 percent, accounting for both Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 beds, according to the Department of Health (DOH).

As of July 28, some 4,691 health care workers have tested positive for Covid-19. About 57 percent or 3,534 have recovered, while 36, or 0.8 percent, have died.

Some 1,121, or 24 percent, are active cases -- 818 or 73 percent are mild cases, 301 or 27 percent are asymptomatic, and two or 0.2 percent are in severe condition.

"We would like to reiterate the government's continuing need to augment human resource for health. The call for more health care workers is very evident," the

DOH said in a statement Thursday.

To avoid burdening the health facilities, the health care workers, and the community, the department again reiterated its call for the public to wear face masks, wash hands regularly, and maintain safe physical distance.

"It is important to note that given the supply of hospital beds, mild and asymptomatic patients should be treated in Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities (TTMFs) and not in hospitals to ensure adequacy of hospital beds for patients," it said.

Data from the department show a total of 81,636 beds in the TTMFs with an overall occupancy of 24 percent, as of July 28.

The use of the TTMFs in the National Capital, Ilocos, Central Visayas, Northern Mindanao, Soccsksargen regions are at 30 percent to 70 percent or in the warning zone.

The Mega-TTMFs, such as the Ultra Stadium, Quezon Institute, Rizal Memorial Coliseum, Philippine Arena, and ASEAN Convention Center, are in the danger zone, with an occupancy of more than 70 percent. (PNA)

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