



Cavite plans to inoculate 2 million residents in next 6 months

The Cavite provincial government is eyeing to inoculate about two million residents for the next six months as part of the province's fight against the spread of coronavirus, Governor Jonvic Remulla said on Friday.

Cavite LGUs distribute ECQ 'Cash Ayuda' to low income beneficiaries

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Apr. 16 (PIA) -- The ECQ 'Cash Ayuda' from the national government with fund allocation of P3B for the province were distributed in several cities and municipalities in the province.

The fund were downloaded to the respective LGUs' accounts as early as April 5, 2021 with the inclusion of the master list of beneficiaries from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The municipality of Naic with fund allocation of P115,822,000 was the first LGU to hold the payout activity to qualified beneficiaries of Barangay

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"Ang plano po natin sa susunod na anim na buwan ay ma-inoculate ang two million na Caviteño sa pamamagitan ng pagtatayo ng 200 na intervention centers dito sa buong Cavite," he said in his Facebook live.

(Our plan is to inoculate two million Caviteños as we establish 200 intervention centers in the entire Cavite.)

Remulla said that the provincial government is expecting about 300,000 doses of vaccines by the end of April to be allocated for senior citizens and persons

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BTS ARMYs set up community pantries in Cavite to help people in need



As the community pantry spirit continues to spread in the country, fans of K-pop superstars BTS have set up their own in Cavite to help people in need amid the ongoing pandemic.

The BTS ARMY Cavite Fanbase decided to establish two community pantries in Dasmariñas, Cavite: Windward Hills Subdivision and Manuela Ville Subdivision.

BTS fan Bie Rosales, who is in-charge of one of the pantries, told Manila Bulletin that they came up with the community pantry idea last March but because of a fire near their area, they decided to help those affected by it first.

"Nagbigay kami ng hygiene kits sa mga nasunugan

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P83.3 billion worth of income lost in five weeks of ECQ, MECQ

People lost around P83.3 billion in possible income due to the stricter lockdown measures enforced for almost five weeks in Metro Manila and four adjacent provinces due to a new surge in COVID-19 cases surge, Acting Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Chua said during a pre-recorded briefing with President Rodrigo Duterte that aired on Monday night.

The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) will continue monitoring figures on income that people were not able to receive due to the strict enhanced community quaran-

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Kawit, Cavite LGU shoulders tricycle drivers' franchise renewal fee



(Photo from the Municipality of Kawit, Cavite Facebook page / MANILA BULLETIN)

KAWIT, Cavite -- The municipal government here has announced that it will shoulder the tricycle franchise renewal fees to help alleviate the effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on drivers and operators.

Mayor Angelo G. Aguinaldo met with Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Association (TODA) pres-

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No acceptance of new patients for a week - Cavite Gov. Remulla

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite Apr. 16 (PIA) --Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla stated that eight (8) provincial and city hospitals will not accept new patients for a week.

This was declared in the wake of the CoViD-19 infection among several health care workers in medical facilities.

"One week kami nag-decide hindi muna (tatanggap ng pasyente) hangga't malaman namin ang sitwasyon," said Remulla.

(We decided not to accept patients for one week

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Deadline for SSS contribution remittance extended

The Social Security System (SSS) has extended by one month or until April 30 the deadline for the remittance of members' contributions for February in areas recently placed under the most stringent COVID-19 quarantine.

In an April 16 circular, Aurora Ignacio, SSS president and chief executive, said the extended deadline would cover employers in Metro Manila and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal, which the government lumped together as "National Capital Region (NCR) Plus."

February contributions should have been remitted to the SSS on March 31.



But NCR Plus was placed under enhanced community quarantine from March 29 to April 11 due to surging COVID-19 infections. As such, movement of people and nonessential goods had been restricted during the two-week lockdown.

Ignacio also allowed employers that paid contributions in installments to deposit by April 30 their post-dated checks that were supposedly due in March.

Since January, the state pension fund collected a higher monthly contribution rate of 13 percent, as mandated under the SSS' amended charter.

Republic Act No. 11199, or the Social Security Act of 2018, signed by President Duterte two years ago allowed the Social Security Commission (SSC) —the SSS' governing body—to jack up members' contribution rate by 1 percentage point every other year starting 2019, from 11 percent until it reaches 15

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Community pantries, dahilan ng pagpapasalamat ng tao sa Diyos



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INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "...Ibigin mo ang iyong kapwa gaya ng pag-ibig mo sa iyong sarili..." (Si Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo, sa Mateo 22:39, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

SA HARAP NG MGA BATIKOS, NAGSULPUTAN ANG MAS MARAMING PANG COMMUNITY PANTRIES SA BANSA: Sa kabila ng mga alingasngas na idinulot ng ilang maaanghang na komentaryong nanggaling sa mga matataas na opisyal ng gobyernong Duterte, nagpakita naman ng katatagan ang maraming mga Pilipino sa kanilang layuning makatulong sa mga mahihirap na nangangailangan ng pagkain at inumin, sa harap ng gutom at hirap na dinaranas ng marami nating mga kababayan bunga ng patuloy na pananalasa ng covid 19 virus sa pilipinas.

Sa tila nagkakaisang pagkilos na nagpapakita ng busilak at matuwid na kalooban ng mga pilipinong bagamat di naman mayaman ay may puso namang inuuna at ikinararangal ang pagdamay sa mga kapwang kapos at salat sa buhay na walang ibang tulong na maasahan, naglabasan pa ang maraming community pantries, di na lamang sa Metro Manila, kundi sa maraming bayan sa bansa, kasama na ang mga community pantries ng iba't ibang mga himpilan ng pulisya na nag-umpisa na ding mamigay ng mga pagkain sa mga naka-quarantine pa rin hanggang ngayon.

Ayon sa mga organizers, hindi na nila iintindihin ang anumang sasabihin pa ng mga taong kumukontra sa paglalagay ng community pantries. Matatandaang nagpahayag ang Armed Forces of the Philippines o AFP na hindi magandang gagamitin ang mga community pantries para sa propaganda ng mga makakaliwang grupo.

Ayon sa AFP, hindi problema sa militar ang layuning makatulong ng mga organizers, dahil ang AFP din ay kumikilos din upang tumulong sa mga nangangailangan sa mga lalawigan at bayan. Ang isyu lamang, dagdag pa ng afp, ay ang lantarang paggamit ng community pantries upang sirain o batikusin ang gobyerno sa harap ng lalong paglala ng Covid 19 virus sa bansa.

KAPULISAN SA METRO MANILA, NAGTAYO NA DIN NG COMMUNITY PANTRIES BILANG TULONG SA KANILANG MGA NASASAKUPAN: Sa kabila ng pahayag na ito ng AFP, naglitawan naman agad ang mga ulat na may mga himpilan ng pulisya na nagtatag na din naman ng kanilang community pantries. Ang isa sa mga himpilan ng pulisya na gumagawa na din nito ay ang Eastern Police District, o ang pamunuan ng mga pulis na nakatalaga sa eastern metro manila, gaya ng pasig city, pateros, at marikina city.

Ayon sa mga ulat, tinawag ng pamunuan ng eastern police district ang kanilang community pantry bilang "epd

pamamarisan pantry" na kaniyang itinayo sa harap mismo ng headquarters ng epd sa caruncho avenue, sa pasig city.

Maaaring makakuha mula dito ang mga kababayan nating nangangailangan ng bigas, de lata, instant noodles, face masks, face shields, at bibliya. Bahagi din ng ipinamimigay dito ay ang pnp journal, o isang publication ng pnp na nagpaliwanang ng mga proyekto nito para sa kapayapaan.

Samantala, doon naman sa paz police community precinct sa paco, manila, namigay naman ng libreng almusal ang mga pulis ng manila police district sa mga residente ng paco na patuloy na sumasailalim sa quarantine o lockdown restrictions dahil pa rin sa malubhang pananalasa sa nasabing lugar ng covid 19.

COMMUNITY PANTRIES, SUSI NG PAGPAPASALAMAT NG TAO SA DIYOS: Lugaw at tinapay ang ipinamigay ng mga kasapi ng Paz Police Community Precinct. Sa ulat mula sa presintong ito, marami diumano ang mga kapus-palad sa kanilang nasasakupan na lalong dumadaing ng hirap dahil sa mga pagbabawal sa paglabas ng bahay. Nilayon ng mga pulis ang pagbibigay ng libreng almusal sa halos 500 residente sa Paz, Paco, Manila. Agad namang nagpasalamat ang mga taga Paco sa ikinilos ng mga pulis sa kanilang lugar.

Ayon sa mga netizens na nakipag-usap dito sa Kakampi

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until we would know the situation.) About 38 hospital medical staff located in the cities of Bacoor, Dasmariñas, Trece Martires, and in the municipalities of Kawit, Maragondon, and General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) tested positive of

CoViD-19 disease. Due to this, medical facilities are now understaffed and remaining health care workers will be overwhelmed with the influx of patients if the hospitals continue to accept new patients.

Moreover, private hos-

Mo Ang Batas, anuman ang layunin o sinuman ang mga tao o grupo na nasa likod ng iba't ibang mga community pantries sa ngayon, marapat lamang na hayaan na lamang muna ang mga ito sa pamamahagi ng libreng pagkain o iba pang pangangailangan ng mga mahihirap na pilipino.

Sabi ng mga netizens, lalo lamang magkakaroon ng black eye ang gobyerno pag pinigilan nito, sa kahit anupamang dahilan, ang pamimigay ng mga libreng pagkain at inumin sa ating mga kababayan gamit ang sistema ng community pantries. Marapat ngang tulong ang mga nagtatatag ng mga ito, dagdag pa ng mga netizens, upang mas marami ang matulungang mga tao.

Ang iisipin ng mga nakakatanggap ng tulong sa ngayon mula sa community pantries ay iisa lamang: kung may mga tao na patuloy na nakakatanggap ng biyaya at, dahil diyan, ay nagbabahagi ng mga grasyang kanilang tinatanggap, sila mang mga nakatanggap ng tulong ay kikilos din upang mapabuti ang kanilang buhay sa marangal na paraan. Magpapasalamat din sila sa Diyos na Siyang pinagmumulan ng lahat ng pagpapala.

Balsahan on April 8, 2021. Said barangay is the first to submit validated master list to the MSWDO pursuant to the first come first serve basis policy of the LGU.

Consequently, LGU Naic ordered for a P40M supplemental budget from its savings to augment the allocated funds to be able to help more families in the municipality.

The city of Tagaytay and the municipality of Indang held their payout on April 9 while the cities of Bacoor and Cavite City and the municipalities of Mendez-Nuñez and Carmona distributed the financial assistance over the weekend despite the challenges brought by employees

undergoing quarantine and work-from-home arrangement.

However, according to the Department of Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Financial Accomplishment Report as of April 11, the province had only distributed 1% of the target 3,444,448 individuals entitled to the financial assistance.

Early this week, the cities of Dasmariñas, General Trias, and Trece Martires and the municipalities of Tanza and Noveleta conducted the payout of the financial assistance to qualified resident beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, the City Government of Imus

pitals in the province are also at a critical level with occupancy rate reaching 95 percent according to the governor. Meanwhile, the CoViD-19 case tracker for the province as of 2pm April 15, 2021 recorded 568 new cases for a total con-

firmed cases almost at the 33K mark. Out of the total confirmed cases, 7,649 are active cases, 24,551 have recovered while 796 died of the disease. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Go-Cavite/PICAD-Cavite FB pages)

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launched the online registration for the ECQ cash aid and the augmentation program Lingap Imuseño. This is to expedite processing and validation of the financial assistance to be distributed to the beneficiaries thru accredited electronic payment partners or online banking. Imus City is the first LGU to opt for cashless payout.

To keep the residents safe, the local government of Alfonso held house-to-house cash payouts to qualified beneficiaries in respective barangays thru the efforts of the employees of the local government, barangay officials, Barangay Health Workers, and Daycare Workers scheduled April 14-18, 2021.

Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo-Bailen beneficiaries came out to claim their cash aid today while Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista released the schedule and list of beneficiaries yesterday after completion of validation to include excess from ECQ funds of P19,205,000.

Remaining municipalities of Amadeo, Maragondon, Ternate, Gen. Mariano Alvarez, Silang and Kawit are still in the process of completing the validation of the beneficiaries to ensure that all residents will receive the financial aid in this time quarantine status. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the respective LGUs' FB page)

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with comorbidities. Further, Remulla said they are also eyeing to take a "different approach" and soon vaccinate industrial workers.

"Ang buong Cavite po ay may sariling programa. Ang uunahin po natin, dahil ang national government po ay uunahin ang senior citizens at comorbidities by December, sabi nila matatapos sila. Ang uunahin natin ay ang ating makina ng industriya. Uunahin natin ang ating in-

dustrial zones, lahat ng industrial zone workers, lahat ng mga involved sa industrial zones natin," he said.

(The entire Cavite has its own program. The national government said that it will inoculate senior citizens and people with comorbidities [which will end in] December. We will prioritize the so-called machines of our industry. We will prioritize all the industrial zone workers, those who are involved in

industrial zones.) Non-residents of Cavite will also be a candidate to receive free vaccines as long as they are working or studying in the province.

"Ito po ay bigay ng Cavite government. 'Wag ng kayong mag-alala, kung hindi ho kayo nakatira sa Cavite, kung kayo'y nagtatrabaho rito o nag-aaral rito, kahit kayo ay hindi nakatira rito permanently, kayo ay candidate para sa vaccine," Remul-

la said. (This is given by the Cavite government. Don't worry, if you are not living in Cavite, or if you are working or studying [in the province], even if you are not living here permanently, you are a candidate to get the vaccine.)

The Cavite provincial government earlier said that it ordered three million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from US biotech firm Novavax. - Liezelle Soriano Roy, INQUIRER.net trainee

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Hospitals in NCR Plus commit more ICU beds

Hospitals in the National Capital Region (NCR) Plus have vowed to allocate additional intensive care unit (ICU) beds for COVID-19 patients, but it remains unsure whether the quarantine restrictions in the area would be relaxed next month, officials said yesterday.

National Task Force Against COVID-19 deputy chief implementer Vince Dizon said the 176 additional ICU beds and more than 1,000 ward beds committed by the NCR Plus hospitals may be available by next month.

NCR Plus is composed of Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal, areas that were placed on the strictest enhanced community quarantine from March 29 to April 11 because of soaring COVID-19 infections.

"The hospitals have committed 176 ICU beds in the NCR Plus and more than 1,000 ward beds in their respective hospitals. Our target is to activate these beds before May," Dizon said at a press briefing. These additional ICU beds, he added, would lower the utilization rate to roughly 70 percent from 82 percent, which means that more COVID-19 patients would be accommodated. If the ICU bed utilization rate is lowered to 70 percent it would be classified as moderate risk, making an area qualified to be downgraded to the more lenient general community quarantine.

Aside from this, presidential spokesman Harry Roque

said the COVID-19 daily attack rate and two-week attack rates also have to be studied to determine if the classification of NCR Plus, which is now under modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ), can be relaxed.

He noted that 82 percent of ICU beds, 61 percent of isolation beds, 70 percent of ward beds, and 60 percent of ventilators are in use in Metro Manila—the epicenter of the pandemic in the Philippines.

For the entire Philippines, the healthcare utilization rate as of April 21 is 65 percent for ICU beds, 49 percent for isolation beds, 55 percent for ward beds, and 45 percent for ventilators.

Given the scenario in Metro Manila, the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center launched its homecare program with seven different home care packages for COVID patients.

"This will ensure that those truly in need of medical treatment for COVID-19 will be attended to and not turned away because of sheer volume. Our patient's health and recovery remain our top priority," said the hospital's medical director, Dr. Samuel Ang.

COVID patients may access its medical services through hotlines 87114141 loc. 1103 to 105 or mobile No. 0966-6804553 or visiting <http://homecarechmccare>.

Increased testing



Dizon said the health department is helping hospitals augment their personnel, noting that several health workers are getting sick or are experiencing fatigue.

"Even if some laboratories are facing challenges in NCR Plus because many of their personnel are getting sick and infected with COVID, with the help of DOH (Department of Health), LGU (local government units), we are really trying to increase testing," he stressed.

His latest report indicated that the average number of COVID-19 tests conducted in the country per day have increased to over 50,000 in the past weeks from an average of over 30,000 in February.

It showed an average of 34,293 from Feb. 17 to 23, which rose to 52,930 in the week of March 17 to 23.

Dizon also said around 200,000 antigen test kits were deployed in Metro Manila and nearby provinces that include Pampanga, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal and Batangas. He however noted that the antigen tests are only used in the NCR Plus for those who are symptomatic or those who had close contact with symptomatic individuals or positive with the virus. He bats for strict enforcement of protocols for returning overseas Filipino workers, saying: "The President said he is not willing to compromise on protocols on incoming Filipinos or arrivals in the Philippines. That's why our recommendation is to retain current protocols requiring testing on the sixth day of quarantine."

The LGUs, he added, have also requested to retain this.

"We think it is better to test. The protocols came from technical advisers, experts. That's why our recommendation with Secretary (Carlito) Galvez and (Health Secretary Francisco) Duque is to retain current protocols on arrival. But we will review it regularly," he said.

Meanwhile, Malacañang expressed support for the May 8 "Day of Prayer" for those who died of COVID-19 to be held at the Manila Cathedral.

"We support that. As a victim of COVID, I thank those who prayed for my recovery and I engage everyone to pray for all our countrymen who caught COVID-19. We support all prayer initiatives because we know that prayers can move mountains," Roque said. — Mayen Jaymalin, Louella Desiderio

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percent. Previously, only the President can green-light adjustments. Amid a pandemic-induced recession, which shuttered thousands of businesses and shed millions of jobs, the SSS' contribution collections dropped 7.1 percent to P204.75 billion last year mainly as 1.5 million members were unable to pay their contributions as most of them lost their jobs.

During last Monday's briefing with President Duterte, Acting Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Kendrick Chua said

the two-week lockdown and ongoing less-stringent modified enhanced community quarantine until the end of the month would cost a total of P83.3 billion in foregone workers' wages in NCR Plus, which accounted for half of the economy. Chua, who heads state planning agency National Economic and Development Authority, nonetheless said the government wanted to slash the unemployment rate from 8.8 percent as of February to 4-5 percent next year. —BEN O. DE VERA INQ

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idents on Tuesday (April 20) to discuss the assistance being offered by the local government unit (LGU). In a Facebook post, Aguineldo said tricycle drivers are among those who suffered the most amid the pandemic due to limited operations and

passenger capacity since last year.

The LGU has yet to answer residents' queries on Facebook about whether it will reimburse the fees of those who have already renewed their franchise. (by Carla Bauto Deña)

HONTIVEROS FILES BILL SEEKING TO END HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Senator Risa Hontiveros has filed Senate Bill No. 2126, otherwise known as "Ensuring Zero Hunger for All Filipinos" to address the glaring gaps in the government response in addressing hunger and malnutrition. "Itutulak ng Zero Hunger Bill ang gobyerno upang unahin ang problema sa gutom at ang karapatan ng bawat Pilipino sa pagkain lalo ngayong marami sa ating mga kababayan ay naitulak sa kahirapan," she said. "The Philippines has committed to end hunger and eradicate poverty by 2030 as part of its Sustainable Development Goals. Kailangan itong maging pangunahing adhikain. Hindi ito dapat maantala o maipagpaliban dahil buhay ang nakataya," Hontiveros added. The bill mandates the state to take appropriate steps to ensure the realization of individual's right to food, design policies and fund programs that will create conditions that will free Filipinos from hunger and reexamine existing policies on the use, exploitation and management of resources to achieve the goal of ending hunger. It will also provide for adequate, coherent and transparent policies that encourage and promote private citizen's active participation such as through food banks and community pantries. "Food banks and community pantries should be institutionalized so they can get the right amount of support from the government to serve and reach more people in need," she said. Moreover, this measure fully integrates the whole of government approach to eradicate hunger. Government and all its instrumentalities would be compelled to work together across portfolio boundaries to achieve an integrated response to eliminate hunger. Once passed, a Commission on the Right to Adequate Food will also be established as the primary policy-making and coordinating body to guarantee the full exercise of the right to adequate food. A "National Food Policy" would be formulated by the Commission which will serve as a nationwide framework of programs that will address hunger, help achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. Through the adoption of a National Food Policy, the government will be held more accountable as any violation of the right to food will be punishable by law, Hontiveros said. "The real health disaster is still ahead of us. It will not be enough to provide short-term solutions. There should be a long-term perspective to strike at the root of the problem to be able to provide a secure future and ensure the right to food for everyone," she said. "This proposed law will pave the way for inclusive, social, equal and sustainable growth and development to ensure that there is enough food available for all Filipinos," she concluded.

P83.3 Billion worth of income << P1

tine (ECQ) or the modified ECQ (MECQ), Chua said.

According to him, for every week of ECQ, the income lost was P19.6 billion, and for every week of MECQ, the income lost was P14.7 billion was lost, according to him. "Because we had two weeks of ECQ and we had an extension of almost three weeks of MECQ – so a total of almost five weeks – the effect on people is P83.3 billion in foregone wages," Chua added in Filipino.

"Of course, this is one of our concerns, but we believe

that we should help each other so that we could find a solution to this spike – so that we can slowly reopen our economy and give it back to the people," he went on.

Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal were placed under a so-called ECQ bubble they experienced a surge in COVID-19 cases, which left their hospitals overwhelmed with patients.

The ECQ status was eventually downgraded after two weeks to MECQ, but the bubble continued

to have a surge in cases. On Monday, the country's active COVID-19 case count rose to 141,375 after the Department of Health (DOH) tallied 9,628 new infections. A huge bulk of the cases – 95,668 out of 141,375 active cases – are in the NCR bubble. This accounts for 67.66 percent of all the active cases nationwide.

But on the flip side, Chua said that the country was able to generate 9.3 million jobs despite the pandemic. "By February 2021, we were able to create 9.3 million jobs.

So that means we were able to recover the lost jobs and even added 600,000 jobs. And this is valuable because this is what runs our economy," he said.

"But the unemployment rate is somewhat high at 8.8 percent. What we're aiming at is that, hopefully, by next year the unemployment rate returns to 4 to 5 percent. And the last thing that NEDA is monitoring is the income or the salaries of people," he added. (By: Gabriel Pabico Lalu - Reporter / @Gabriel-LaluINQ)

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sa tulong ng mga co-ARMYs namin na nagdonate. Pagkatapos po nito tsaka naman namin sinimulan yung community pantry na idea po ng mommy Jess ko na nasa Japan, naisipan niya po itong simulan noong bumalik uli ang lalawigan ng Cavite sa ECQ (We gave hygiene kits to those who were affected by the fire through the help of our co-ARMYs. After which we decided to start the community pantry, which was the idea of my mommy Jess who is in Japan. She thought of starting this when Cavite went back to ECQ [enhanced community quarantine].")

Some of the items available at the pantries include rice, vegetables, canned goods, coffee and noodles.

"Ito po ay naisip naming way para makapagbigay ng tulong, pag-asa at ngiti sa aming kapwa naming Pilipino dahil alam din po naming mahirap na para sa lahat ang maghanap buhay sa kalagitnaan ng pandemya (This is our way of providing help, hope and smile to our fellow Filipinos because we also know that it's difficult for everyone to earn a living amid the pandemic)," said Rosales.

For the BTS ARMY community pantries, Rosales

said they "quickly tapped our loyal major ARMY sponsors."

"They quickly gave us without even inquiring too much. That's how much they trust us po. We do not want to brag but this fanbase po kasi is known for being one of the most active BTS fanbases when it comes to charities," she said.

Last year alone, the fanbase collected P450,000 for the victims of typhoon Ulysses when it struck the Philippines in November.

"More than anyone else, ang ARMY Cavite Fanbase po ay instrument lang. The

real heroes here are the members of the ARMY fandom who are always willing to donate and help which is also influenced by BTS knowing na madami din po silang natutulungang charities kaya na-iinspire kami lalo tumulong. (More than anyone else, teh ARMY Cavite Fanbase is only an instrument. The real heroes here are the members of the ARMY fandom who are always willing to donate and help which is also influenced by BTS knowing that they have helped many charities, that's why we are inspired more to help)," she added.



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Robinsons malls now serve as vaccination hubs

Robinsons Malls is on track with its vaccination drive and efforts to assist local governments to curb the spread of COVID-19.

To date, thousands of frontliners, medical workers, barangay health workers, emergency response team personnel and nutrition scholars as well as senior citizens have been inoculated.

To encourage their constituents to get vaccinated, Tuguegarao City Mayor Jefferson Soriano, Antipolo City Mayor Andeng Ynares and Cebu City Vice Mayor Mike Rama – appointed the city's vaccine czar by Mayor Edgardo Labella – received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine at Robinsons Place Tuguegarao, Robinsons Place Antipolo and Robinsons Galleria Cebu, respectively.

Robinsons Malls also partnered with the Imus, Cavite city government and hosted a drive-through vaccination drive at the mall's Level 3 and 4 parking areas.

Robinsons Place GenSan is now a new mega-vaccination hub to provide residents with an accessible, safe and convenient way to get vaccinated. Future sites in Metro Manila, the Visayas and

Mindanao are in the pipeline. Due to their strategic location in key cities, large and clean spaces and accessibility, Robinsons Malls have become the preferred sites to launch each city's vaccination drive. More Robinsons Malls branches will open up as vaccination sites as the company remains dedicated to its commitment to fight the battle against COVID-19.



3 in 10 Cavite frontliners down with COVID-19

Ninety-five percent of intensive care unit beds across the province are occupied, says Governor Jonvic Remulla

The frontline force in Cavite, the province with highest number of COVID-19 cases next to Metro Manila, has been reduced by 30% after a number of them got infected, Governor Jonvic Remulla said on Friday, April 16.

In his Facebook Live broadcast, the governor wasn't clear if he was referring only to health workers or to all types of workers delivering frontline services.

He mentioned, however, that among capitol employees alone, 60 got infected and 4 died the past month.

Ninety-five percent of intensive care unit beds across the province were occupied, he added.

On Saturday, April 17, Dr. Nonie John Dalisay, Cavite's provincial health officer, said the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) in Trece Martires City had just resumed operations, with a skeleton staff, after a week of temporarily not accepting patients due to full capacity and workers getting

sick. GEAMH alone has 28 health workers who were asymptomatic, 3 showed symptoms, and 5 admitted. The hospital has 7 positive cases admitted and 7 probable cases as of Saturday.

In the past days, Remulla reported that all of public hospitals in the province were at full capacity. These included the Ospital ng Dasmariñas, Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital in Bacoor, and the Carisigma District Hospital in General Mariano Alvarez.

As of April 16, Cavite has had a total of 33,487 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began – the highest in Calabarzon – with 25,007 recoveries and 810 deaths. It has 7,600 active cases, according to the Department of Health in Calabarzon.

Remulla said in his Friday FB Live broadcast that the provincial government had set aside P750 million, while the cities and municipalities had pooled P1.5 billion to purchase COVID-19 vaccines for the larger population.

The target, he said, would be to inoculate 2 million in Cavite by February or March 2022. – with a report from Dennis Abrina/Rappler.com



IMUS LGU, NAMAHAHI NG MEDICINE KITS SA COVID-19 PATIENTS

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Sa pamamagitan ng isang Facebook post, ibinahagi ni Imus City Vice Mayor Ony Cantimbuhan ang kanilang naging pagbisita at pagbibigay tulong ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi.

Aniya, "Ngayong araw po ay nakasama natin si Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi upang pesonal na ipamahagi ang mga medicine kits sa COVID-19 patients sa Ospital ng Imus. Ang ating ipinamahagi ay naglalaman ng thermometer, Vitamin B, Ascorbic Acid, at Paracetamol at iba pang mga gamot na makatutulong upang pagaanin ang nararamdaman nilang mga sintomas ng COVID-19." Source and photos: Vice Mayor ONY Cantimbuhan

RHU Tanza reports on COVID-19 situation, vaccination in the municipality

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Apr. 22 (PIA) --The Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Tanza has recorded more than 2,400 COVID-19 confirmed cases after more than a year since the pandemic hit the country, the 4th among the cities and municipalities with the highest number of COVID-19 cases in the province.

"Out of the more than 2,400 COVID-19 confirmed cases, 600 are active cases," Municipal Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan said.

Meanwhile, the local government had inoculated a total of 1,300 healthcare workers and senior citizens since the start of the vaccination rollout using AstraZeneca vaccines.

Despite the global shortage of AstraZeneca vaccine, the RHU assured the healthcare workers and senior citizens who received the 1st dose of AstraZeneca jab that they will receive the 2nd dose since additional supply is expected to arrive soon.

Dr. Punzalan said vaccination for the A2 priority group will continue with the recent approval of the Sinovac vaccine by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the inoculation of senior citizens.

About 300 senior citizens per day are targeted to be vaccinated on a first come first serve basis at the Tanza Specialists Medical Center that started Tuesday, April 2021.

The RHU is also planning to start the vaccination of the A3 Priority group or persons aged 18-59 years with comorbidities as they call on residents belonging to this group to register for the CoViD-19 Vaccination program of the LGU using the online registration link found on Mayor Yuri A. Pacumio's FB page.

Pursuant to the provincial government's directive to intensify the conduct of the vaccination program of all the LGUs in the province, Mayor Pacumio is looking into the possibility of partnering with Vista Mall, and using the Tanza Sports Complex as additional COVID-19 hubs to speed up the distribution of the vaccines to achieve herd immunity. (Ruel Francisco with report from Balitang Tanzeño)