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SSS goes digital in filing Sickness Benefit Reimbursement Applications

The Social Security System (SSS) is now accepting Social Security (SS) Sickness Benefit Reimbursement Applications (SBRAs) of employers online through its website.

The online facility for SBRAs found at the My.SSS web portal on www.sss.gov.ph, allows employers to file their sickness benefit reimbursement claims in the convenience of their homes or offices without having to wait for the hardcopy of the approved sickness notification and the need to submit a duly accomplished SBRA form to an SSS office after giving the advance payment to their employee.

SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said the development of the online facility is aligned with the

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In a statement yesterday, DTI said the Small Business (SB) Corp., which administers the P1-billion COVID-19 Assistance to Restart Enterprises or CARES program, has released P22 million worth of loans to 286 beneficiaries as of July 8.

DTI starts releasing COVID loans for small businesses

The financing arm of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has started the release of loans to help micro and small enterprises recover from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic's impact and expects to complete the disbursement of funds under the P1-billion lending program by the end of next month.

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Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon (Calabarzon), 52 from the National Capital Region, 46 from the Cordillera Administrative Region, 25 from the Bicol region, 22 from Central Visayas, 26 from Eastern Visayas, 18 from Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon

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Cavite Light Industrial Park ready for 'new normal'



CATHAY Land, Inc. expects Cavite Light Industrial Park (CLIP) to take advantage of the spike in demand for logistics, industrial and suburban residential spaces, as more people look for safe and accessible integrated communities amid the pandemic.

Cathay Land President Jeffrey Ng said CLIP's indus-

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100 Cavite schools shutting down

Governor, educators say parents pull children out of private institutions amid COVID-19 woes

Cavite Gov. Juanito Victor Remulla on Monday said about 100 private schools in his province would stop oper-

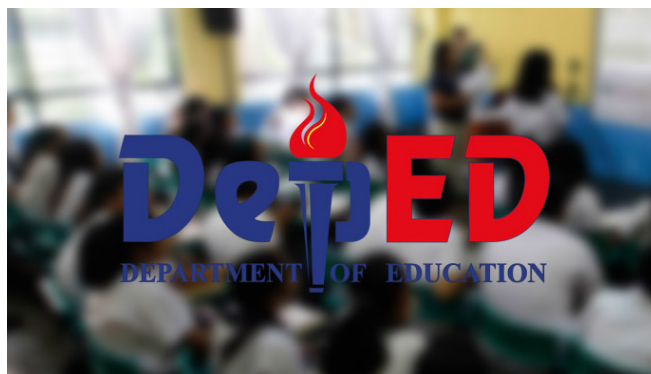
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DepEd assures adequate fund for learning continuity plan

The Department of Education (DepEd) on Tuesday maintained there are enough resources to fund the implementation of the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) this upcoming school year.

DepEd reiterated the sufficiency of funding for the BE-LCP after Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla shared his worries about the plan in an open letter posted on

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Mga pekeng press freedom fighters ngayong 2020



**Kakampi
mo ang
BATAS**
ni Atty. Batas Mauricio

INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... `Aking tatawagin ang aking ibong mandaragit mula sa silangan---ang aking lider mula sa silangan, ang aking bayan mula sa malayong lupain, upang tuparin ang aking layunin. Akin ng ipinahayag ang aking gagawin, at ito ay aking tutuparin..." (Isaias 46:11, salin ng Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya mula sa New Living Translation).

PAGLILINAW SA ISYU NG PARING TARLACQUENO NA DIUMANO AY NAMATAY SA COVID 19: Salamat sa Diyos sa Ngalan Niyang Jesus, Amen. Naglabas po ng paglilina-aw si Msgr. Hernando Coronel, ang kura paroko at rector ng Quiapo Church (o kilala bilang Minor Basilica ng Itim na Nazareno), ukol sa sinasabi niyang pagsisinungaling ng Department of Health (DOH) sa ulat nito ng mga namatay mula sa COVID 19 noong Julio 09, 2020.

Hindi totoo ang ulat ng DOH, sabi ni Msgr. Coronel, kasi noong July 09, 2020, namatay sa COVID 19 ang kilalang pari na si Fr. Alex Bautista. Inulit niya ang paratang niya sa DOH noong July 12, 2020, pero, noong Lunes, Julio 13, 2020, sinabi niyang hindi pala sa COVID 19 namatay si Fr. Bautista, dahil sa neuro-vascular disease (kawalan ng tamang daloy ng dugo sa utak ng tao).

Magkaganunman, niliwanag ni Coronel: ang impormasyon tungkol pagkamatay ni Fr. Bautista dahil sa neuro-vascular disease ay nabasa niya (ni Msgr. Coronel) sa Facebook posts lamang. Yung impormasyon niya na namatay si Fr. Bautista ng Gerona, Tarlac, ay nakuha niya (ni Msgr. Coronel) sa isang spokesperson (na hindi niya sinabi kung nino o anong grupo).

MGA PEKENG PRESS FREEDOM FIGHTERS NGAYONG 2020: Natutuwa ako na kahit papaano, may mga dating mamamahayag at manggagawa ng ipinasarang Daily Express ang nag-uumpisang magpahayag na din ng kanilang galit at dismaya sa mga nag-iingay ngayong mga ipokrito at ipokrita na ipinaglalaban diumano ang kalayaan sa pamamahayag ng ABS CBN.

Mga pekeng press freedom fighters yang mga nagsasalita ngayong 2020 sa isyu ng ABS CBN, kasi nagtikom sila ng bibig noong isara ang Daily Express noong 1987 ng gobyerno ni Cory Aquino.

Mga oportunistang, mga palsipikado, at nagkukunwar-ing lumalaban para sa kalayaan ng pamamahayag yang mga maiingay ngayong 2020, dahil naghihintay lang sila ng pakinabang. Anak kayo ng letsugas. Tatamaan din kayo ng Galacia 6:7 ng Bibliya!!! (Tingnan po ninyo ang mga posts sa FB ni Jojo Ventura, at ang mga komento doon. Kasama ko si Jojo sa Daily Express dati).

IBONG MANDARAGIT (V): SAANG LUGAR BA

YUNG "SILANGAN", "MALAYONG LUPAIN"? Saan bang lugar yung "silangan" at "malayong lupain" na pangggalingan ng "ibong mandaragit" ng Diyos, at kung saan Niya itatayo ang Kaniyang Simbahan? Wala pong eksaktong pagpapahayag sa Bibliya ng eksaktong lugar kung saan ito makikita, pero, maliwanag pong mayroon namang eksaktong pagkilos ang Diyos upang ipakilala, sa maliwanag na paraan, kung saan itong "silangan" at "malayong lupain".

Ang pagkilos na ito ng Diyos ay ang Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig (o Second World War). Ayon sa tala ng kasaysayang pandaigdig, ang digmaang ito ay labanan ng mga bansang pinangunahan ng America, Britanya, at Francia, na tinawag noong "Allied Powers", at ng mga bansang pinangunahan ng Japan, Italy, at Germany, na tinawag naman noon na "Axis Powers".

Sa pananaw ng marami, ang Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig ay naganap dahil sa pag-uunahan ng mga naglala-bang bansa sa pagsakop sa iba pang mga bansa ng mundo na maaaring panggalingan ng mga likas na yaman na magagamit nila para sa kanilang sariling pakinabang. Sa madaling sal-

ita, itinuring ng mga tagapagtala ng kasaysayan na digmaan para sa teritoryo o yaman ang Second World War.

SA PAGKILOS NG DIYOS, IPINAKILALA NIYA ANG PILIPINAS BILANG SIYANG "SILANGAN", "MALAYONG LUPAIN" NG BIBLIYA: Pero, ang digmaang ito pala ay digmaan ng pananampalataya---o digmaan ng mga bansang nananampalataya sa Diyos, ang mga Allied Powers, laban sa mga bansang hindi nananampalataya sa Diyos, ang mga Axis Powers.

Sa gabay ng Diyos, nanalo ang mga bansang nananampalataya sa Diyos, at tinalo nila ang mga bansang hindi nananampalataya sa Diyos, at sa pamamagitan nito, ipinakilala ng Diyos kung anong bansa ang "silangan" at "malayong lupain".

Paano ipinakilala ng Diyos kung anong bansa ang "silangan" at "malayong lupain"? Pinagtanggap niya ang mga Allied Powers laban sa mga Axis Powers, sa pakikipagtulungan ng bansang tinawag na "Pearl of the Orient", o "Perlas ng Silangan"---ang bansang nasa malayong lupain, sa silangan, ang Pilipinas. Abangan ang dagdag na pagpapaliwanag ukol dito, God willing. Salamat Sa Diyos Sa Ngalan Niyang Jesus, Amen.

As number of distressed OFWs mounts, time to augment DFA assistance fund

Malacañang should augment the OFW assistance fund of the Department of Foreign Affairs, as the surge in Filipinos losing their jobs abroad has reduced the P1 billion fund to P300 million.

"That lifeline to our kababayans will be gone soon at the rate it is being utilized," Senate President Pro Tempore Ralph Recto said. "The cost of repatriating an OFW from the Middle East is P35,000, on plane fare alone. So that plane carrying 350 passengers is chartered for P12 to 13 million," he said. "Our hardworking ambassador to Saudi Arabia has said that repatriating our 80,000 distressed kababayans there will cost around P3.2 billion," Recto said. While the price may be steep, "it is like a drop in the barrel of Saudi oil," if compared to their sacrifices for the country and contribution to the economy. "Lest we forget them, we should remember that ours is an economy lubricated by the katas ng Saudi, the pawis of seafarers, and the tears of homesick Filipinos who have to leave their children behind," Recto said.

"Yang P35,000 na presyo ng ticket, mas malaki pa diyan ang annual free college cost ng isang estudyante sa state university," he said. "These are our foreign working legions, our soldiers of the economy. It is our moral duty to bring them home to their families," he said. "Makaraan ang mahabang taong sakripisyo, gusto na nilang umuwi sa mga bahay na kanilang pinundar, sa mga bayang tinulungan nilang lumago, sa mga anak na kanilang pinaaral," he said. Recto said even if the President, "invoking his budgetary realignment powers," will release an additional P2 billion to the Assistance to Nationals (ATN) fund of the DFA, "that amount will be equivalent to what OFWs remitted in a mere 10 hours last year." "Filipinos abroad sent home P1.7 trillion in 2019, or P4.6 billion per day. Pinoys in Saudi and UAE remitted P190 billion, bigger than the annual gross sales of Jollibee in 2018," Recto said.

Recto praised the understaffed and underfunded DFA and DOLE for repatriating almost 57,000 OFWs to date, "and they could have sent home more, if not for the flight restrictions imposed by the government task force on COVID-19." "In the Philippines, a city of 1 million residents will be served by at least 5,000 government workers. In Saudi, they have 190 consular officers serving 1 million Filipinos in a country 7 times bigger in land area than the Philippines," Recto said. "The chokepoint really is in the homeland they have sacrificed so much for and long to return to, where the number of arrivals is being controlled," Recto said.

"But the process is improving, the transit time is getting faster. We have to give credit where it is due, kasama na dito ang mga hotel workers na talaga namang nagsakripisyo sa pagtanggap ng mga OFWs," he said.

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and Palawan (Mimaropa), 12 from Cagayan Valley, seven from Western Visayas, six from Ilocos and one from Caraga.

So far, SB Corp. has approved 2,419 accounts with a loan value amounting to P178.2 million for the CARES program. "SB Corp. looks to complete the disbursement of the P1-billion fund earmarked for this program by the end of August," DTI said. CARES is being implemented to help micro and small enterprises bounce back from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on their

operations. Loans under the CARES program are available for micro and small enterprises operating for at least a year prior to March 16 and with an asset size not exceeding P15 million. Micro enterprises with asset size of not more than P3 million may borrow P10,000 to P200,000, while small enterprises with asset size of not more than P15 million may avail themselves of loans worth up to P500,000. Loans under the CARES program are pegged at zero interest and payable in 18 to 30 months. Micro and small enterprises may

use the borrowed funds to update loan amortizations for vehicle loans or other fixed asset loans of the business; inventory replacement for damaged perishable stocks and as working capital to restart the business. Earlier, Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said DTI is looking to use the P3.5-billion fund from the Pondo sa Pagbabago at Pag-asenso program

or the agency's regular lending program for micro and small enterprises to add to the P1 billion earmarked for the CARES given a huge amount of loan applications. He said SB Corp. could also borrow from the state-run Land Bank of the Philippines and Development Bank of the Philippines to increase the funding for the CARES program.

Death rather than Sin

St. Dominic Savio

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LGU Dasmariñas provides financial assistance, relief goods to fire victims

Dasmariñas City, Cavite Jul 15 (PIA) --The city government provided financial assistance and relief goods to the 114 households affected by the fire that razed several houses in a residential area at Zone 5, Bautista Barangay Sampaloc IV July 3, 2020.

Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga led the distribution activity July 10, 2020 at the Barangay Luzviminda II covered court. The financial assistance was the subject of the resolution passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod as requested by Mayor Barzaga to help the families left homeless and suffered because of the fire.

The amount granted for the households affected depends on the degree of damage sustained. A total of P3.75M were distributed to the households broken down as follows: P1,880,000 for the 44 households in Block 44 that were totally damaged; P1,845,000 to 44 households that were totally damaged on Block 43; P25,000 to 5 households that were partially damaged; and P210,000 for the 21 households renting.

The families also received assistance from the office

of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) who gave 144 packs of Family Food packs; 144 pcs. of sleeping kits; 144 cartons of family kits; and 288 pcs. of bottled water and ready-to-eat food.

Meanwhile, the neighboring city of Imus thru the office of Congressman Alex 'AA' Advincula and represented by Councilors AJ Advincula and Tito Monzon lend a hand in the distribution and also gave food packs and relief goods for the affected families.

In a separate occasion, representatives from the office of Senator Bong Go came to visit the fire victims and gave financial aid amounting to P5,000 and food packs for each family.

The Bautista fire victims are still sheltered in the five barangay covered courts in the city where they were immediately evacuated and given collapsible tents to allow social distancing. Mayor Barzaga assured the local government will continue to help especially in the processing of documents they lost during the fire. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Dennis Abrina)



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ating at least for the incoming school year, when the country's educational system would undergo the transition from classroom education to blended or distant learning.

Remulla said the provincial government would have to lay out its own "educational plan" and allocate P5 billion for 600,000 students enrolling to public schools this year. "It is our local solution to a national problem," Remulla said.

Back to zero

In a public post addressed to Education Secretary Leonor Briones, Remulla pointed out that local governments would have to shoulder the public schools' expenses in shifting to remote or online education, on top of the medical expenditures to combat the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

"It is unfortunate that at the time of COVID [when] every Filipino student should be given a chance at proper education ... the reality is only the rich can afford to learn," he said. Jeofrey Capili Sr., a private school principal and president of Association of Private Schools, Principals and Administrators in Cavite, confirmed the governor's data, as well as the sentiment of school owners, but said he was "discouraging" the schools from shutting down.

"If they do so, everything will have to go back to zero [and will be more difficult for

them to recover should they decide to reopen after the pandemic]," Capili said.

Undecided parents

He said many parents were still "undecided" on whether to push through their children's enrollment. Others, who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, have opted to transfer their children to public schools.

"In private schools, it's a no-work, no-pay [scheme for teachers and personnel]. The last time we received our salaries was on March 15, yet we never got any [government] aid," Capili said.

Eleazardo Kasilag, president of Federation of Associations of Private Schools and Administrators, said it was too early to say how many of their 6,000 member schools could survive the crisis brought about by the pandemic, with still about a month before the school opening in August.

Quoting the Department of Education's data that only 80 percent of last year's student population had enrolled so far, Kasilag said the schools were banking on the remaining 20 percent to enroll in private schools.

He said private schools were told to extend their enrollment period until September to accommodate late enrollees and offer services, like smaller teacher-student ratio, stronger internet connection and better distance learning systems than those of public schools. INQ

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his Facebook page. "It is unfortunate that at the time of COVID, every Filipino student should be given a chance at proper education. Yet, the reality is only the rich can afford to learn," he said.

As a response, DepEd cited the Special Education Fund (SEF) sourced from real property taxes collected by local government among fund sources available to finance the BE-LCP.

"DepEd will continue to closely collaborate with the LGUs to efficiently and productively align this fund with the different learning

delivery modalities to be implemented in our schools," the agency said. The DepEd also noted "internal and external fund sources" for the BE-LCP.

The department has also recalibrated its budget through modification of Programs, Activities and Projects (PAPs) allowing schools to use their available balance in the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) for blended learning needs.

DepEd said it is also enhancing its relationship with Development Partners and access to Official Develop-

ment Assistance (ODA) as well as its "Brigada Eskwela" program in order to maximize the contributions or donations coming from the private sector.

If needed, DepEd said it will send a request to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and/or Congress for a "supplemental budget." These strategies, DepEd said, will be able to help the agency and its regional offices and school divisions to fund requirements needed for the success of the BE-LCP. DepEd thanked Remulla for "voicing out his

thoughts" on the BE-LCP funding and for making education a "priority investment" and "for sharing the same vision with DepEd: that education must continue despite the crisis we are facing to this day." DepEd also expressed optimism that other LGUs will support the implementation of the BE-LCP when classes start in August.

"We look forward to a strong partnership with our local government officials as we strive to promote 'bayanihan' in overcoming the challenges of the upcoming school year," it added.

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trial component is "ready to take in new locators that will set up the most modern, safe and highly competitive manufacturing, logistics, warehousing, cold-storage and commissary operations."

Mallorca Villas, which is part of CLIP's Mallorca City, is targeting professionals and executives who want bigger houses to allow them to work from home while their

children take online classes. "Experts are one in saying that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, crowded cities will give way to suburban developments where people can work and live in an environment that is safe and provides ample space for flexible work and schooling arrangements.

We, in Cathay Land, recognize this, which is why

have taken fresh initiatives to make sure we can provide this kind of safe and modern environment to CLIP locators and residents," Mr. Ng said.

Located in Silang, Cavite, CLIP is an ideal site for logistics and industrial investors in the Cavite-Laguna-Batangas area.

Cathay Land is now offering commercial lots with

an average cut of 300 square meters (sq. m.) inside the Mallorca City. Commercial lots are also offered at Mallorca Villas. Lot buyers can build structures up to 15 meters high.

"The industrial and commercial components of CLIP are ready for locators who are now shifting to the New Normal of doing business," Mr. Ng said.

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SSS' ongoing digital transformation, which is now more significant considering the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation.

"Aside from expediting the processing time of sickness benefit reimbursements by eliminating the transmission of claims from SSS Branches to Processing Centers, this online facility will also reduce face-to-face interactions in our branches," Ignacio said.

To use the online facility, employers must have a registered My.SSS account. They must be enrolled in the SSS Sickness and Maternity Benefit Payment Thru-the-Bank Program and have a

registered bank account in the My.SSS portal. They must also have an SSS-approved sickness notification from their employees who are entitled to the sickness benefit. Likewise, they need to have a certification that the sickness benefit was paid in advance to their employees, which is consistent with the approved sickness notification.

Using the online facility, an employer may submit his/her application by logging in to his/her My.SSS account, proceeding to the E-Services tab and clicking "Submit SS Sickness Benefit Reimbursement Application (SBRA)."

The employer must enter the SS number of his/her


employee, who is entitled to receive the sickness benefit. After this, a list of approved SS Sickness Notifications will appear, wherein the employer must select the claim reference number from the list and click proceed.

A form for additional information will be displayed which he/she should fill out, tick the certification checkbox to certify that the information provided is true and correct and that the amount of benefit was paid in advance to the employee in accordance with Section 14 (c) of RA 11199, click submit and click OK. Upon submission, a message stating that the application was sub-

mitted successfully, and the transaction details of the SS SBRA will be displayed. The SSS will also send this notification to the registered email address of the employer.

However, only SS SBRA's for new and initial claims with approved sickness notifications can be filed via the online facility. Sickness Benefit Reimbursement claims for adjustment or re-filed claims must still be filed over-the-counter at SSS branches.

For more information, members and employers may visit and follow the SSS' Facebook page and YouTube channel at "Philippine Social Security System," or its Twitter feed at "PHLSSS."



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Bacoor Strikers cager Ken Mark 'Super Mark' Miranda



His height and pretty boy looks can turn the head of any Louis Lane on his way, but this 6' 4" cager who played for Hope Christian High School, College of Saint Benilde and now in MPBL Bacoor Strikers team has more to offer in the hard court than just his boy-next-door image.

So-called 'Supermark', the shooting guard who dons jersey # 15 Ken Mark Miranda

has played for several tournaments including FilOil Flying V, Metro Manila Basketball League

(MMBL), Las Pinas Private Schools Athletic Association (LAPRISSA) where he was awarded as the league's Most Valuable Player (MVP), the Pilipinas Chinese Amateur Basketball League (PCABL) and at the recently concluded PSSBC where he registered double digits in scoring and rebounds. He scored 16 points and 12 rebounds against the ferocious San Beda Red Cubs,

while he fired 10 points and 13 rebounds against Chiang Kai Shek College. He is currently playing for CSB in Milcu Sports Basketball league.

Born Ken Mark C. Miranda on April 1, 1996, in Cardona, Rizal, to Raffy Miranda and Marivic C. Miranda, the cager is on his way to pursue his dream in the world of hoops sports.

No Kryptonite hindered SuperMark from draining shots in his basketball games. In his MMBL game against Ateneo de Manila University, he scored 40 points and 8 rebounds with 6 assists while he poured in 20 points against the Adamson University also in the same tourney. In their FilOil tournament against the Mapua Institute of Technology, he scored 16 points, 9 boards and 2 steals. In his last games, Ken Mark averages 29.25 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4 assists per game. This guy's stats speak volumes of his talent as a future playmaker and star player in the big basketball leagues of this country.

"I'd like to thank God and my family for this achievement. Without them, I wouldn't be where I am right now. Thank you also for all those who supported me and my teammates," quipped the beaming cager who hails from Pangasinan province.

In the PBA, he looks up to the reigning Governor's Cup and All-Filipino Cup champion team San Mig Coffee Mixers, and one of its star players, Peter Jun "The Scoring Apostle" Simon. "Sobrang galing niya, magaling yung skills at matalino siya maglaro" said Ken Mark. In the NBA, he likes the 4-time Regular Season MVP and now Cleveland Cavaliers superstar LeBron James and the young squad of Golden State Warriors. "I like LeBron James as a player because he doesn't only work for his points but also for his team. He assists, he blocks, he scores, and he steals. He is an all-around player," said Ken-mark. His ambition in life is to make it big someday in basketball leagues like the PBA so he can help his family. May SuperMark be a true hero inside and outside of the basketball court and be a good role model for the young to emulate.

the Governor emphasized.

He pointed out the importance of testing, tracing, isolation, medical care, jobs, transportation, and other major issues on locally stranded individuals (LSIs), OFWs in distress and the development of a rational education-

plan for the continuation of education of the children.

"Now is the time for Leaders and not Politicians," Governor Jonvic concluded. (Ruel Franciso PIA-Cavite/with reports from the official FB page of Gov. Jonvic Remulla)

Healthcare workers with CoViD-19 fully covered by PhilHealth



The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) reiterated anew that medical frontliners and allied workers are entitled to full hospitalization coverage should they contract Covid-19 for the whole duration of the pandemic.

The Agency made the announcement to remind all hospitals in the country that they should not be charging any co-payment against patients whose job is in the medical frontlines. The call is in support of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's appeal to afford healthcare workers and frontliners with all possible support in recognition of the risks they endure on a day-to-day basis to help treat patients of the dreaded disease.

The call was also in line with its Circular No. 2020-0011 issued on April 14, 2020 which guaranteed "full financial risk for Filipino health workers and patients against coronavirus disease". The said circular also defined health workers as "persons engaged in health and health-related work, regardless

of employment status, which include doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, administrative and support personnel in health facilities, utility and security personnel working in health facilities, health volunteers deployed in health facilities and staff and personnel working in government health agencies."

Aside from full coverage, these health workers are also entitled to PhilHealth benefits for SARS-CoV-2 testing package ranging from P901 to P3,409 as stipulated in its Circular No. 2020-0017.

PhilHealth reminded that hospitals face sanctions should they be found to have refused admission or charged any co-payment to any health workers exposed and treated for Covid-19. It also asked for broader public support to invoke this privilege granted by law and to immediately report any information of abuse or negligence on the part of health care providers. (END)

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Gov. Remulla reports on COVID, unemployment status in the province

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite Jul 10 (PIA) --In a post in his FB Page yesterday, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla reported on the COVID situation and the present status of unemployment in the province.

According to Gov. Remulla, the data recorded by the Provincial Health Office showed the number of COVID-19 positive cases tripled in the more than two

months period from May 15, 2020 with 264 total cases up to July 8, 2020 now at 817 cases. "This is how rapid the numbers are increasing with the loosening of the restrictions due to the lowering of the quarantine status from ECQ to GCQ to allow for the opening of businesses and eventually jumpstart the economy," the Governor observed.

Meanwhile, on the sta-

tus of unemployment in the province, Remulla cited the Department of Finance that 51% have either lost their jobs or are on a limited work schedule and have little to almost having no savings left while 11% are unemployed but still have savings to get them thru for sometime.

"Despite these figures, the province let alone the country could not possibly afford to return to the ECQ

status that will cause the economy to collapse," Gov. Remulla stated.

"On the other hand, the people should find the balance between health and livelihood to be able to survive this crisis. We are in crisis. People are having a difficult time. People are suffering. People are dying. The only thing that matters is that we put the country in the right direction to recover,"

