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PhilHealth to release P30 billion to hospitals to fight CoViD-19

Bacoor City in Cavite under lockdown started March 19



The city of Bacoor in Cavite was placed under lockdown last Thursday, March 19.

Cavite 2nd District Rep. Strike Revilla on Wednesday said it is one of the city government's measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Revilla said the lockdown will be effective at

12:01 a.m. of March 19.

“Hinihiling po ang pakikiisa ng lahat, lalo na ng ating mga kapwa Bacooreño. Para din ito sa ating kapakanan at ng ating mga mahal sa buhay (We are hoping for everyone's cooperation, especially our fellow Bacooreño. This is for our and our loved ones’

Turn to P2

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is releasing an initial P30 billion to accredited hospitals to help them respond to the onslaught of CoViD-19 in the country. The move utilizes its interim reimbursement mechanism (IRM) which will provide health care providers with

Turn to P2



Aboitiz first PH supporter of global climate change task force

The Aboitiz Group, through holding company Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc., emerged as the first local supporter of the International Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures in line with its commitment to good corporate governance and sustainability practices.

“AEV, being the first Philippine company to express support for the TCFD, is committed to strengthening its sustainability track



and enhancing its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) integration practices,” said AEV chief financial officer Manuel Lozano. AEV is the only Philippine company that is

registered as a supporter on the TCFD website and joins over 930 TCFD international supporter organizations (as of December 2019) whose total market capitalizations top \$11 trillion globally.

“As part of the Aboitiz Group's brand promise of advancing business and communities, our long-term strategies include a defined governance structure on addressing climate-related risks and improving our disclosures to provide clear and reliable information to our stakeholders,” Lozano said.

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Hontiveros pushes for Php 10,000 assistance for poor, 'new poor' due to COVID-19



Poor Filipinos, including those who will suffer income loss due to COVID-19, should receive P10,000 cash assistance, Senator Risa Hontiveros said in a statement on Sunday.

“Habang marami ang nagpa-panic-buying, mas marami ang panic na lang kasi walang pang-buy,” she said, urging the government to free up funds for the poor and near-poor who will be affected by regulations to

contain the virus. Hontiveros estimates that at least 650,000 Filipino households will become the 'new poor' in Metro Manila alone due to the economic implications of the lockdown. “The government should immediately track down and extend PhP 10,000 assistance to these households which will mostly come from vulnerable contractual workers and workers in the informal economy,” she said.

“The same cash assistance should also be immediately disbursed to poor households within the Department of Social Welfare and Development's [DSWD] household targeting system,” she added.

Hontiveros explained that companies laying off workers and COVID-19's adverse effects on the informal economy will place house-

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JONVIC REMULLA
GOVERNOR

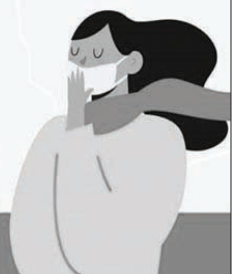
CAVITE PROVINCE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

By virtue of an Executive Order of the Office of the Governor we will have a Province wide community quarantine.

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This executive order is dependent and will be adjusted to the National Guidelines issued by the Office of the President and its alter-egos.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 17, AT 12:01 AM



EDITORIAL

Pagkakaisa, Disiplina, Matinding Sakripisyo, Pagtitiis, Pagsunod, mga Epektibong Magagawa Kontra Covid 19

Sa mahabang panahon, tatak na ng marami sa atin ang pagiging mataray, matigas ang ulo, suwail, may-abang, mga akala mo kung sino at napakahirap pasunurin ultimong sa pinakamaliliit na patakaran, ordinansa o regulasyon. Sa pagdating ng Corona Virus, halos lahat ay nabago at nagbago. Gusto man, wala ng makapag-giit ng katigasan, ng katapangan at pagka rebelde. Walang pagpipilian. Kailangang tumalima at sumunod. Yan ay para epektibong masugpo ang kilabot na COVID 19. Mga trabaho sa halos 80 porsiyento ng mga paggawaan, opisina, negosyo, malalaking industriya at mga kauri damay lahat. Mga malalaking pagtitipon, kaganapan, kapulungan gaano man kahalaga at grandiyosa lahat ay ipinagpaliban. Mga pagbyahe papasok at palabas ng alin mang bahagi ng Luzon lalo na sa Metro Manila ganap na ipinagbawal. Mapa lupa, dagat at himpapawid hindi maaaring bumiyaha. Ke mga swelduhan, arawang kita, pinapadalhan ng mga kaanak na nagta trabaho sa ibang bansa lahat ay nagka pantay pantay. Walang itinangi, "no one is above the law". Lahat, dapat sumunod. Walang makaka iwaw, papaboran o pagbi bigyan. Mga karaniwang dahilan para makapagpalusot sa byahe, paggala, pamimili o pagsa shopping, pati na karaniwang pamamasyal hindi na uubra. Enhanced Community Quarantine sa buong Luzon at pinakahuli buong bansa ay isina ilalim na ng "State of Emergency" sa buong isang buwan. Ano ang ibig sabihin ng lahat ng ito, untog ito sa ulo na kailangan na nating magbago. Alisin ang mga maling gawi at pag-uugali. Harapin na ang tutoong pag-sisikap, paghahanda para sa hinaharap. Ang nakaligtaan at hindi kailanman ginawang pag-iimpok ay kailangan ng harapin. Kahit na gaano pa kasi kahirap kung patuloy na nag-iipon, sa mga ganitong pagkakataon na hindi makapagtrabaho, mayroon at mayroong madudukot at magagasta. Hindi na ito panahon ng sisihan, pangatawanan na lang natin ngayon ang mga ipinapatupad na reglamento para sa ating panlahatang kapakinabangan. Gaano man katigas ang ulo ng mga Pilipino ang pagkakaroon ngayon ng State of Emergency at Enhanced Community Quarantine ay pagsubok ng panahon. Todo hirap man tayong tumatalima, pasalamat tayo sa Astig na pamumuno ng Pambansang Ehekutibo. Dahil sa kanilang mga paghihigpit, pagbabawal at mga pagdisiplina. Kumpara sa ibang mga bansa, mabagal ang pagkalat o paglubha ng COVID 19 dito sa Pilipinas. Ito ay kung ihahambing sa mga bansang napakalala na ng pagdami ng mga infected gaya ng Italya, China at iba pang nasyon na namamayani na ang Corona Virus. Ipagpatuloy pa natin ang pagsunod, pagpapatupad, todo pagti tyaga, pakikiisa, pagtitipid at pagkasyahin kung anong meron tayo dahil nasa lahat ng mga yan at sa patuloy na pamamalagi sa ating mga tahanan, pag iwaw sa mga di kailangang paglalakbay, gawiin at gawain matatagpuhan at malala mpasan natin ang kontaminasyon. Yan ay hanggang tuluyang bumalik sa normal ang ating mga buhay. -DrDLR-



"False positive": may duda pala sa COVID 19 patients sa RP?

INSPIRASYON SA BUHAY: "... Kung hindi kayo maniniwalang ako ay si AKO NGA, mamamatay nga kayo ng hindi napapatawad ang inyong mga kasalanan..." (si Jesus, ang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas na Siyang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo, sa Juan 8:24, Ang Tanging Daan Bibliya).

"FALSE POSITIVE": MAY DUDA PALA SA COVID 19 PATIENTS SA RP? May bagong salita akong natutunan sa pananalasa ng COVID 19. "False positive", at ito ay binanggit ni Health Secretary Francisco Duque noong isang araw, upang ipahiwatig na hindi din pala sigurado yung mga findings niya (at pati na ng pinamumunuan niyang DOH o Department of Health) tungkol sa pagkakaroon ng COVID 19 ng isang tao.

Gaya na lamang ng kaso diumano ni Sen. Miguel Zubiri. Sabi ni Duque noon, positibo si Zubiri na may sakit na COVID 19. Kaya naman hayun, nagkawindang-windang na ang buhay ng senador, partikular sa kaniyang pagganap bilang ama ng dalawa niyang batam-batang mga anak na parehong naghihimutok dahil ayaw na niya silang lumapit sa kaniya baka sila mahawa.

Ang siste nito, biglang bumaligtad si Duque sa kaso ni Zubiri. Kasi daw kahit nag-positive ang senador sa COVID 19 test noong una, hindi pa din daw yun mapapanghawakan kasi hindi naman daw 100% sure ang mga COVID 19 testing dito sa Pilipinas, kaya kailangang suriin siyang muli. Ang ibig bang sabihin nito, hindi din natin mapapanghawakan ang sinasabi ni Duque at ng DOH na 193 na ang may sakit na ito sa ngayon (alas 2:15 ng hapon, Marso 18, 2020)? Pakilinao nga po, Sec!

DEAR ATTY. BATAS: "Good pm po MNLD. Itatanong ko lng po tungkol sa Hulog Boundary ng taxi ko po. Tama po ba na babayaran ko sa may-ari ang isang buwan na boundary bagamat hindi makakabiyaha dahil nga po nasa ilalim tayo ng enhanced community quarantine? Sabi po ng may-ari magiging utang ko daw po ito P22,000, dahil nga daw po hulog-boundary at may kontrata. Andito lang po kami sa bahay ngayon, hindi po kami nakakalabas. Maraming salamat po MNLD sa inyong kasagutan. SSDSNNJ Amen. Pastor Carlito Mendoza."

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the much needed liquidity to adequately respond to the pandemic. PhilHealth said that the amount is equivalent to three months' worth of claims based on historical data, which will be charged to their future claims. Hospitals will be asked to submit a letter of intent to avail of the mechanism. This will include including those facing sanc-

tions for various violations of their contracts with the national health insurer.

The arrangement is also part of PhilHealth's efforts to reduce return-to-hospital payables filed in 2019 and earlier, and to further increase payments to hospitals.

"PhilHealth rests on solid ground and with sufficient liquidity to support

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welfare)," Revilla said in a statement.

On Wednesday, a male resident of Bacoor City tested positive for the virus. Currently, there are six total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the whole province of Cavite.

COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus that first emerged in China's city of

Wuhan in Hubei province in late 2019.

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses named the novel coronavirus as SARS-CoV-2.

The virus causes mild symptoms such as fever and cough for most people but can cause serious illness such as pneumonia for others, especially older adults and

Pastor Carlito Mendoza, salamat po sa tanong niyong ito. Sa pagtaya ng BATAS (Buklod ng mga Abogadong Tagapagtaguyod ng Adhikaing Sambayanan) at LIGHT (Lawyers Instructed on Godliness, Humility, and Truth), may katuwiran po ang inyong operator sa sinasabi niyang dapat kayong magbayad pa din ng napagkasunduan ninyong babayaran, bagamat hindi kayo makabiyaha dahil sa "enhanced community quarantine" kung saan bawal na talaga ang bumiyaha.

Ang isang kasunduan o kontrata ay batas na dapat sinusunod ng mga nakalagda doon, o pumayag sa nasabing kontrata o kasunduan. Kaya lang po, mayroon din po namang bahagi ang Civil Code of the Philippines na nagsasabi na kung may mga pangyayaring hindi inaasahan at dahil doon ay napipigilan ang sinuman na tuparin ang kaniyang mga tungkulin sa kontrata, hindi naman ituturing na lumabag yung hindi nakatupad sa kaniyang obligasyon. Ang mas maganda, makipag-usap na lamang kayo ng maayos sa inyong operator.

MGA PATOTOO MISMO NI JESUS NA SIYA ANG DIYOS AT TAGAPAGLITAS NOONG NANDITO SIYA SA DAIGDIG (PART 1): Sa harap ng papatinding COVID 19 sa ating bansa sa ngayon, may isang mabisang paraan upang mapagtagumpayan natin ang sakit na ito. Ito ay ang lubusang pagsandal natin sa Diyos ng ating mga sarili. Papaano gagawin ito? Kung ibabatay natin ang sagot sa Aklat ng mga Biyaya sa Bibliya, makikita nating may dalawang dapat gawin ang mga tao upang mapasa-kanila ang pagpapala, paggabay, at proteksiyon ng Diyos.

Ano ang dalawang ito? Una, kailangan nating makinig sa mga Salita ng Diyos sa Bibliya. Pangalawa, kailangan nating sumunod sa mga nakasulat sa Salita ng Diyos. Ayon sa Bibliya, kung makikinig lamang tayo at susunod sa mga utos ng Diyos, mapapasa-atin ang mga pagpapala, paggabay, at proteksiyong ipinangako ng Diyos sa mga makikinig at susunod sa Kaniya. Ano ang mga dapat nating pinakikinggan at sinusunod sa Salita ng Diyos sa Bibliya?

Ang una dito ay yung pagtanggap at pananampalataya kay Jesus bilang ating Diyos at Tagapagligtas, at Siya ang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo. Unawain natin na ang Diyos mismo ang bumaba mula sa langit at tumungo sa lupa, nagpakilalang ang Kaniyang Pangalan ay Jesus, upang makaiwas ang tao sa parusang nakalaan para kanilang mga kasalanan. May pagpapatotoo mismo si Jesus dito, at tatalakayin natin ang mga ginawa ni Jesus sa daigdig na ito na nagpapatunay na Siya nga ang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo. Abangan!

PANALANGING MAGLILIGTAS SA MGA PINOY VS. COVID 19: Tapos, ulitin natin ang panalanging ito: "Panginoong Jesus, tinatanggap at pinananampalatayaan kita na Ikaw ang Diyos Ama, Anak, at Espiritu Santo na bumaba mula sa langit, tumungo sa lupa sa anyo ng tao, upang mapatawad mo ako mula sa aking mga kasalanan. Patawarin mo ako sa aking mga kasalanan, at isulat mo ang aking pangalan sa iyong Aklat ng Buhay. Isinusuko ko sa iyo ang lahat sa aking buhay, ang aking isip, salita, gawa, at hitsura, sa lahat ng pagkakataon upang ang iyong kalooban ang aking masunod. Amen."

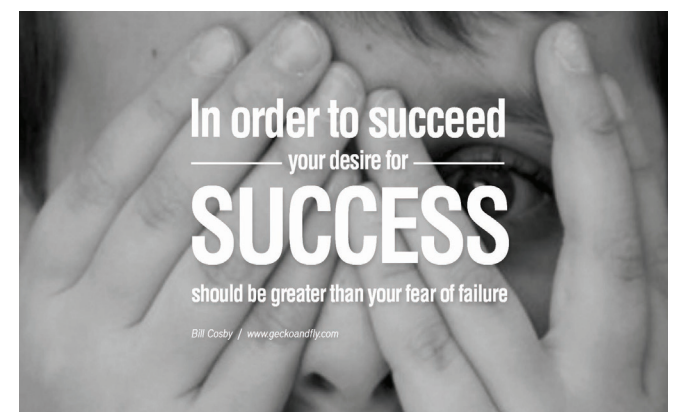
Government's efforts to fight the CoVid-19 threat. These are extraordinary times that require extraordinary measures, and this arrangement will surely be of help in President Rodrigo Duterte's resolve to avert the spread of the virus." PhilHealth President and CEO Ricardo C. Morales said. Further, the state health insurer will also provide its members and service partners with additional relief in view of the recent declaration of a state of public health emergency

in the country by extending the deadline of payment of contributions for its self-paying direct contributors. They can now pay their first quarter contributions on or before April 30, 2020 instead of March 31, 2020 without interest. Moreover, its policy on single period of confinement and 45-days coverage are also waived in favor of the member, while the filing period for claims is also extended from the usual 60 days to at least 120 days in favor of the health care providers.

people with existing health problems.

Coronavirus is a family of viruses, whose surfaces

have a crown-like appearance. The viruses are named for the spikes on their surfaces.



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DOST's Response to PD30's Enhanced Community Quarantine for MM and Luzon

Below are DOST's plans and preparations relative to the President's declaration of an enhanced community quarantine over the entire Luzon:

1. DOST through its Philippine Council for Health Research and Development is ensuring the timely services of:
 - 1.1 UP National Institutes of Health, Phil Genome Center and Manila Healthtek in producing and making available covid 19 diagnostic kits good for 26,000 tests and additional quantities as would be needed by DOH;
 - 1.2. Ateneo de Manila's researchers who developed the modelling tool with App FASSTER to predict the duration of the covid 19 outbreak using DOH and other data and information;
 - 1.3. National University of Singapore-Duke Center and Ateneo de Manila's VCO researchers for the testing of Philippine VCO for anti Covid 19 virus properties;
 - 1.4 A foreign bilateral partner (4 are being contacted) for possible clinical trials in the Phil for the vaccine or drug they have developed in their R&D centers.
2. DOST's Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI) in cooperation with the Taytay LGU and the private sector will produce 500,000 reusable face masks (up to 50 times). It will use a textile coating technology (ITDI Research) that will make it repellent to liquids. It will also collaborate with the Phil Fashion Institute to produce masks using local fiber textiles which will be donated by the latter.

3. DOST's Industrial Technology Devt Institute (ITDI) will open its Food Innovation Facilities for the production of processed food though limited in capacities. It will also make available immediately 15,000 packs of RTE Arrozcaldo Chicken and 3,000 packs of Rice Meal for distribution in regions. ITDI will also offer on line livelihood training or e learning courses for: Hand gel sanitizer, rubbing alcohol, antibacterial soap and processed foods.
4. DOST's Food and Nutrition Inst (FNRI) can provide complimentary food for babies and children. They are available in 37 technology adoptors which are either LGUs, SUCs, NGO's or Private Enterprises in different regions.
5. DOST's Advanced Science & Technology Inst (ASTI) can use their new satellite imagery plus other complementary data in providing useful data analytics, e.g., movement of people, etc. ASTI will also accelerate its research in developing a small thermal camera that can be attached to smart phones to be used as temperature scanner.
6. DOST's Philippine Nuclear Research Inst (PNRI) can offer sterilization services using e-beam for medical devices.
7. DOST's Metals Industry R& D Center (MIRDC) has ready designs for evacuation tents, hospital beds and crushing machine for spent medical vials. They also have agro machineries designs for livelihood purposes.
8. DOST's PHIVOLCS will make available unused masks that were readied during the ashfall phenomenon during the Taal Eruption. It will also continue round the clock monitoring of volcanoes and earthquakes.
9. DOST's PAGASA will continue round the clock forecasting of weather and other related phenomena.
10. DOST's Science Education Institute (SEI) has installed on line application systems for DOST Scholarships. It will also process the giving of scholars' allowance in advance for their ATMs.
11. DOST's Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System with 16 regional campus nationwide has immediately shifted to home based study using e learning methods and materials heavily.
12. The repayment system for production technology equipment advanced by DOST for higher productivity to Mi-

cro Small & Medium Enterprises in all regions of the country will be restructured for two months' deferment without interest penalty.

13. Critical testing and laboratory services will continue.



Sec. Fortunato Tanseco Dela Pena while giving details of DOST's plans and actions on Presidente Duterte's Enhance Community Quarantine. The S&T System working together for a better healthy and disease free Philippines.

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holds more at risk in terms of their food security and health. The Senator urged DSWD and the Department of Labor and Employment [DOLE] to craft and implement a comprehensive safety net for the poor and near-poor who will be adversely-affected by the COVID-19 lockdown, starting with the said cash assistance.

"This cash aid will keep Filipinos in poverty and near-poverty afloat during this COVID-19 crisis. It will help them cope with the expected inflation in goods due to the lockdown. In times of crisis, cashflow is crucial especially for poor Filipino families who need money for essential items like food, shelter, water, and medicine," Hontiveros explained.

"Sa maraming mawalan ng cashflow, dapat magbigay-tulong ang gobierno sa pangangas nila," she said. "This is a huge burden for our minimum-wage earners: sa mga tindero't tindera, mga jeepney and bus drivers, at iba pa na konting kalamidad lang ay nababaon na agad sa utang," she added.

According to Hontiveros, a family's loss of income will worsen their health status and will make them more at risk for COVID-19. "Sa mga manggagawa at mahihirap, mahirap gawin ang social distancing: dikit-dikit ang mga bahay at nagko-commute araw-araw. We need to help them minimize their risks through proper safety nets for their health and social protection," she pointed out.

Hontiveros said that DSWD, DOLE and local government units [LGUs] can access the calamity fund once a state of calamity is declared, either by the national government or the LGU. "In

order to free up funds for this cash assistance, the national government or the respective local government units can declare a state of calamity. The COVID pandemic, without question, is a calamity," the senator advised.

"Let's minimize their risks now. Tulungan na agad natin ang mga Pilipinong isang hakbang lang ang layo sa lugmok ng kahirapan," Hontiveros concluded.

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Cavite under state of calamity due to coronavirus outbreak

MANILA, Philippines — The province of Cavite has been placed under state of calamity amid the growing number of 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases in the country.

Cavite Vice Governor announced this on his official Facebook page on Monday, adding that the provincial council passed Resolution No. 1437-2020, declaring the province under a state of calamity.

“The Province of Cavite is now under State of Calamity due to COVID-19 outbreak. Please stay at home and follow government guidelines for your safety,” he wrote.

On Sunday, Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla announced the province’s second case of COVID-19, a medical practitioner who got

infected through community transmission.

The virus has so far infected 140 individuals and killed 12 people in the Philippines.

The Philippines is currently under a state of public health emergency due to the virus, which originated from Hubei province, China.

President Rodrigo Duterte has placed Metro Manila under community quarantine amid the spike in COVID-19 cases in the capital region.

The World Health Organization declared the disease as a global pandemic after

it killed nearly 5,000 people and infected 110,000 others worldwide.

The International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses named the novel coronavirus as SARS-CoV-2.

The virus causes mild symptoms such as fever and cough for most people but can cause serious illness such as pneumonia for others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems. Coronavirus is a family of viruses, which surfaces have a crown-like appearance. The viruses are named for the spikes on their surfaces.



HONTIVEROS WANTS BARANGAY-LEVEL COVID-19 INFODRIVE

As reported cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spike across the metro, Senator Risa Hontiveros urged the government to launch an ‘intensified community-based information campaign’ that will address the public’s fears about COVID-19, halt the spread of misinformation, and better prepare communities against the outbreak. “Simulan natin sa barangay. We need to

deploy our health workers in an intensified information drive to stop the spread of COVID-19,” she said. “Kailangan natin ilapit ang publiko sa totoo at tamang impormasyon na maaring magligtas sa buhay nila at ng kanilang pamilya,” the Senator added. Hontiveros said the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease should organize a nation-wide information cam-

campaign that will equip local health officials and barangay health workers (BHWs) with the correct information about COVID-19 – from prevention, to identification and treatment of the disease.

The information drive, she said, must especially target poor or far-flung communities who have less access to TV, radio or social media, and have little to no information about COVID-19

even now: “Dapat maibahagi natin sa lahat ng kabahayan-mayaman man o mahirap - kung ano ang COVID-19, kung ano ang mga sintomas nito, kung ano ang gagawin kapag nahawa, at kung paano maiwasan na mahawa nito.”

Hontiveros explained that the campaign may include the airing of public service announcements, house-to-house information ‘visits’ by local health workers, and distribution of educational materials on COVID-19.

She added that local government units like barangays may also lead community-wide disinfection and cleaning campaigns, and hold emergency response drills to prepare them in case of reported infections.

The senator said that

the campaign will go a long way in helping ease the public’s growing anxiety about COVID-19 now that at least 20 cases have been reported in the country. “The less people know about this disease, the more they will worry. If people are fully aware of the situation and what they need to do, then they are less likely to panic,” Hontiveros said.


Hontiveros added that

such a campaign will also help put an end to the proliferation of pseudo-science and bogus claims about COVID-19, especially in social media. “Kapag naibahagi natin sa publiko ang tamang impormasyon sa COVID-19, sana ay wala nang magpapaniwala na magagamot ito ng gulay o mainit na tubig, at sa iba pang naglipanang fake news,” she said.

JONVIC REMULLA
GOVERNOR


COVID-19 CAVITE UPDATE

As of March 17 ' 2020, I can confirm that there are 2 additional positive Covid-19 Cases in Cavite, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in Cavite to four.



#3 is 25 years old, female, from Dasmariñas.

She is currently confined in a private hospital at Taguig.



#4 is 64 years old, female from Imus.

She is currently confined in a hospital at Pasig.

* a PUI from Noveleta with a history of travel to Macao, is negative.

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