



NCR to be under Alert Level 4 during policy shift pilot

The National Capital Region (NCR) will be under Alert Level 4 for the pilot implementation of the Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, which will be implemented starting September 16, 2021, according to Palace spokesperson Secretary **>> P2**

Cavite LGU distributes oxygen tanks, regulators to 33 villages

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite: The local government unit here began the distribution of oxygen tanks and regulators to 57 homeowners associations (HOAs) in 33 villages on Saturday, September 11. The oxygen units can be used by residents in need of **>> P2**



Cavitex to be connected to C5 South Link by the end of 2022

The Cavite Expressway (Cavitex) is set to be connected to C5 South Link by the fourth quarter of 2022. At the moment, the second section of the C5 South Link project, which will connect the expressway to Cavitex, is 17 percent completed.

Metro Pacific Investments Corporation unit **>> P3**

Cavite leaders ask Isko Moreno to seek presidency



Photo shows Cavite convenors composed of Radjie Gross (LGBTQ), Nelson Louie Genedo (provincial coordinator), Manny Capiral (riders), Bryan Briones (teachers), and Rogelio Cuevas (TODA) and other sector leaders at the Oasis Hotel in Tanza, Cavite, last Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Vote-rich Cavite has joined the snowballing clamor for Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso to run for president in 2022.

A multi-sectoral group pushing for a Moreno presidency launched its Cavite chapter organization during a hybrid event at the Oasis Hotel in Tanza, Cavite recently.

Farmers, workers, public transport drivers and operators, health workers, public and private school teachers, the youth and LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) members joined the

launch initiated by the coalition of Moreno supporters led by former Metro Manila Development Authority General Tim Orbos.

“Nagawa nga niya sa Maynila, sa buong Pilipinas pa kaya? (If he can do it Manila, he can do it throughout Philippines),” stated Orbos, referring to the local executive’s success in governance of the country’s capital.

In a joint statement, Orbos and leaders of the Cavite group stressed that Moreno has endeared himself to the **>> P2**

'Strained relations' in labor cases not presumed: SC



The Supreme Court (SC) has clarified “the doctrine of strained relations” between employers and their workers in labor cases and when such may merit the payment of separation pay in lieu **>> P3**

Comelec says: Voting hours in 2022 polls may be extended

THE COMMISSION on Elections (Comelec) on Wednesday said it would stick with one-day elections next year but may extend voting hours amid a coronavirus pandemic.

The extended voting hours would require additional pay for teachers, which the agency’s budget could not cover, Election Commissioner Marlon S. Casquejo told a congressional oversight committee at a hearing.

The Budget department earlier cut the Comelec’s proposed 2022 budget by P15.5 billion to P26.5 billion.

Comelec spokesman James B. Jimenez last month said the higher allowance for teachers is mandated by law.

Senator Ana Theresia N. Hontiveros-Baraquel said she would propose to increase the election body’s 2022 budget by P8 billion, which it needs to buy more than 10,000 vote-counting machines. **>> P2**

PH Red Cross ‘Bakuna’ buses go to Cagayan, Cavite



Photo from Philippine Red Cross (PRC)

The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) on Monday, Sept. 13, deployed its “Bakuna Bus” in Cagayan and in Cavite in line with its efforts to support the government in its national coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccination initiative.

PRC’s “Bakuna Bus” were sent to Lal-lo, Cagayan to vaccinate 500 individuals. In Cavite, the buses were sent to Imus to vaccinate 600 individuals and in Naic to target the vaccination of 500 individuals.

“Pinasalamatan ko at pinagmamalaki ang lahat ng ating mga masisipag na volunteers and staff for doing a great job. (I’m very thankful and proud of all our hard-working volunteers and staff for doing a great job),” said PRC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sena-

tor Richard Gordon.

Gordon said that the volunteers of PRC remained committed in helping others despite the many challenges during the pandemic. “Anuman ang mangyari, ipagpapatuloy namin ang aming pangako sa paglilingkod sa mamamayang Pilipino (No matter what happens, we will continue our commitment to serve the Filipino people),” he added.

As of Sept. 13, the PRC has deployed sixteen “Bakuna” buses in Luzon and Visayas — 11 are from Victory Liner, five are from UBE Express, and two are from Ceres Liner.

The PRC currently has 20 “Bakuna” Centers nationwide after the latest dry run in **>> P2**

PH Red Cross << P1

Davao City on Sept. 11. PRC said that it "shoulders all other costs" under the COVID-19 Vaccination Program of the government outside the vaccines which include syringes, mobilization, and vaccinator allowances.

The "Bakuna" Centers of PRC include PRC PLMC, PRC EDSA Boni, PRC Port Area, PRC Pasay Chapter, PRC Manila Chapter KABA-KA, PRC Manila Chapter Letran, PRC Quezon City Ever Gotesco, PRC Negros Occidental Gaisano Grand, PRC Iligan Chapter PRC Zamboanga City Training Center, PRC Bulacan Chapter- BSU, and PRC Batangas Xentro Mall.

Other centers are located in PRC Cavite - SM Bacoor; PRC Cavite - Vista Mall Gen. Trias; PRC Tarlac - City walk Mall; PRC Olongapo - SM Downtown; PRC Bataan Chapter/Penelco; Arcovia; San Lorenzo Mall; and PRC

Davao City Chapter- Archdiocese Compound in coordination with respective local government units (LGUs).

The "Bakuna" bus deployment areas include Marikina City, Mandaluyong City, Manila City, Navotas City, Caloocan, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Cordova City, Talisay City, Naga City in Cebu, Bogo City in Cebu, Cavite, Batangas, Laguna, Rizal, Quezon in Lucena, and Bacolod City.

As of Sept. 12, the PRC "Bakuna Centers" and "Bakuna Buses" have vaccinated 206,079 individuals prioritizing A1 to A5 COVID-19 priority groups. A total of 167,222 have been vaccinated in the PRC vaccination centers while 37,838 have been vaccinated in vaccination buses nationwide. To register for vaccination, interested individuals may call 1158 or send an email at 1158-appointments@redcross.org.ph.

Comelec says: voting hours << P1

Comelec owns 97,345 machines but needs at least 10,000 more units so it can limit the number of voters per precinct to 600 given social distancing rules.

It also said it would not extend voter registration beyond Sept. 30 due to time constraints, despite a call from the Senate and House

of Representatives to extend the deadline to Oct. 31

"There are so many preparations that will be affected," Mr. Casquejo told lawmakers. "We cannot compromise those other preparations."

Mr. Casquejo said he would talk to his fellow commissioners next week after

Cavite Rep Elpidio F. Barzaga, Jr. sought a reconsideration.

Senator Maria Imelda Josefa "Imee" R. Marcos, who presided over the joint hearing, said voter registration would be halted again for two weeks after the capital region was placed under Alert Level 4.

Mr. Casquejo said areas under a modified enhanced community quarantine should still proceed with the registration.

Registered first-time voters have reached 61.1 million, exceeding the Comelec's target. — Bianca Angelica D. Añago and Alyssa Nicole O. Tan

Cavite leaders asks Isko << P1

masses not only because he could identify with them but due mainly to his sincerity in dealing with ordinary Filipinos.

"He is a rare breed of leader who is very down-to-earth and willing to reach out to the poor because he sincerely cares for them," the joint statement said.

The statement added: "Thus, it is no wonder that the underprivileged, the poor sector are asking him to run for president." The group also lauded Moreno for echoing

the sentiments of many Filipinos on the government's unsatisfactory response in addressing the COVID-19 crisis. In response to President Rodrigo Duterte's "personal" tirades against him, Moreno said the presidential commentary is not enough to distract his attention from addressing the urgent public health needs of his city.

Rather than engage the chief executive in debate, Moreno dared government to take immediate steps in procuring vital life-saving

COVID-19 equipment and drugs such as ventilators, Remdesivir and Tocilizumab.

Joining Orbos in the launch of the Cavite group were national convenors Philip "Dobol P" Piccio, IM-P head for political affairs Bong Mangahas and Secretary General Elmer S. Argaño with provincial convenors Bryan D. Briiones, Nelso Louie E. Genido and Manny Capiral.

Groups that joined the big gathering of pro-Isko

supporters were Manny Capiral, president and founder of Philippine Eagles Riders Club and Riders Rights Advocate; Lucky Soliman, labor leader in Cavite economic zone; Radjie C. Gross, founder of LGBTQA Cavite Bachelorette; Rosalina Alota, women sector representative; Fiona Celine Cayabyab, youth sector representative; Thelma Alicdan, vendors sector and Daviejane He Mentera, president of the tricycle operators and drivers association.

Cavite LGU distributes oxygen << P1

oxygen supplementation and are undergoing strict home quarantine. The distribution was overseen by the office of Mayor Ony Ferrer and Rep.

Luis Ferrer 4th in collaboration with the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Committee Chair on Health, Councilor Kristine Perdito-Bari-

son and SP Committee Chair on Housing, Councilor Jonas Labuguen. There were 105 oxygen tanks and regulators distributed to the home-

owners' associations. General Trias now has 11,727 confirmed Covid-19 cases; 131 new of 733 active cases; 63 new recovered of 10,809 total recoveries and 185 deaths recorded.

NCR to be under alert level 4 << P1

Harry Roque Jr in a press briefing on 14 September 2021.

Under Alert Level 4, there will be certain restrictions for establishments and activities that would fall under the so-called 3Cs, which refer to closed spaces, crowded spaces, and activities that promote close contact. However, under the pilot, certain indoor activities were allowed for the fully vaccinated, said the Presidential Spokesperson. "Balik-trabaho na po ang mga manggagawa at empleyado ng mga restaurant, mga karinderia, mga kainan sa Metro Manila simula Huwebes, September 16. Pinapayagan na po ang al fresco at indoor dining basta fully vaccinated ang mga workers at mga empleyado," said Secretary Roque.

Under Alert Level 4, al fresco dining shall be allowed up to a maximum 30 percent venue or seating capacity regardless of vaccination status. In addition to this, dining establishments shall be allowed indoor dine-in services at a limited 10 percent venue or seating capacity, but only for fully vaccinated customers.

"Balik trabaho na rin po ang mga nasa personal care services establishments. Kailangan fully vaccinated po ang mga empleyado. Pinapayagan na po ang 10

percent indoor sa fully vaccinated, 30 percent sa outdoor para sa mga nabakunahan at hindi nabakunahan," said Sec Roque.

On the other hand, Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Ramon Lopez said that there will be no distinctions in terms of vaccination in Alert Levels 1 to 3, which will allow more industries and businesses to open. Secretary Lopez added that food preparation establishments shall be allowed at 100 percent capacity for take out and delivery under Alert Levels 2 and 3, while dine in services shall be allowed at 30 percent capacity under Alert Level 3 and at 50 percent capacity under Alert Level 2. All services of food preparation establishments shall be allowed at 100 percent under Alert Level 1, provided that minimum public health standards are observed.

Lopez also clarified that for personal care services, only establishments that provide the basic services shall be allowed during the pilot such as barbershops, beauty salons, hair spas, and nail spas. Under Alert Level 3, all personal care services shall be allowed at 30 percent capacity, while under Alert Level 2, all personal care services shall be allowed at 50 percent capacity, and under

Alert Level 1, at 100 percent capacity.

Similarly, religious services shall also be allowed under Alert Level 4 at 10 percent indoor capacity for fully vaccinated and up to 30 percent capacity for outdoor for both vaccinated and unvaccinated, provided that all church workers are fully vaccinated.

On the general guidelines for the pilot implementation of the Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, Roque said that it will be up to the Department of Health to identify the alert level for the pilot area. The classification of alert levels will be done weekly.

Roque added that granular lockdowns that will be imposed under the new Alert Levels System will be strictly done for not less than 14 days, where only a few individuals will be allowed to move in and out of the lockdown area. These include healthcare and allied health professionals, including uniformed personnel who will impose the lockdowns, and departing overseas Filipino workers and those who arrived and have just finished their quarantine. Entry shall also be allowed for those who reside in an area declared under granular lockdown only for the purpose of returning

to their residence; and for individuals under exceptional circumstances such as those seeking urgent medical attention. Food and other essential items that are for delivery within an area that is under granular lockdown shall be unloaded only at border collection points that shall be determined by the local government unit.

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chairperson Benjamin Abalos Jr mentioned in the same press briefing that the vaccination coverage of the NCR was considered in finalizing the guidelines for the pilot implementation of the Alert Levels System. Chair Abalos said that 61 percent of Metro Manila residents are now fully vaccinated. Those who received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in the NCR is now at 86.55 percent, as of September 13, 2021, according to the National COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard.

Abalos added that other sectors/industries remain prohibited for the pilot implementation of the new classification framework, including indoor tourist attractions, indoor venues for meetings and events, indoor sports courts and venues, amusement parks, social events, among others.

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Strained relations in << P1

of reinstating an employee. In a resolution recently made available online, the court made the clarification in a case where it denied the petition filed by a plumber, Daniel Candelaria against his employer, air conditioning and industrial ventilation firm Kalayaan Engineering Co. Inc. (KECI).

The SC's Second Divi-

sion upheld a Court of Appeals (CA) ruling, saying the latter did not err in directing Candelaria's reinstatement to his former position "without back wages, there being neither dismissal nor abandonment" and deleting the award of separation pay of PHP59,940 by the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC). The SC said under

the doctrine of strained relations, the payment of separation pay is considered an alternative to reinstatement only when the latter option is no longer desirable or viable.

"(T)he doctrine of strained relations should not be used recklessly or applied loosely nor be based on impression alone. It cannot be applied indiscriminately,"

the court said. "Strained relations must be demonstrated as a fact. It must be adequately supported by substantial evidence showing that the relationship between the employer and the employee is indeed strained" the court added, noting that in Candelaria's case, there was neither a dismissal by the employer nor an abandonment

by the employee. Candelaria had been a project employee in KECI until 2018 when he was asked to reapply following his transfer to another project of the firm in Laguna. Candelaria claimed that he need not reapply because he had been a regular employee continuously for nine years. He then filed a complaint for illegal dismissal. The employer, for its part, said Candelaria's employment was co-terminus with the proj-

ect and when the last project neared completion and his services were no longer needed, he was transferred to its other construction project in Laguna but the latter went on leave without informing KECI. The SC said under the present circumstances, the CA's directive ordering KECI to accept Candelaria to his former position without payment of back wages and deleting the award of separation pay is proper. (PNA)

Cavitex << P1

Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) told Rappler this week that right-of-way acquisition for the second portion of the structure is already at 82 percent.

Roberto Bontia, CIC president and general manager, said that the project is moving forward even in spite of the difficulties presented by surging cases of breakthrough COVID-19 and compromised mobility due to lockdown restrictions.

Based on the project's timeline, the segment that connects RSG Subdivision to Merville, Paranaque City, is set for completion by the first quarter of next year. The remaining segment that connects Sucat to RSG Subdivision is planned for completion on the third quarter of 2023.

Cavitex will also be connected to the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (Calax). Connecting the two infrastructure projects is projected to cost roughly P2 billion, with construction targeted for the fourth quarter of the year or early 2022, to prepare for the completion of CALAX by early 2023.

The C5 South Link Expressway is a 7.7-kilometer tollway that connects Cavitex to C5, benefiting over 50,000 motorists and reducing travel time between Cavitex to Taguig and Makati by 30 to 45 minutes.

It traverses the cities of Pasay, Paranaque, and Taguig and is intended to spur economic development and decongest Roxas Boulevard, MIA Road, and other neighboring roads. CIC also plans to install Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras in toll plazas of the expressway to improve its RFID toll collection system.

Besides the C5 South Link Expressway, Cavitex, and Calax, there are also several other infrastructure projects in development in Cavite.

There's the proposed Cavite-Tagaytay-Batangas Express (CTBEX), a 50-42 kilometer expressway which will link Calax in Silang, Cavite to J.P. Laurel St. in Nasugbu, Batangas. The project is expected to decongest the tourist-heavy Tagaytay-Nasugbu area.

Philippine Star reports that Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC) is intending

to proceed with the Swiss challenge for the construction of the project either late this year or early next year.

On track for completion soon is the P64.9 billion LRT-1 Cavite Extension that extends the existing Baclaran Station in Taft Avenue to Niog Station in Bacoor, Cavite. The project is currently 60 percent finished and will begin partial operations in the first half of 2023, according to Philippine News Agency.

One of the most costly infrastructure projects in the pipeline is the \$10-billion Sangley Point International Airport (SPIA). The project was cancelled in January this year but relaunched a month later. Last month, Cavite set the deadline for bid proposals to September 20th.

Upon completion, SPIA is expected to be a world-class, sustainable international airport and Central and Southern Luzon's answer to Metro Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

The rise of industrial projects that link Metro Manila to certain cities in Central and South Luzon, such as Cavite and Batangas, has improved mobility and spurred economic growth in these areas. These advancements have made them viable locations for industrial and commercial developments.

They're also becoming prime residential hubs as more buyers seek out properties with wide, open spaces, as detailed in Lamudi's report published earlier this year. Property seekers are also interested in transit-oriented developments, especially as a way to escape the congestion and pollution of Metro Manila.

In a forecast published earlier this year, Lamudi's data also revealed that areas in Cavite, like Silang, have been posting increasingly high growth rates in leads and pageviews for residential and commercial properties.

This may be due to changes in consumer behavior brought on by the pandemic, as many businesses sought out areas with warehousing and logistics opportunities that were still near Metro Manila, while residential property seekers preferred less-congested fringe areas.

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Carl Tamayo the best player out of high school since Benjie Paras, says Remulla

WITHOUT a doubt, Carl Tamayo was one of the breakout stars of Gilas Pilipinas in the last few Fiba windows.

Showing maturity beyond his years, the 6-foot-7 banger averaged 8.0 points on a perfect 3-of-3 clip from deep, to go with 2.5 rebounds, 1.0 assist, and 1.0 steal in his 11.6 minutes through two games in the 2021 Fiba Asia Cup qualifiers.

He sustained that solid play in the Fiba Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Belgrade as well as the King Abdullah Cup in Jordan.

No wonder Fighting Maroons benefactor and Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla is heaping praises on the

school's prized recruit, who he considers a generational talent and likened to another UP great. "I can honestly say that Carl is the most talented basketball player to come out of high school in the last 35 years," he said during a Sandwich Sessions with Summit Media editors and writers on Tuesday.

"Not since Benjie Paras have we seen such a package that Carl offers and has shown at such a young age."

Remulla was still a freshman at UP when the Joe Lipa-mentored Fighting Maroons recruited Paras, a 6-foot-4 center from the decorated San Beda high school program back in 1986. We all know what happened then,



with Paras, Eric Altamirano, Ronnie Magsanoc, and Joey Guanio delivering UP's only league championship UAAP Season 49. Three decades later and it seemed like

lightning once again struck in Diliman as UP pried away Tamayo, as well as fellow bluechip recruits Gerry Abadiano and Terrence Fortea from another powerhouse juniors program at National University-Nazareth School.

And just like what happened in the 1980s, Remulla is expecting a UAAP title to come soon.

Make that, titles.

"I think he will be part of a UP championship run of at least three trophies, with him leading the charge," Remulla said, anointing Tamayo as the next big thing to come from UP. Remulla, however, understands that achieving glory cannot be done by one star player, as he also expects big things from the rest of the Fighting Maroons. "One man doesn't make a team.

The good thing is that he has a fantastic supporting cast around him," he said, citing Fortea, senior Ricci Rivero, transferee CJ Cansino, Senegalese center Malick Diouf, and guard Joel Cagulangan, who Remulla described as "one of the best underutilized point guards in the country."

"I think we really have a good shot," he said.

PH Fleet holds Exercise 'Pagbubuklod' in Cavite, Manila Bay

The Philippine Fleet officially started a five-day maritime drill on Monday, September 13, to harmonize the capabilities of its units with other components of the Philippine Navy (PN).

Dubbed as Exercise "Pagbubuklod" (translation: unification), the event is an annual maritime exercise conducted by the Philippine Fleet to further enhance the interoperability and readiness of PN units to address traditional and non-traditional threats.

The exercises were being held in Sangley Point and Ternate in Cavite, and at the approaches of Manila Bay until September 17.

"This year's Exercise Pagbubuklod 11-2021 focuses on harmonizing the capabilities of Philippine Fleet units with those of the Philippine Marine Corps, Naval Special Operations Command, Naval Combat Engineering Brigade, and Naval Reserve Command," said Commodore Renato David, deputy commander of the Philippine Fleet, during the virtual opening ceremony at the Naval Base Heracleo Alano in Sangley Point.

The participating units will conduct joint amphibious planning and field training exercises (FTX) on land and at sea, David bared.

Among the major exercises include maritime in-



terdiction operation (MIO) with high angle sniping, amphibious air support (AAS), maritime air surveillance (MAS) and intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR).

There would also be maritime search and rescue (MSAR), high-risk visit, board, search and seizure (HRVBSS), amphibious assault and raid, insertion and extraction, amphibious sea-lift, force protection capability, support and sustainment, afloat command and control, gunnery exercise, shipboard helicopter operations (HEL-

OPS), and casualty evacuation operation (CASEVAC).

David said the event will specifically aim to test and re-test the Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP) of the Fleet-Marine doctrine in addressing traditional and non-traditional threats.

Meanwhile, David stressed that all face-to-face activities during the exercises will be carried out in strict adherence to health protocols set by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).



MENDEZ, TARGET ANG 'ZERO ACTIVE COVID CASES'

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