

# CAVITE GOVERNOR CALLS FOR CLEAR, SCIENCE-BASED INFO DRIVE VS COVID-19

CITING the recent policy changes and conflicting statements from government officials, Cavite Governor Juanito Victor Remulla Jr. on Monday, September 21, 2020, called for a clear and comprehensive science-based information campaign to combat coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).



MANILA. The IATF reduced the physical distance between passengers in public transport units, but was forced to suspend it three days later due to widespread criticism. President Rodrigo Duterte has retained the one-meter distance between passengers. (SunStar File Photo) September 21, 2020

In a Facebook post Monday, Remulla cited the following “confusing” policies and statements.

The government, through the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases required the installation of plastic

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## SSS enforces its mandatory online transaction and checkless disbursements

The Social Security System (SSS) on Monday said that mandatory online transaction and checkless disbursements are now being implemented to provide members, employers, pensioners, and beneficiaries/claimants with faster, safer,

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## Cavite golf club breached IATF protocols?

Dante Navarro (Philstar.com)



A top golf club in Cavite was reported to have staged a tournament last weekend, drawing a huge field that far exceeded the

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## PGC's BOTIKA ON WHEELS VISITED MUNICIPALITY OF NOVELETA

Botika on wheels (BoW) program which was the brain project of the office of Governor Jonvic Remulla, continue to serve and protect Caviteños amidst the COVID-19 pandemic by delivering basic health services right at their doorsteps. On September 7-10, 2020, BoW

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## FDA nod for Cavite vaccine trial sought

Pharma firms completing requirements, but health exec says gov't likely to give priority to WHO-backed tests

By: Maricar Cinco - Reporter / @maricarcincoINQ



SUPPORT De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, which maintains a COVID-19 testing laboratory, is also supporting the independent vaccine trials to be done by pharmaceutical companies in Cavite province. —PHOTOCOURTESY OF DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY-DASMARIÑAS

At least two manufacturers of potential new coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines recently submitted their applications to the government to carry out independent clinical trials in Cavite province, according to the Department of Health (DOH) and the project implementer, De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences

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## Gatchalian urges DepEd to use P4 billion under Bayanihan 2 to invest in technology



Senator Win Gatchalian urged the Department of Education (DepEd) to utilize its P4 billion allocation under the Bayanihan to Recover As One Act (Republic Act 11494) or Bayanihan 2 to invest in technology for teachers' use. Under Bayanihan 2,

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Institute. But Eduardo Janairo, the DOH director for Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon), admitted that the government was likely to prioritize the rollout of the World Health Organization (WHO) Solidarity trial, a global effort to identify a viable cure for COVID-19 among "more than a hundred" candidates, over independent trials by pharmaceutical companies.

The DOH recently announced that the WHO trials, in which the Philippines is participating, might start in October. But this did not stop private proponents from seeking government approval, "that one or two [manufacturers] supposedly submitted [their applications] to the [Food and Drug Administration or FDA] on Sept. 16," Janairo told the Inquirer by telephone on Thursday.

### Delays

This was confirmed by Haydee Sy, De La Salle director for institutional communications, who said a third company was actually already in the stage "of completing additional requirements by the FDA."

Sy declined to disclose the names of the candidate vaccines or their pharmaceutical companies but said they were from "reputable" manufacturers.

Gov. Juan Victor "Jonvic" Remulla earlier said that close to 10,000 Cavite residents would have participated in the trials of the vaccines that were being manufactured by pharmaceutical firms based in the United

States and the United Kingdom starting this month. But Sy and the DOH said they could not proceed without the FDA permits.

Janairo said the trial for potential COVID-19 drugs would also need approval from the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, which was not normally required of manufacturers testing drugs for other diseases like tuberculosis or dengue.

### Screening participants

Sy said De La Salle, which has long been participating in medical clinical studies, was tasked with recruiting and screening participants, while the pharmaceutical companies and their clinical research organizations would process government requirements.

The provincial government also helped identify participants, among them policemen, public utility vehicle drivers and factory workers, Remulla said.

"But in my personal opinion, I wouldn't want to be injected [with a trial vaccine] since you don't see its effect in five to 10 years. Sure, it's safe, efficacious, OK, but after 10 years? You don't know what will happen," Janairo said.

He said De La Salle was also tapped to participate in the Solidarity trials, while the University of the Philippines was working out a deal with the Laguna provincial government to test another vaccine.

## Gatchalian urges DepEd to use << P1

The P4 billion allocation aims to assist DepEd in putting up information technology (IT) and digital infrastructure, the implementation of digital education, and the use of alternative learning modalities, including the printing and delivery of self-learning modules.

In a Senate panel hearing on the preparations for the October 5 class opening, DepEd Undersecretary for Finance Annalyn Sevilla explained that they are waiting for the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) official communications on the availability of the P4 billion-fund before the department makes its implementation guidelines. The

DepEd official also explained that considering the funds' limitation, the department has to decide on what items to prioritize, whether the funds will go to teachers' laptops, self-learning modules, or other items.

"I would strongly suggest to allocate that (P4 billion) to our teachers, especially in technology that our teachers can use even after the COVID-19 pandemic," Gatchalian said during the hearing.

The Bayanihan 2 also contains other provisions to support the implementation of the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP). These include the provision of loan assis-

tance, subsidies, discounts and grants for the purchase of distance learning tools, including computers, laptops, tablets and other information and communications technology (ICT) devices.

The law also authorizes the utilization of a portion of the Special Education Fund (SEF) of local government units (LGUs) to support the use of alternative learning modalities, digital education, and digital infrastructure.

Under Bayanihan 2, the SEF can also be used for safe schools infrastructure, equipment, and facilities, including handwashing stations. Public health supplies such as soap, alcohol, sanitizers, thermometers, face

masks, face shields, and other disinfecting solutions can also be purchased under the SEF. "Ang modernisasyon sa ating sistema ng edukasyon, tulad ng mas malawak na paggamit ng teknolohiya para sa pagtuturo at sa pag-aaral, ay bahagi ng pagbangon ng ating mga paaralan mula sa pinsalang dulot ng COVID-19. Sa tulong ng Bayanihan 2, mapapaigting natin ang modernisasyon ng ating mga paaralan, maaabot natin ang mas maraming mag-aaral, at maipagpapatuloy natin ang edukasyon sa ligtas na paraan," Gatchalian added. Gatchalian is the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture.

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more convenient, and economical means to register, submit their loan and benefit applications, and receive their loan proceeds and cash benefits from SSS.

"Aside from our full compliance with the requirements of Ease in Doing Business and Efficient Government Services Delivery Act of 2018 or Republic Act No. 11032, SSS continues its digitalization efforts through expansion and enhancement of our online service facilities for the benefit of the transacting public. It is also our way of supporting our healthcare workers in preventing the spread of COVID-19 since face-to-face interactions shall be limited within our branches," SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said.

Mandatory online transactions include filing of salary and calamity loans, Sickness Benefit Reimbursement Application (SBRA) for employers, application of Social Security (SS) Number,

Employment Report (RIA), submission of sickness and maternity notification as well as filing of unemployment, retirement, and funeral benefit claims with e-disbursement.

To proceed with online transactions, members, employers, and pensioners must have their own My.SSS account. Upon successful SSS registration, they must also register their disbursement account through the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module (DAEM) for the disbursement of their loan and benefits. For online users who opt to receive their benefits via e-wallet or remittance transfer companies (RTCs)/cash pick-up outlets (CPOs), their mobile numbers should also be enrolled in Bank Enrolment Module (BEM) in their My.SSS accounts.

However, members must take note that there are prerequisites in submitting their retirement and funeral

benefit applications online.

"Claimants should have an issued SS number and Unified Multipurpose Identification (UMID) Card or have already applied for a UMID Card to submit their funeral benefit claim online. Meanwhile, non-SSS member-claimants should provide a copy of their ATM card deposit slip if the disbursement account is a PESONet participating bank, or their mobile number if their preferred disbursement is thru E-wallet via upgraded PayMaya or cash remittance via MLhuiller," Ignacio explained.

"Retiree-applicants can submit their retirement claim applications online if their SS number is not canceled; not an underground/surface mineworker or a racehorse jockey; not a self-employed member below 65 years old; has no outstanding balances in Stock Investment Loan, Privatization Loan, Educational Loan, and Vocational Technology Loan; and with

no dependent minor child/ren. Members who do not meet these qualifying conditions are advised to set an appointment with the nearest SSS branch," added Ignacio.

In line with the mandatory online registration, the pension fund also starts the mandatory checkless disbursement of unemployment benefit, funeral benefit through their UMID Card enrolled as ATM Card/UnionBank Quick Card/PESO-Net participating bank/E-wallet/RTC/CPO. Meanwhile, salary and calamity loans shall be disbursed through PESONet participating banks only. For further queries, members may call the SSS hotline at 1455. They may also follow the official Facebook page, "Philippine Social Security System," Instagram Account "Mysssp," or Twitter Feed "PHLSSS." They may also log in to their My.SSS account for online services verification/queries.

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barriers between a motorcycle driver and his passenger. Around two weeks after police started arresting violators, this requirement was lifted. "Biglang isang araw nagbago ang ihip ng hangin at hindi na raw ito kailangan. Bakit pinagastos pa ang mga mamamayan sa isang bagay na halatang hindi naman pinag-isipan?" Remulla asked.

The IATF approved a Department of Transportation (DOTr) proposal to reduce the physical distance between passengers in public transport units to 0.75 meter from the current one meter effective September 14.

Amid widespread criticisms, the IATF suspended

its implementation three days later. On September 18, President Rodrigo Duterte retained the one-meter distance. Remulla also noted that the President has repeatedly said the government is preparing to procure a vaccine against Covid-19 as soon as this becomes available, while a Department of Health (DOH) director declared, "Hindi ako magpapaturok ng vaccine dahil hindi ito safe."

The governor called out the conflicting policies on interzonal travel, saying about 100,000 Cavite residents are allowed to enter the National Capital Region (NCR) without travel pass to work but NCR residents need to

present a travel pass to visit Tagaytay City in Cavite.

Remulla recalled government officials declaring that all citizens will receive a subsidy under the social amelioration program.

"Ay mali! Hindi pala kaya (Wrong. The funds are not enough)," he said.

Finally, Remulla cited the controversial dolomite sand which is used to beautify a portion of Manila Bay.

"Sabi ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR): 'Dolomite is safe.' Bwelta ni DOH: 'Dolomite is cancerous,'" he wrote. "Ano ba talaga Kuya? Ang labo ninyo talaga," he added, quoting a line from a popular TV advertisement.

Remulla said the country needs "a single voice with a clear message".

He appealed for a comprehensive information campaign that is clear, concise and coordinated.

"It should be based on the science of public health with guided inputs from infectious disease specialists. Directives should not come from military orders without proper consultation with the stakeholders," Remulla said.

The Duterte Cabinet is composed mostly of former military generals. Most of the point persons in the fight against Covid-19 are also former uniformed men. (Marites Villamor-Illano/SunStar Philippines)

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# Cavite golf club breached IATF << P1 PGC's Botika << P1

number of players allowed in areas placed under the relaxed MGCQ (modified general community quarantine). It came barely a week after the Alabang Golf Club allegedly held a tournament in violation of IATF protocols on safety and health in non-contact sports activities. The Sports Joint Administrative Order is currently probing the case. Although areas under MGCQ, including Cavite, are allowed to hold "sporting events," only 50 percent of the capacity is permitted and tournaments are still prohibited as per the Inter-Agency Task Force's IRR (implementing rules and regulations) in its continuing effort to help curb the spread of the infection. But the Sherwood Hills Golf and Country Club still proceeded with the tournament, which purportedly drew 80 players last Sept. 12. "Organizers even

dubbed it 'Members Day' and did away with the 'tournament' name so it wouldn't look as such," according to a source. To accommodate the big number of participants, which included a top government official and a couple of media personalities, the tournament was held under the shotgun start format, also a no-no under the government's safety directives. "As per IATF guidelines, 50 percent of the capacity is only allowed (to play). So if four players per hole, the maximum is 72 and only 36 players should've been permitted to play," said another source, adding one flight even had five players. The same source said no awarding ceremony was held but free lunch was served where pre-drawn raffle prizes were distributed. The Philippine Sports Commission, the Games and Amusements

Boards and the Department of Health recently signed a JAO to allow the resumption of training and practice of the athletes in pro sports under a more lenient setup. Under the JAO, a maximum of five players in basketball and football can conduct training in areas placed under GCQ (general community quarantine) while a maximum of 10 players are allowed to practice in places under MGCQ (modified).

Other outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise allowed in GCQ areas are walking, jogging, running, biking, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting and skateboarding while both indoor and outdoor non-contact sports are allowed in MGCQ areas. The holding of tournaments, however, is still not allowed and spectators are also barred for sports in both GCQ and MGCQ areas.

team visited the municipality of Noveleta to distribute free maintenance medicines and vitamins to 1,563 senior citizens. Moreover, 1,817 children were also given vitamins to help boost their immune system. The team was accompanied by 1st district Representative Francis Gerald A. Abaya in roaming around the municipality and expressed his support to the

provincial government's health program. To date, Botika on Wheels has visited a total of 180 barangays in the municipalities of Maragondon, Naic, Kawit and Noveleta and in Cavite City. Likewise, eleven thousand, six hundred eighty-four (11,684) senior citizens and two thousand nine hundred eighty-seven (2,987) children benefited from the program.-- PICAD

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**NATIONAL HOMES MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP.,**  
Mortgagee, Foreclosure No. 2020-06  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of  
Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-  
**ELEUTERIO MORALES, SR., married to  
TERESITA MORALES,**  
Mortgagors.  
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**SECOND NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE**

Upon Extra-Judicial for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee-assignee, NATIONAL HOMES MORTGAGE FINANCE CORP., of 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, and against the mortgagor, ELEUTERIO MORALES, JR., married to TERESITA MORALES, of 525 km. Hizon St., Bangkal, Makati, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 30, 2019, amounts to ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO PESOS & 94/100 (P1,464,952.94) Philippine Currency, exclusive of penalty charges, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on November 3, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

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**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(PAG-IBIG FUND)**  
Mortgagee, EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT  
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-  
**FLORDELIZA N. MADDALORA**  
Married to **TEODORO SJ. MADDALORA,**  
Mortgagors, F.C. No. 17015-20

**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL PETITION**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against FLORDELIZA N. MADDALORA married to TEODORO SJ. MADDALORA, with residence and postal address at Lot 6, Block 6, Phase 7, ACM Subdivision, Alapan I-A, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 64, Block 51, Phase-2, Greengate Homes, Malagasang II-A, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 20, 2019 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR PESOS AND 70/100 (P539,534.70), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-IMUS, Bulwagan ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit;

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Imus, Cavite, Philippines, June 10, 2020.

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**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
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Mortgagee, EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

-versus-  
**CHRISTIAN EDU A. BELTRAN,**  
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG), mortgagee with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, represented by its Atty-in-Fact ATTY. ROLANDO S. SANTOS, with principal place of business at R.S. Santos Law Firm, 4/F DM Bldg., Visayas Ave., cor. Congressional Ave., Quezon City, against CHRISTIAN EDU A. BELTRAN, mortgagor, with residence and postal address at P-2 Bankerohan Sur Montevista, Compostella Valley, Davao De Oro and/or Lot 31, Block 20, Ph2 Lancaster Residences, Brgy. Alapan, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 31, 2020 amounts to NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT SEVEN PESOS & 03/100 (Php917,087.03), Philippine Currency including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on October 20, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main Entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus City Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit;

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All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date. It shall be held on OCTOBER 27, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

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## PNP boosts presence in provincial borders, Tagaytay City

*The Joint Task Force COVID Shield yesterday ordered police forces in Cavite to intensify their presence at the provincial borders and in Tagaytay City to effectively manage and control the arrival of visitors following the decision of the local officials to open their borders to tourists.*

by Aaron Recuenco



(JANSEN ROMERO / FILE PHOTO / MANILA BULLETIN)

Police Lt. Gen. Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar, commander of the JTF COVID Shield, said the intensified police presence will ensure the protection of both the tourists and the local residents of Tagaytay City from the possible upsurge of COVID-19. Eleazar said one of the health safety protocols that Cavite local police forces should focus on is the entry of unauthorized tourists or those coming from General Community Quarantine

(GCQ) and higher quarantine status areas with no travel authority. These include the setting up of quarantine protocol point (QCP) between the boundary of Laguna and Cavite. Although both Laguna and Cavite are under the modified GCQ, the setting up of QCP is essential to ensure that those coming from GCQ areas, particularly from Metro Manila, would not be able to enter Cavite without a travel authority. Other measures are the wearing of both

face mask and face shield, and observation of physical distancing, checking of body temperature especially those entering restaurants, and ensuring that contact tracing mechanism is followed. "We support the coordination and collaboration of the LGUs and the law enforcement agencies. This is a work in progress. This is the first time that we have tourism being encouraged in an area near Metro Manila," said Eleazar. "The success and failure of

the reopening of Tagaytay City depends on the smooth and regular coordination between the local government units (LGUs) in Cavite and the local police forces. If Tagaytay City succeeds in this effort, then this will definitely be replicated by other LGUs especially those with tourist destinations. We do not want a scenario of an increase in COVID cases to happen. That is why necessary health protocols must be properly and strictly implemented," he added.

## DA IV CALABARZON distributes agri support to Silang ornamental plant growers

SILANG, Cavite Sep 18 (PIA) –The Department of Agriculture (DA) IV CALABARZON distributed P3,064,699 worth of agricultural support to Silang ornamental plant growers thru the Taal Recovery and Rehabilitation Program (TRRP).

The agri support the farmers received comprised of 428 packets of assorted cut flowers, 5,000 packs of assorted seedling bags, and 2,000 bundles of soft pots that would help them grow back their livelihood.

DA IV CALABARON Regional Director Arnel V. de Mesa during the distribution of the agri interventions recognized the significance of the ornamental plant growing industry as part of the agriculture sector.

"It is only expected that our ornamental plant growers would also be helped by DA, especially when they were also heavily affected by the eruption of Taal," said RD de Mesa.

Silang Mayor Corie Poblete was extremely grateful for the continuing assistance to the town's ornamental plant growers and farmers.

"Thank you for helping us during the devastation of Taal and particularly during this current COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you will never get tired of helping Silang farmers and may you continue to trust us with the much-needed interventions," Mayor Poblete said.

Officials of ornamental plant growers groups, Ms. Elizabeth S. Lopez, president of the Pook Ornamental Growers' Association, and Mr. Anselmo E. Noveno, Federation of Silang Ornamental Plant Growers president, expressed their appreciation for the assistance for the revival of their livelihood that had been ravaged by the Taal eruption and again, affected by the loss of clients due to the pandemic.

"We are reviving our livelihoods with the help of DA interventions, inch by inch," shared Ms. Lopez.

Ornamental plant growing had been creating a niche in the agricultural market especially during this pandemic when everybody had time to stay in the house and planting became more than a hobby but an alternative source of livelihood. (Ruel Francisco/Silang Agriculture Office/DA Calabarzon RAFIS)



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The Department of Health (DOH) stated that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines may only become available in the Philippines the second quarter of 2021 due to the foreign producers continue to enhance the developing of vaccine to ensure its safety and efficacy. According to Health Undersecretary Ma. Rosario Vergere, "We need to ensure that all of these vaccines are safe and they are efficacious before we allow it to be sold or procured by the government." Meanwhile, President Rodrigo Duterte stated he would grant preference to the vaccines being created by Russia and China as other nations ask for advance payment. "That's the one thing that's wrong with Western companies. Kaya sabi ko we will give preference to Russia and China provided that their vaccine is as good as any other in the market," Duterte explained. Russia also opens its doors for the possibility of manufacturing locally the Sputnik V, the potential vaccine against COVID-19, for the Philippines. In addition, the country becomes part of the phase 3 clinical trials of the Sputnik V. Despite the country's insufficient funds, Duterte assured that the government will purchase the cheapest COVID-19 vaccine that will be released in the market, noting that all vaccines produce the same effect.