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Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. says the vaccines, whose delivery will begin in October, will boost the immunization program of the government that aims to vaccinate up 70 percent of the population by year-end.

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reported 5,803 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, down from 6,833 the other day, bringing the total confirmed cases to 1,359,015.

There were 7,652 more recoveries based on the DOH protocol that mild and asymptomatic cases are considered to have recovered after their two-week quarantine.

Total recoveries have reached 1,277,715. Meanwhile deaths rose by 84, including 59 people who were previously tagged as recoveries. This

brings the death toll to 23,621.

There are 7,679 active cases, including 115 previously tagged as recoveries.

Among those infected, 91.9 percent are mild cases, 3.7 percent are asymptomatic, 1.29 percent are moderate, 1.8 percent are severe and 1.3 percent are critical.

The DOH said 13.2 percent of 48,073 people who were tested on June 16 were confirmed infected with COVID-19. Two laboratories were not able to submit their data. —WITH REPORTS FROM DONA Z. PAZZIBUGAN, REUTERS AND INQUIRER

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