



# 17,860 vaccine doses unaccounted for in Iloilo

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**ILOILO CITY** – Mayor Jerry Treñas has demanded an explanation for the 17,860 doses of COVID-19 vaccines that the city has yet to receive.

In a letter to Emilia Monicimpo, Department of Health (DOH)-Western Visayas regional director, Treñas said they have received 49,664 doses of China-made Sinovac and 16,880 of AstraZeneca since March.

“However, in the June 20, 2021 report of the DOH, it stated that Iloilo City has been sent 84,224 doses (62,804 Sinovac and 21,420 AstraZeneca),” he said.

“Where did the 17,680 doses supposedly for Iloilo City

go?” Treñas asked.

He gave copies of the letter to Sen. Bong Go, Health Secretary Francisco Duque III and vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr.

Treñas said Western Visayas, including this city, is experiencing a surge in infections.

“The city government, hospitals and other sectors here have been one in appealing to the national government to give us more vaccines and send us additional medical personnel and medicine,” he said.

Treñas said he was told that they would receive 11,700 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech and 20,000 of Sinovac yesterday and another 50,000 doses of Sinovac next week.

In its latest report, the OCTA Research group said intensive care unit beds in this city were at full capacity from June 13 to 19.

OCTA classified Iloilo City at critical risk.

The city was also ranked third with the most number of daily COVID-19 cases nationwide. It has an average daily attack rate of 25.83 per 100,000 individuals.

## A4 vaccination

Meanwhile, Negros Oc-

cidental Gov. Eugenio Jose Lacson lamented that the inoculation of essential workers or those in the A4 category in Western Visayas has not started.

“We are all Filipinos,” Lacson said, noting that their target is to inoculate 70 percent of their population.

He said the increase in active cases in Negros Occidental was due to non-compliance with minimum health protocols, particularly the wearing of face masks.

Lacson also stressed the need for local government chief executives in areas with high COVID-19 cases to exert more effort in contact tracing.

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