



SPMC gets additional rooms for moderate, severe COVID-19 cases



Two modular hospitals intended for moderate to severe cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Davao City were recently built within the government-run Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC).

The facilities were turned over to the hospital located in Bajada, Davao City on Sept. 1 and started operating since then.

Public Works and Highways Secretary and isolation czar Mark Villar said the two units of modular hospital can accommodate 44 patients.

"This new medical facility put up by the DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local/National Health Facility together with Regional Office 11 will help alleviate overcrowding of SPMC patients," Villar said.

The modular hospital facilities are equipped with air-conditioned rooms with toilet and bath, ventilation system with high-efficiency

particulate absorbing filters, standby generators, medical gas system, public address system and a nurse station.

"The DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local/National Health Facility continues to address the threat of pandemic with the timely construction of healthcare facilities that include modular hospitals, temporary treatment and monitoring or quarantine/isolation facilities, and off-site dormitories for health workers," the isolation czar said.

To date, 758 healthcare facilities with a total capacity of 28,102 are operational nationwide.

Completed were 685 isolation facilities with 26,329 beds, 22 modular hospitals with 453 beds, and 51 off-site dormitories with 1,320 beds. (Betheena V. Unite)