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## Cases down to 15,592; 154 more die

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FOR the fourth straight day, new coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the country decreased to 15,592 but there were 154 more deaths that raised the toll to 37,228, according to the Department of Health.

In its latest bulletin, the DOH said the positivity rate stood at 24.9 percent among the 53,349 tested last September 20 nationwide.

Overall, infections rose to 2,417,419, count-

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### PH COVID-19 CASES AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

**CONFIRMED CASES 2,417,419**

NEW CONFIRMED: 15,592 ACTIVE CASES: 162,580

**TOTAL RECOVERIES 2,217,611**

**TOTAL DEATHS 37,228**

SOURCE: DOH

### CASES DOWN

ing the 16,361 new infections last Tuesday, 18,937 last Monday, and 19,271 last Sunday, the first three days when new cases dipped below the 20K count.

Active cases also dipped to 162,580 from 171,142 last Tuesday, with 92 percent mild cases, 3 percent asymptomatic cases, 2.8 percent moderate cases, 1.5 percent severe cases, and 0.7 percent critical cases.

The DOH also reported 24,059 more recoveries, raising the number of survivors to 2,217,611.

Based on DOH data, more than one in every four active COVID-19 cases, as of September 20, can be found in the National Capital Region. The DOH said 46,524

(26.3%) of 176,850 active cases are based in Metro Manila.

Other regions with high active cases are Calabarzon (35,000) and Central Luzon (19,533).

A police corporal assigned in Western Visayas has died from COVID-19, bringing the PNP death toll from the deadly virus to 114.

PNP chief Guillermo Eleazar said the cop, 34, had been battling cancer of the bone since last year.

The policeman tested positive for the virus last September 13 and was placed on quarantine at the residence of his brother due to lack of government quarantine facility. He died last Sept. 19.

The PN Health Service reported 152 new infections yesterday,

bringing to 38,618 the total cases in the police force, with 2,244 active cases and 114 deaths.

The PNP also reported that 142,398 or 63.94 percent of its personnel have been fully vaccinated and 71,029 or 31.9 percent others have received the first dose of two-dose vaccines. This means that only 9,264 or 4.16 percent of the total PNP personnel have yet to be inoculated.

The Tanay, Rizal government has reported 60 COVID-19, which included a 5-year-old boy.

Mayor Rex Manuel Tanjuatco said the child, one of the new COVID-19 cases in Barangay Katbayani, is asymptomatic. He is the youngest COVID-19 case in the municipality. — *With Victor Reyes and Christian Oineza*

