

Beat COVID-19 Today

A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer



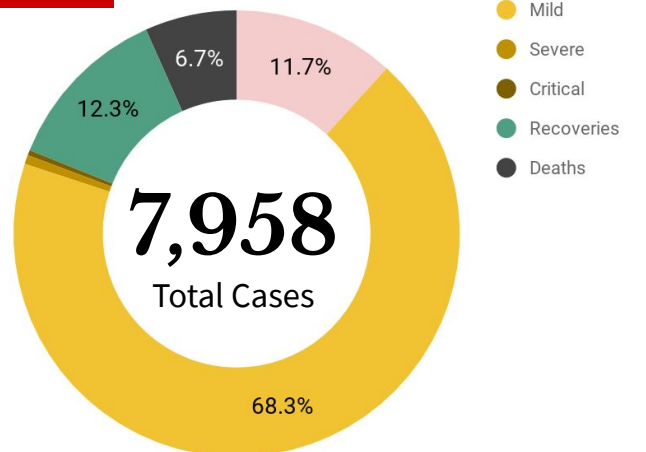
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Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

- Secretary of Health, Francisco T. Duque III briefed the League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) on Tuesday morning to rally the governors in their vital roles in the war against COVID-19 and in establishing a "new normal" afterward.
- DOH remains committed to reaching the following goals to combat the threat of COVID-19: (1) increase resilience, (2) stop transmission, (3) reduce contact rate, (4) shorten duration of infection, and (5) enhance quality, consistency and affordability of care provision.
- As of April 27, **37 health facilities** have requested for additional healthcare workers under the DOH's emergency hiring program.
- DOH has now approved **989 slots** for the Bureau of Quarantine and for five other hospitals: (1) Philippine General Hospital, (2) Lung Center of the Philippines, (3) Dr. Jose Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, (4) East Avenue Medical Center, and (5) Research Institute of Tropical Medicine. As of April 27, **310 healthcare workers** were already hired by the said facilities.
- Nineteen (19) licensed laboratories** across the country are now equipped to perform the Real Time - RT PCR tests. The combined testing capacity of the different laboratories can now reach up to a total of **6,320 tests per day**.
- The DOH is set to capacitate laboratories with existing GeneXpert machines to do RT-PCR testing with Cepheid cartridges.
- The DOH and experts from the Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (PSMID) are reviewing new reports of COVID-19 symptoms and clinical manifestations as reported by the Center for Disease Control.

Case Summary

As of April 28, 2020



Breakdown



Probable Cases

As of April 28, 2020



PROBABLE: Previously termed as PUIs (mild or critical) with inconclusive or unofficial test results.

Suspect Cases



SUSPECT CASES: Previously termed as PUIs (mild or critical) with no test done or awaiting test results.

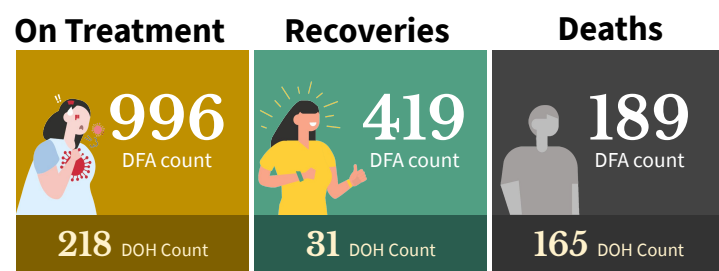
Goal: Shortening Duration of Infectiousness

Case Summary of Overseas Filipinos (OFs)

As of April 28, 2020



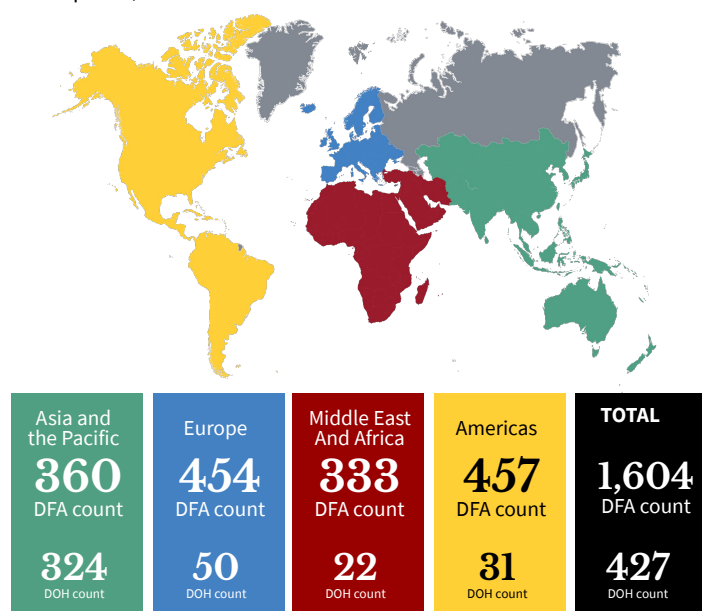
DOH Counts validated through the International Health Regulation (IHR)



DOH Count: 13 cases for validation of disposition

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

As of April 28, 2020



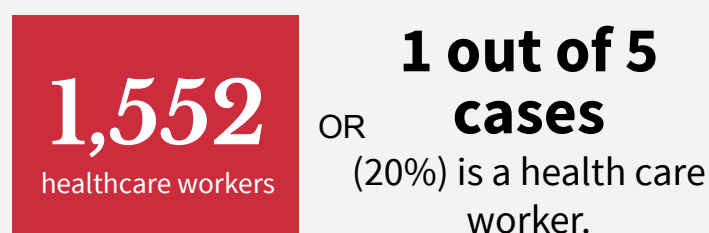
TOP 5 COUNTRIES WITH OVERSEAS FILIPINOS WITH COVID-19 (DOH - IHR)

Cumulative data as of April 28, 2020

	JAPAN	117
	MALAYSIA	94
	SINGAPORE	59
	ITALY	29
	HONGKONG	29
	OTHERS	96

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA

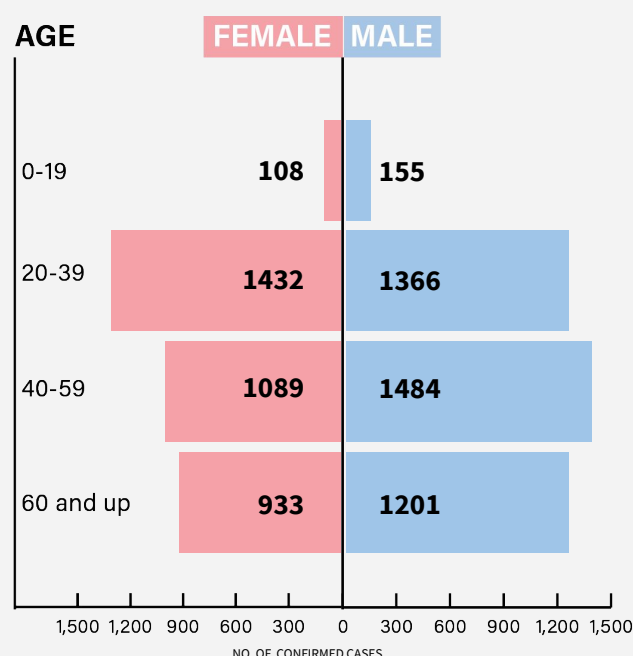
A. Healthcare Workers affected by COVID-19



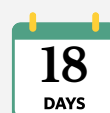
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B. Age and Sex Distribution of confirmed cases

As of April 28, 2020



Most of the confirmed cases are **male** (4,206, 53%) and within the **40-59 age group** (1484, 19%).



Average hospital length of stay for recovered patients is at **18 days**.

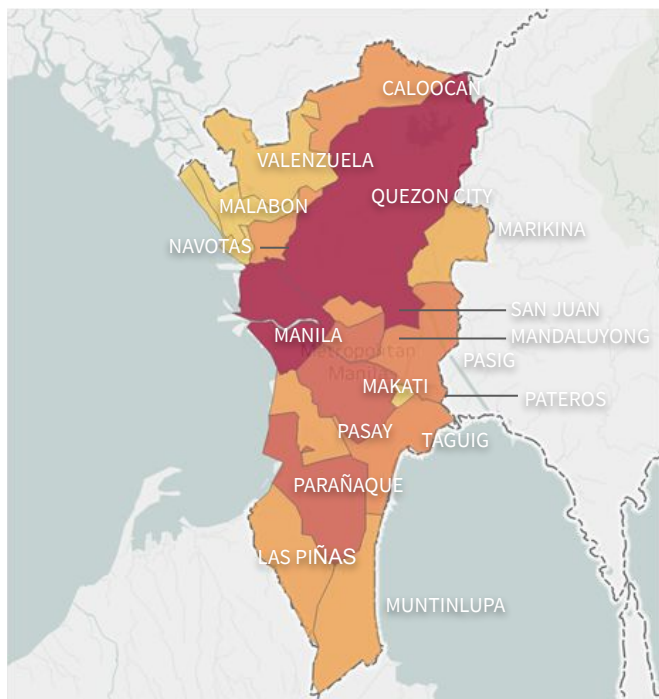
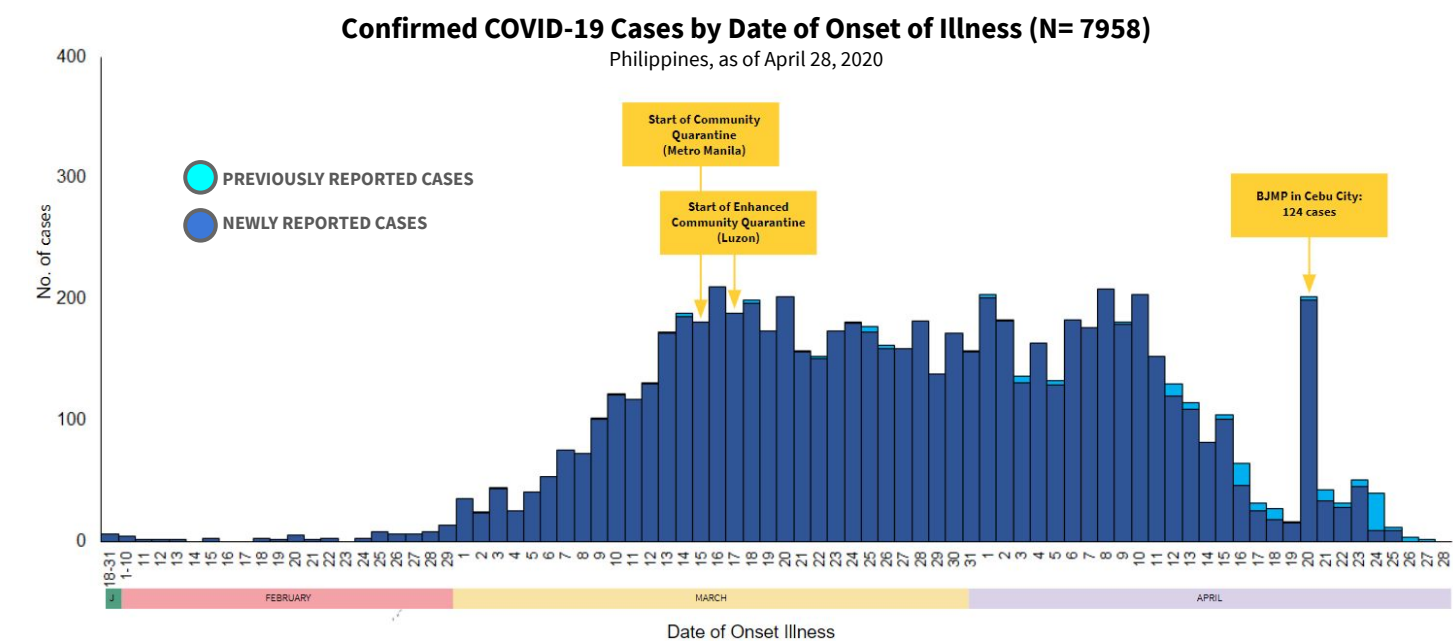


A total of **299** (56%) of deaths had known comorbidities: top 2 comorbidities are **hypertension** (193, 65%) and **diabetes** (147, 49%).

Goal: Shortening Duration of Infectiousness

C. Epidemiologic Curve

Note: Case counts reported do NOT represent the final number and are subject to change after inclusion of delayed reports and review of cases.



- A total of **5446 (68%)** are confirmed cases from NCR.
- Top 3 barangays: **Tandang Sora, Quezon City (53); San Antonio, Parañaque (46)** and **Batasan Hills, Quezon City (46)**.
- Still too early to tell whether **Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)** is effective as reporting delays from symptom onset take around 11 days, but initial imputation analysis seems to suggest that ECQ is keeping new case numbers steady.
- Recent surge of cases from Cebu City, also now has two of the largest non-Metro Manila clusters: **Sitio Zapatera and Cebu City Jail**.
- Also still too early to tell whether Luzon-wide ECQ is effective, but initial imputation analysis seems to suggest that ECQ is keeping new case numbers steady.

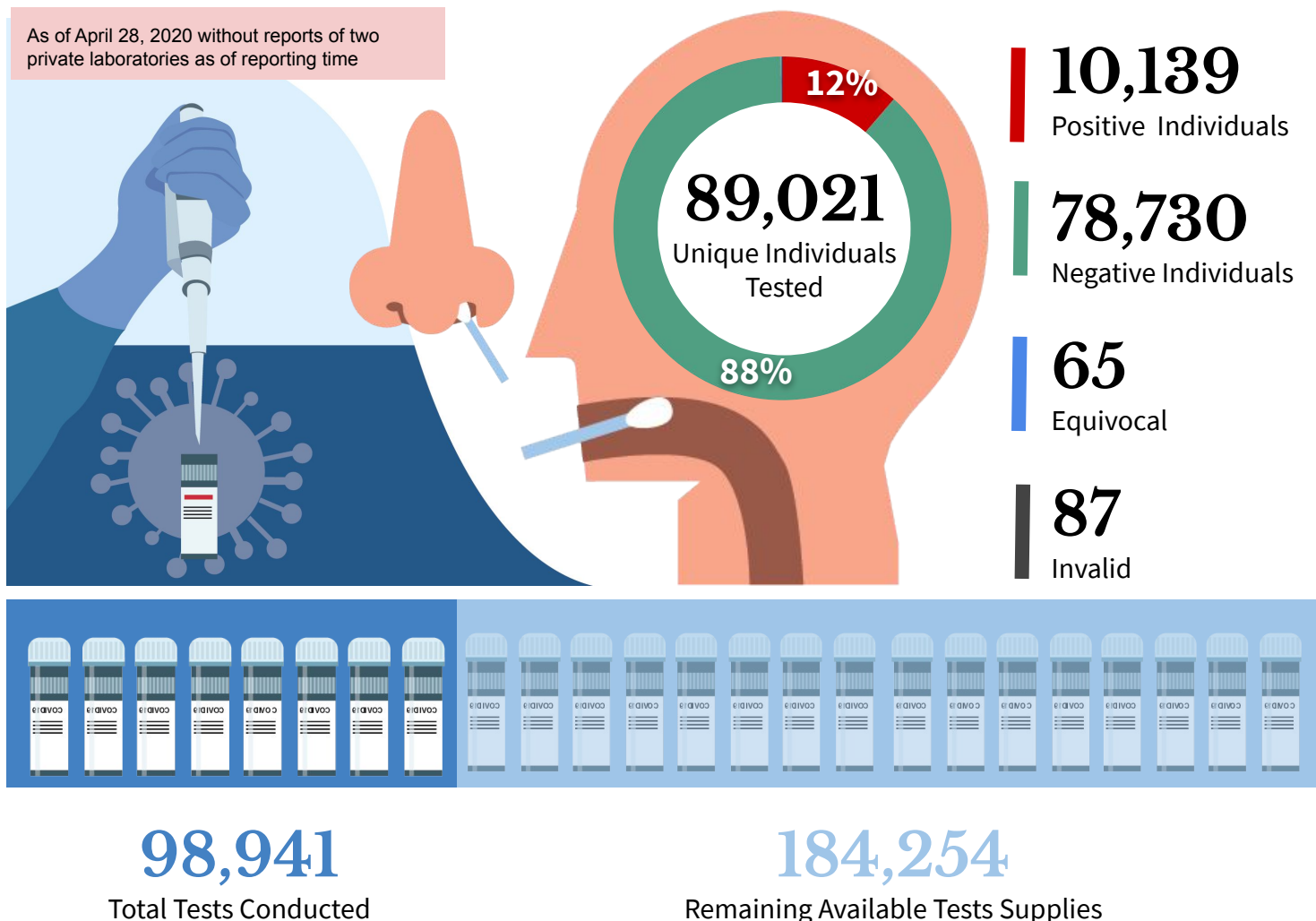
COVID-FREE PROVINCES
(As of April 28, 2020)

CAR Apayao Kalinga Mountain Province	REGION 6 Guimaras	REGION 11 Davao Occidental
REGION 2 Batanes Quirino	REGION 7 Siquijor	REGION 12 Sarangani
REGION 3 Aurora	REGION 8 Biliran Eastern Samar Southern Leyte	REGION 13 Agusan del Sur Dinagat Islands Surigao del Norte Surigao del Sur
REGION 5 Camarines Norte Masbate Sorsogon	REGION 9 Zamboanga del Norte Zamboanga Sibugay	BARMM Basilan Sulu Tawi-tawi

INDIVIDUALS TESTED AS REPORTED BY COVID-19 LABORATORIES

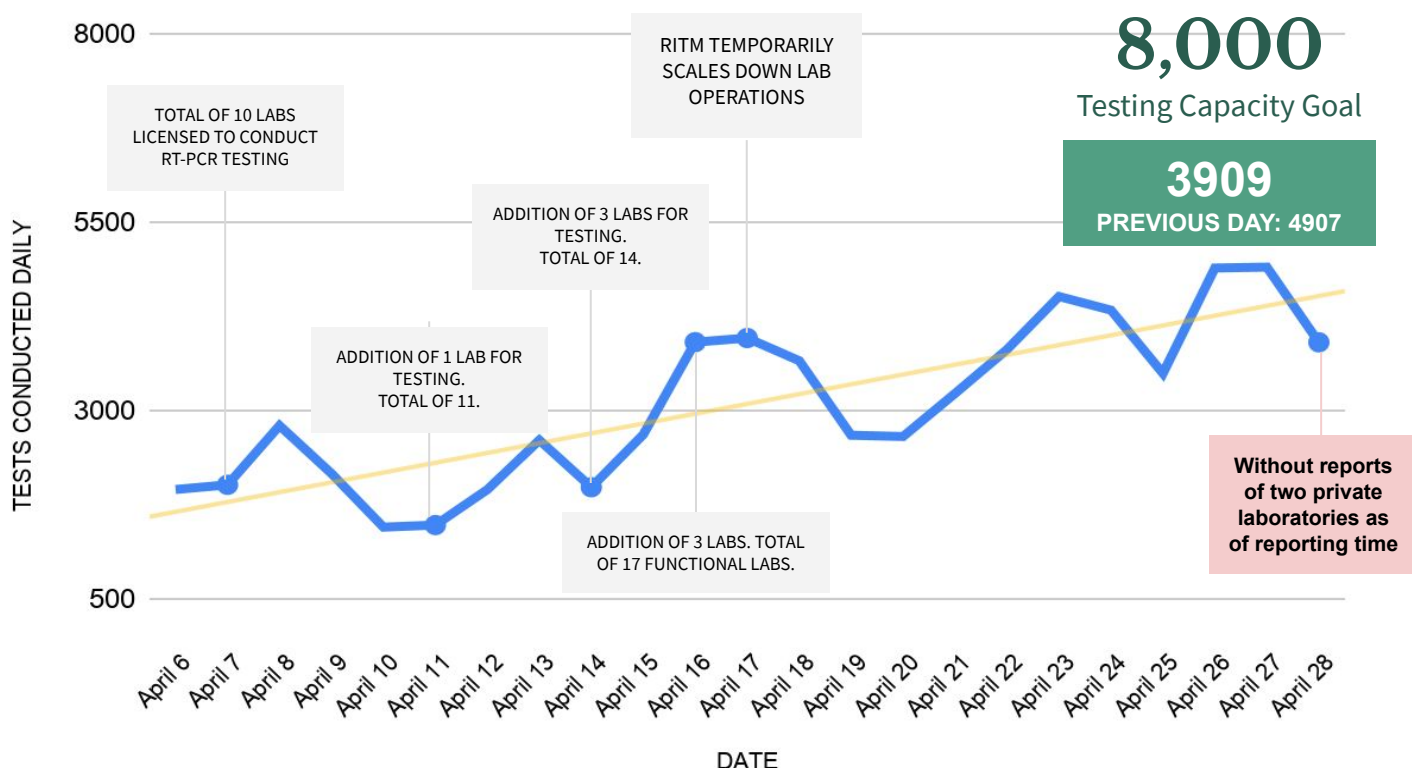
Note: The results of reported laboratory positive individuals are undergoing case information, validation, and processing and may not be reflected on the official case summary of the day.

As of April 28, 2020 without reports of two private laboratories as of reporting time



DAILY OUTPUT AS REPORTED BY LICENSED LABORATORIES

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STATUS OF LABORATORY LICENSING

As of April 28, 2020

FACILITY NAME	REGION	STAGE
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine	NCR	V
San Lazaro Hospital		
UP National Institutes of Health		
Lung Center of the Philippines		
St. Luke's Medical Center- QC		
The Medical City - Ortigas		
Victoriano Luna -AFRIMS		
Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory		
St. Luke's Medical Center - BGC		
Makati Medical Center		
Philippine Red Cross		
Chinese Gen. Hospital		
PRC-PLMC		
Philippine Genome Center UP-Diliman		
Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center	CAR	
Bicol Regional Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory	V	
Western Visayas Medical Center	VI	
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center	VII	
Southern Philippines Medical Center	XI	
UP-PGH-MRL	NCR	IV
Marikina City Health Office		
De La Salle University - Cavite	IVA	
National Kidney and Transplant Institute	NCR	III
ABC Clinical Laboratory		
Singapore Diagnostic, Inc.		
Asian Hospital & Medical Center		
Hi-Precision (QC)		
PNP Crime Laboratory		
Fe del Mundo Medical center		
Ilocos Training Regional Medical Center	I	
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital		
The Medical City - Clark	III	
Central Luzon Doctor's Hospital		
J B. Lingad Memorial Hospital		
Bataan General Hospital	IVA	
Batangas Medical Center		
San Pablo College Medical Center		
Calamba Medical Center	VI	
Bacolod Queen of Mercy Hospital		
Teresita Jalandoni Provincial Hospital		
Western Visayas State University Medical Center	VII	
Allegiant Regional Care Hospital		
Cebu TB Reference Laboratory	VIII	
Divine Word Hospital		
Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center	IX	
Zamboanga City Medical Center		
Department of Agriculture Field Office IX	X	
Northern Mindanao TB Regional Center		
TB Reference Center- CHD Region X		
Polymedic Medical Plaza	XII	
Cotabato Regional Medical Center		
Dr. Arturo Pingoy Medical Center	XIII	
Adela Serra TY Memorial Medical Center		
CARAGA Regional Hospital		

LICENSING OF LABORATORIES STATUS

19

NO. OF LICENSED TESTING LABORATORIES

67

TOTAL NO. OF LABORATORY APPLICATIONS

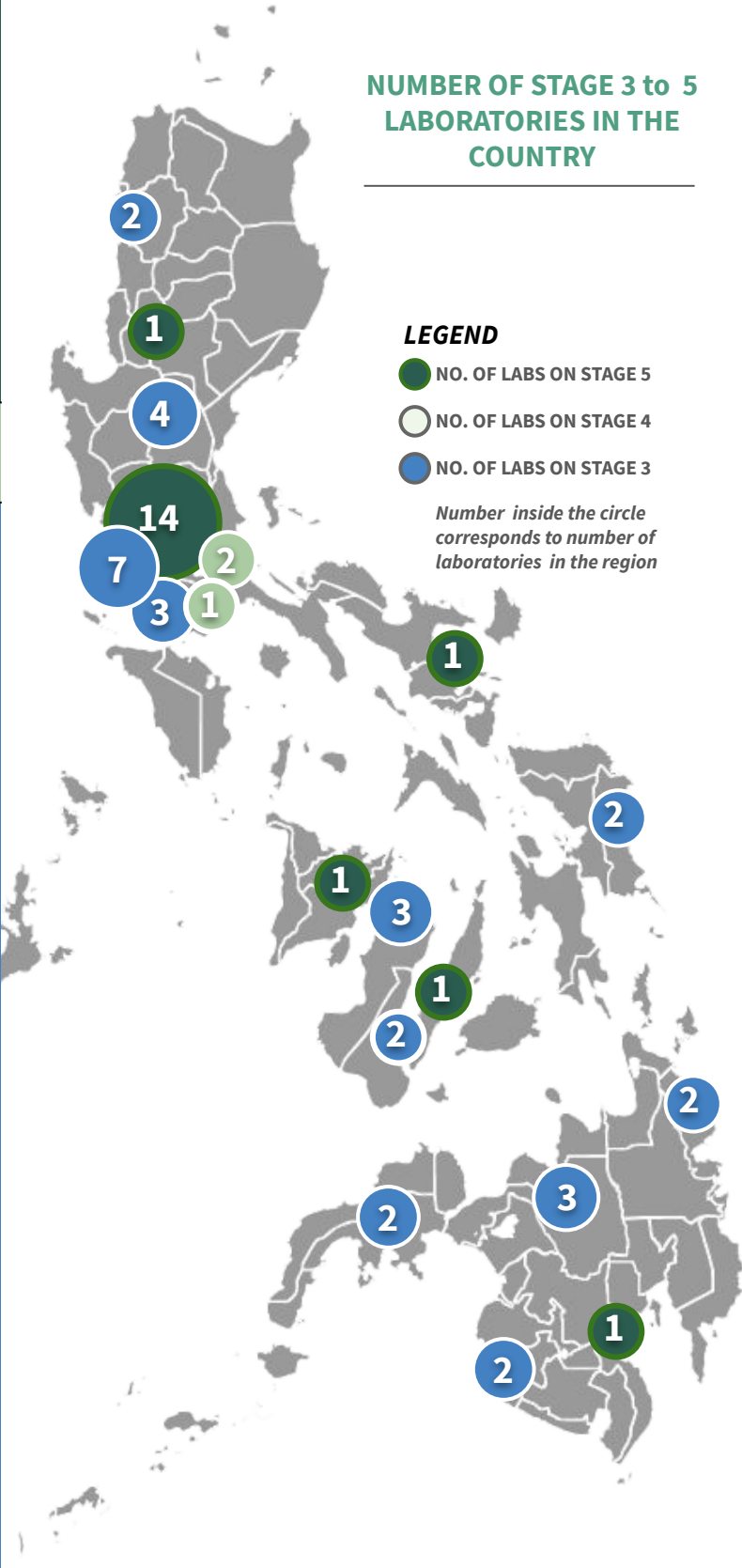
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NO. OF LABORATORIES STAGE 3 AND ABOVE

81%

% LABS ON STAGE 3 AND ABOVE

NUMBER OF STAGE 3 to 5 LABORATORIES IN THE COUNTRY



Goal: Increase Resilience, Stop Transmission, Reduce Contact

BEHAVIORAL MESSAGES OF THE DAY

- The DOH reiterated in its virtual presser its advocacy on promoting reproductive health rights, particularly providing family planning services, despite the ongoing enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).
- As some couples may not be able to visit their health centers for their regular family planning services and supply during the ECQ, the DOH reminded the public that there are still numerous ways they can avoid unwanted pregnancy. These measures include the following:
 - Acquiring three months' worth of supply of condom and pills, which could be provided by barangay health workers;
 - Getting family planning advice from midwives, nurses, and doctors through telemedicine hotlines;
 - Requesting for IUD insertion in operating health centers and civil society organizations; and
 - Seeking family planning services from the Commission on Population (POPCOM) via their hotlines: (02) 8782-9284, (02) 8531-6897, 0917-597-0770, or 0998-865-2810; among others.

FAMILY PLANNING (FP)
SA ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

KASAMA SA BAHAY SI MAHAL?

Siguraduhing ginagawa mo ang mga tamang hakbang para maiwasan ang hindi planadong pagbubuntis.

Nananatiling bukas ang pinakamalapit na health center sa iyo para magbigay ng mga kinakailangan na FP services at counseling.

Stay safe and healthy, use FP!

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FAMILY PLANNING (FP)
SA ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

BUNTIS AT PINAG-IISIPAN ANG FP?

Kung ikaw ay buntis, tanungin ang iyong health worker kung aling FP method ang pwede mong gamitin agad pagkatapos mo manganak sa health facility.

Sa paraang ito, kaya mong maiwasan muna ang hindi planadong pagbubuntis.

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WHEN DO I CONTACT THE BARANGAY HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (BHERT)?

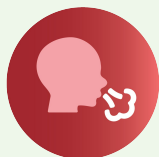
These are the SEVERE SYMPTOMS you need to watch out for:



Difficulty breathing



Mental confusion or changes in alertness



Shortness of breath



Drowsiness and/or difficulty waking up



Persistent pain or pressure in the chest



Pale, bluish face and lips

In case you experience any of the following severe symptoms, call your **Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT)** immediately. They will refer you to the appropriate facility close to your residence.

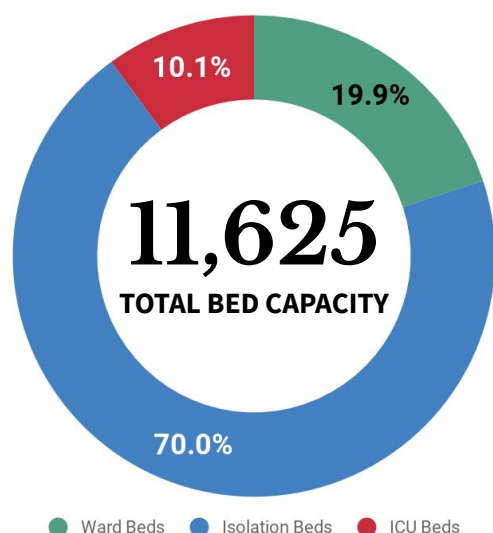


Goal: Enhance quality, consistency, and affordability of care provision

HOSPITAL BEDS AND MECHANICAL VENTILATORS DEDICATED TO COVID-19 CASES

Data taken from the DOH DataCollect App. Specific for COVID-19 cases.

As of April 28, 2020



896
Ward beds
occupied

1,422
available

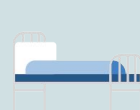


Ward beds for confirmed COVID-19 cases



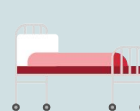
3,177
Isolation beds
occupied

4,959
available



481
ICU beds
occupied

690
available



376
Mech vents
currently in use

1,314
available



TEMPORARY TREATMENT AND MONITORING FACILITIES (TTMF)

As of April 28, 2020

Number of patients isolated/ quarantined in Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities:

NCR	4,228	REG VII	4,447
CAR	582	REG VIII	1,457
REG I	941	REG IX	1,224
REG II	2,442	REG X	3,864
REG III	1,517	REG XI	311
REG IV-A	3,758	REG XII	1,448
REG IV-B	1,957	REG XIII	1,808
REG V	6,904	BARMM	1,257
REG VI	7,366	TOTAL	45,511

LIGTAS COVID FACILITIES

As of April 28, 2020

Local Isolation and General Treatment Areas for COVID-19 cases (LIGTAS COVID centers) are community-managed facilities dedicated for quarantine or isolation of suspected COVID-19 cases.

REGION	TTMF	Beds
NCR	PICC	294
NCR	World Trade Center	502
NCR	Las Pinas Rehab Center	50
NCR	Quezon Institute	100
NCR	Ultra Stadium	112
NCR	Rizal Facility	132
NCR	Ninoy Aquino Stadium	120
NCR	Filinvest	108
Region IV-A	Alta de Tagaytay	30
Region III	Asean Convention Center	150
Region III	NCC Athlete Village	520
Region III	NCC NGAC	668
Region III	Philippine Arena	300
TOTAL		3,086

TREATMENT

For case management of COVID-19 patients, healthcare providers are advised to adhere to the existing [PSMID Guidelines](#).

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED

April 28, 2020

	287,640 Coveralls		41,292 Face Shields
	1,700,390 Face Masks		371,800 Headcaps
	345,700 Gloves		2,392 Thermal Scanners
	168,175 Gowns		157,503 Goggles
	149,775 Kn95		30 Non-invasive Ventilators
	83,680 N95		2 Sanitation Tents

RITM READY TO EVALUATE RDTs

The Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) is ready to evaluate rapid antibody-based diagnostic test kits (RDTs) for COVID-19 disease. In a letter received by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on 17 April 2018, RITM informed FDA that the Institute can now evaluate approved rapid antibody test kits “in the interest of national emergency, health, and safety.” To know more about the difference between RT-PCR tests and RDTs, click on our Facebook album [here](#).

PHILHEALTH FOR ALL

In light of President Rodrigo Duterte’s declaration of the State of Calamity and State of Public Health Emergency and the recent directive to implement an extension of the enhanced community quarantine in major cities in the country, PhilHealth remains one with the whole nation in ensuring the health and safety of all and prioritizing the protection of lives and livelihoods.

PhilHealth is issuing a moratorium on contribution payments for the applicable months of February to April 2020. Payment of premiums for these applicable months shall be extended until May 31, 2020 without interest for all Direct Contributors.¹

POLICY IN-FOCUS

Section 4(m) of the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act specifically provides that the President is vested with the power to engage temporary Human Resources for Health (HRH) to respond to the threat of COVID-19.

To give directions and guidance, the DOH issued Interim Guidelines on the Grant of Special Authorization to Medical Graduates. Learn more about the issuance in our [FAQs](#), or access the Department Memorandum [here](#).



Contact Details

For further information, you may reach us through the following platforms:


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- Viber:**
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- TikTok:**
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WEBSITES

- DOH:**
www.doh.gov.ph
- Healthy Pilipinas:**
healthypilipinas.ph

CONTACT NUMBERS

-  (02) 894 - COVID (26843) or 1555 (for all subscribers)

Resources

- Philippine Health Insurance Corporation Advisory No. 2020-027
<https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/advisories/2020/adv2020-0027.pdf>

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