

Beat COVID-19 Today

A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer



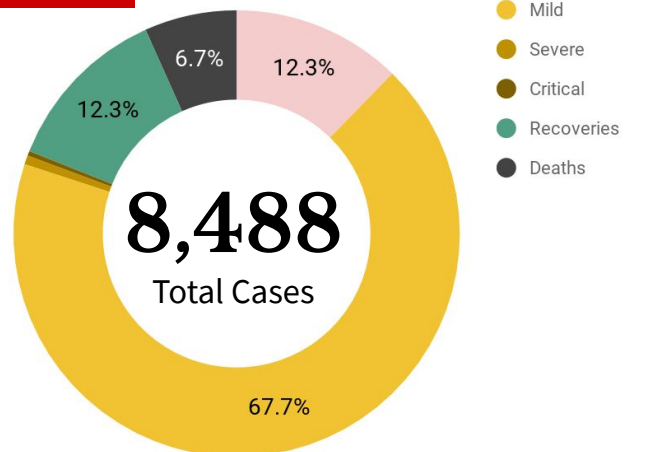
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Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

- DOH licensed the Marikina City Health Office-Laboratory as a Stage 5 laboratory that can perform the Real Time RT-PCR test for COVID-19. There is now a total of **20 Licensed Laboratories** across the country.
- FDA certified Rapid Antibody-based Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) are now allowed to be used in the country, provided that these tests will be **accompanied with the confirmatory Real Time RT-PCR tests**. DOH cautioned the public that the probability for RATs to yield **false positive results remains high**, and that the **Real Time RT-PCR remains the gold standard for COVID-19 diagnosis**.
- DOH announced that the Philippines is part of the World Health Organization's Solidarity Trial, an initiative that aims to find a cure against COVID-19.
- As the journey towards developing a COVID-19 cure progresses, DOH continued to warn the public against drugs and vaccines that show no scientific evidence of effectiveness against COVID-19.
- DOH spotlighted "Baby Survivor", who was cured from COVID-19 when he was only 16 days old, making him the country's youngest COVID-19 survivor yet. DOH applauded the efforts of the National Children's Hospital, who nursed Baby Survivor back to health.
- DOH expressed its commitment to ensure the welfare and safety of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) amidst the pandemic. DOH began conducting initial assessments in select facilities such as the Muntinlupa Penal and Mandaluyong Correctional facilities, and would soon be able to facilitate targeted testing in areas where it is most needed.

Case Summary

As of April 30, 2020



8,488
Total Cases

8,212
Previous day

276
Additional Cases



1,043 **20** added
Recoveries



568 **10** added
Deaths

6,877

Active Cases
(net of recoveries and deaths)

Active Cases Breakdown



1,043
Asymptomatic

265
Pending Admission Status

297
Admitted

481
Home Isolation



5,750
Mild

2,868
Pending Admission Status

2,218
Admitted

664
Home Isolation



55
Severe



29
Critical

Probable Cases

As of April 30, 2020



2,972
Total Cases

Suspect Cases



14,556
Total Cases

SEVERE: Pneumonia, Difficulty of Breathing

CRITICAL: Intubated

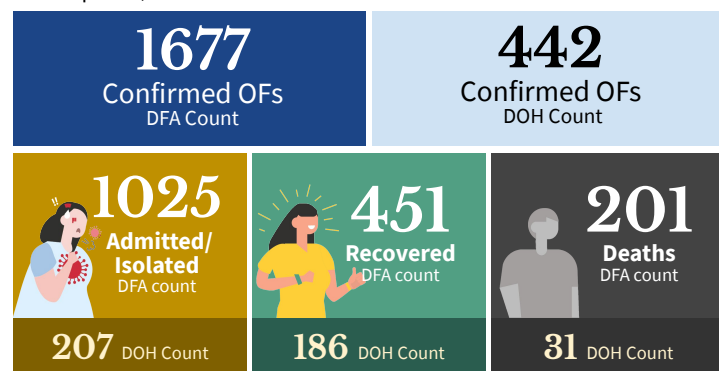
PROBABLE: Previously termed as PUIs (mild or critical) with inconclusive or unofficial test results.

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)

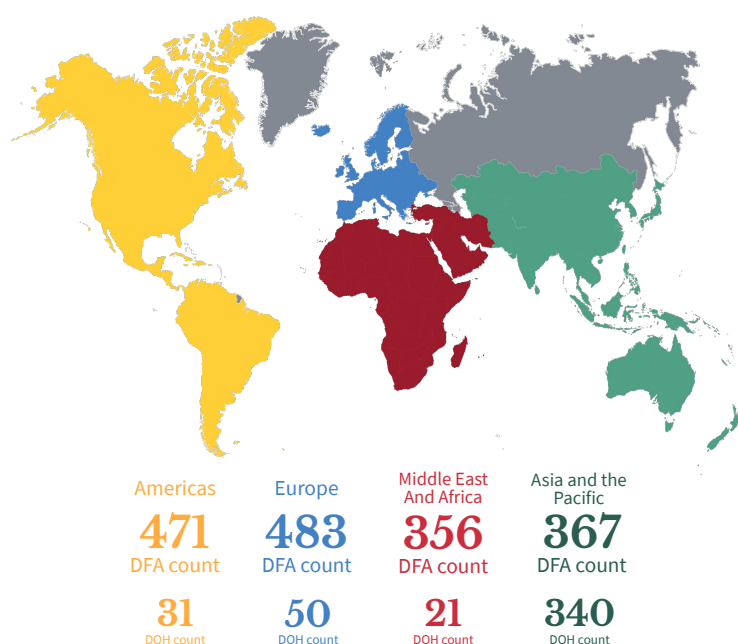
As of April 30, 2020



DOH Counts validated through the International Health Regulation (IHR),
18 cases for validation of disposition

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

As of April 30, 2020



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

Cumulative data as of April 30, 2020

	JAPAN	124
	MALAYSIA	94
	SINGAPORE	67
	ITALY	29
	HONGKONG	29
	OTHERS	99

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA

A. Healthcare Workers affected by COVID-19



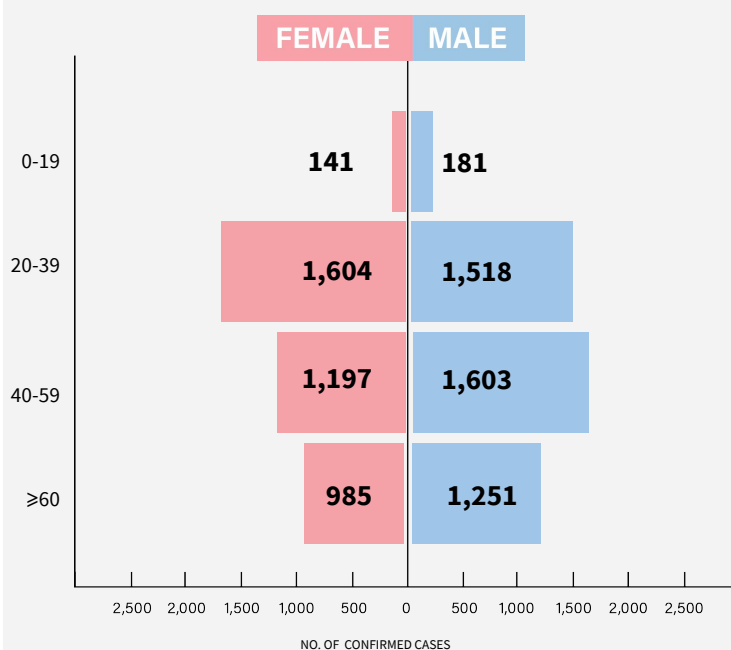
1,694
healthcare workers

1 out of 5 cases
OR
20% of the cases are health workers.

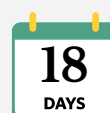
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B. Age and Sex Distribution of confirmed cases

As of April 30, 2020



Most of the confirmed cases are **male** (4,553, 54%) and within the **40-59 age group** (1603, 19%).



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

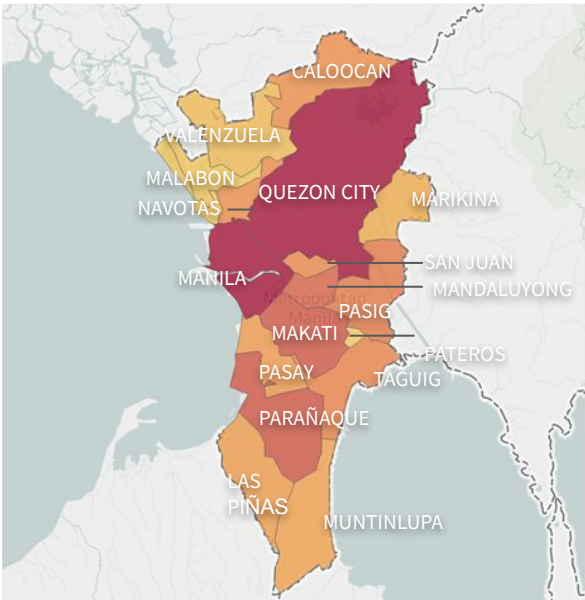
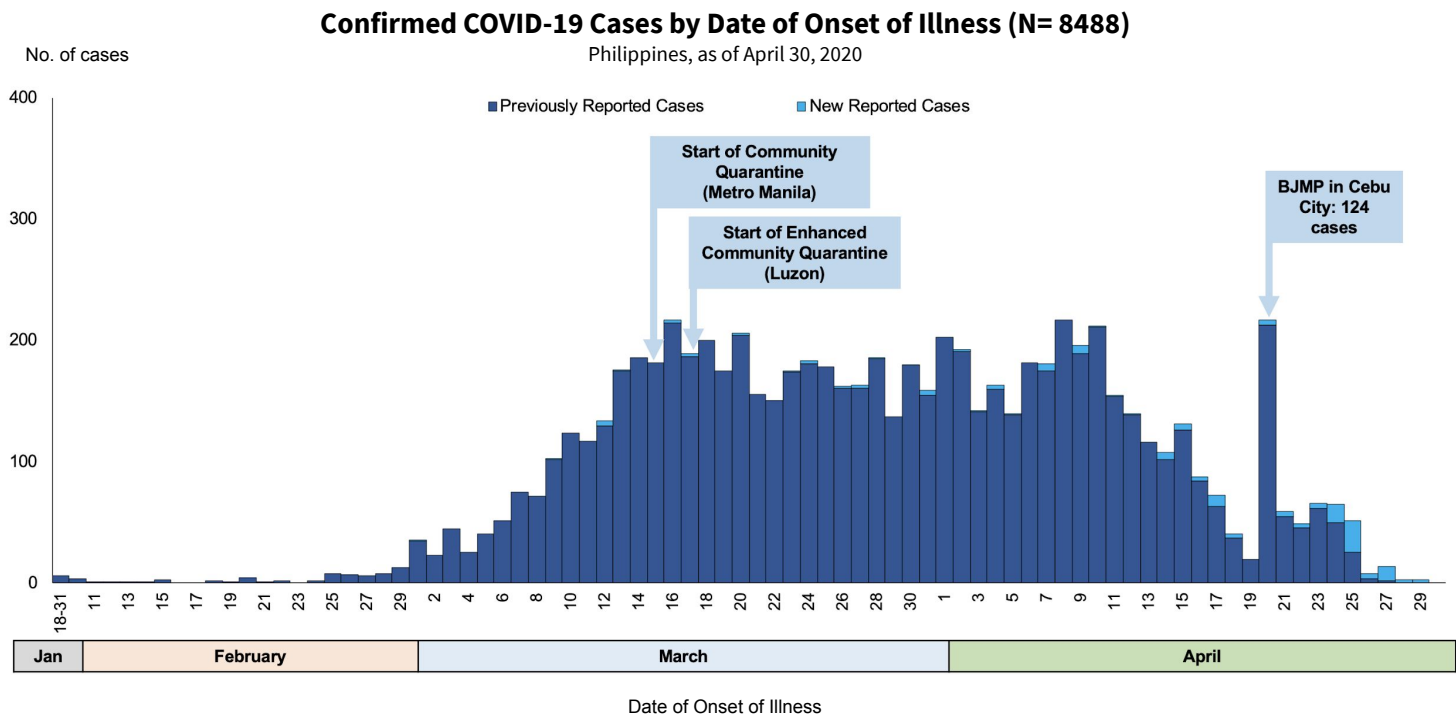


A total of **322** (57 %) of deaths had known comorbidities: top 2 comorbidities are **hypertension** (208, 65%) and **diabetes** (155, 48%).

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 **5,809 (68%)** are confirmed cases from NCR.
- Top 3 barangays: **Tandang Sora, Quezon City (50); San Antonio, Parañaque (49); Batasan Hills, Quezon City (47) and Fort Bonifacio, Taguig (47).**
- 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.
- 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.



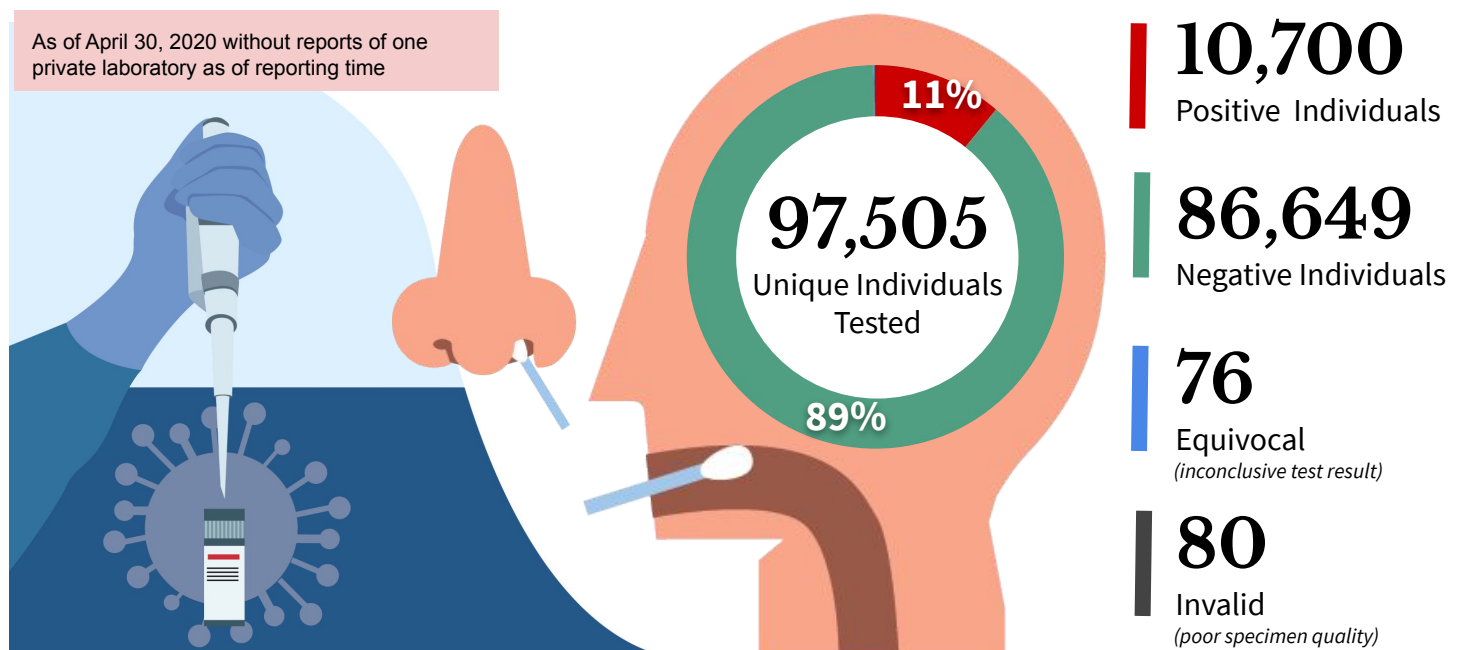
**LIST OF PROVINCES
WITHOUT COVID-19
CASES IN TWO
WEEKS**
April 17-30, 2020

Abra	Compostela Valley	Masbate	Romblon
Aklan	Cotabato	Mountain Province	Sarangani
Apayao	Davao del Norte	Misamis Occidental	Siquijor
Agusan del Sur	Davao Oriental	Negros Occidental	Sorsogon
Aurora	Dinagat Islands	Negros Oriental	South Cotabato
Basilan	Eastern Samar	Northern Samar	Southern Leyte
Bataan	Guimaras	Nueva Ecija	Sultan Kudarat
Batanes	Ilocos Norte	Nueva Vizcaya	Sulu
Biliran	Ilocos Sur	Occidental Mindoro	Surigao del Norte
Bohol	Kalinga	Oriental Mindoro	Surigao del Sur
Bukidnon	Lanao del Norte	Palawan	Tarlac
Camarines Norte	Lanao del Sur	Pampanga	Tawi-tawi
Camiguin	Leyte	Pangasinan	Zambales
Capiz	Maguindanao	Quezon	Zamboanga del Norte
Catanduanes	Marinduque	Quirino	Zamboanga Sibugay

INDIVIDUALS TESTED AS REPORTED BY COVID-19 LABORATORIES

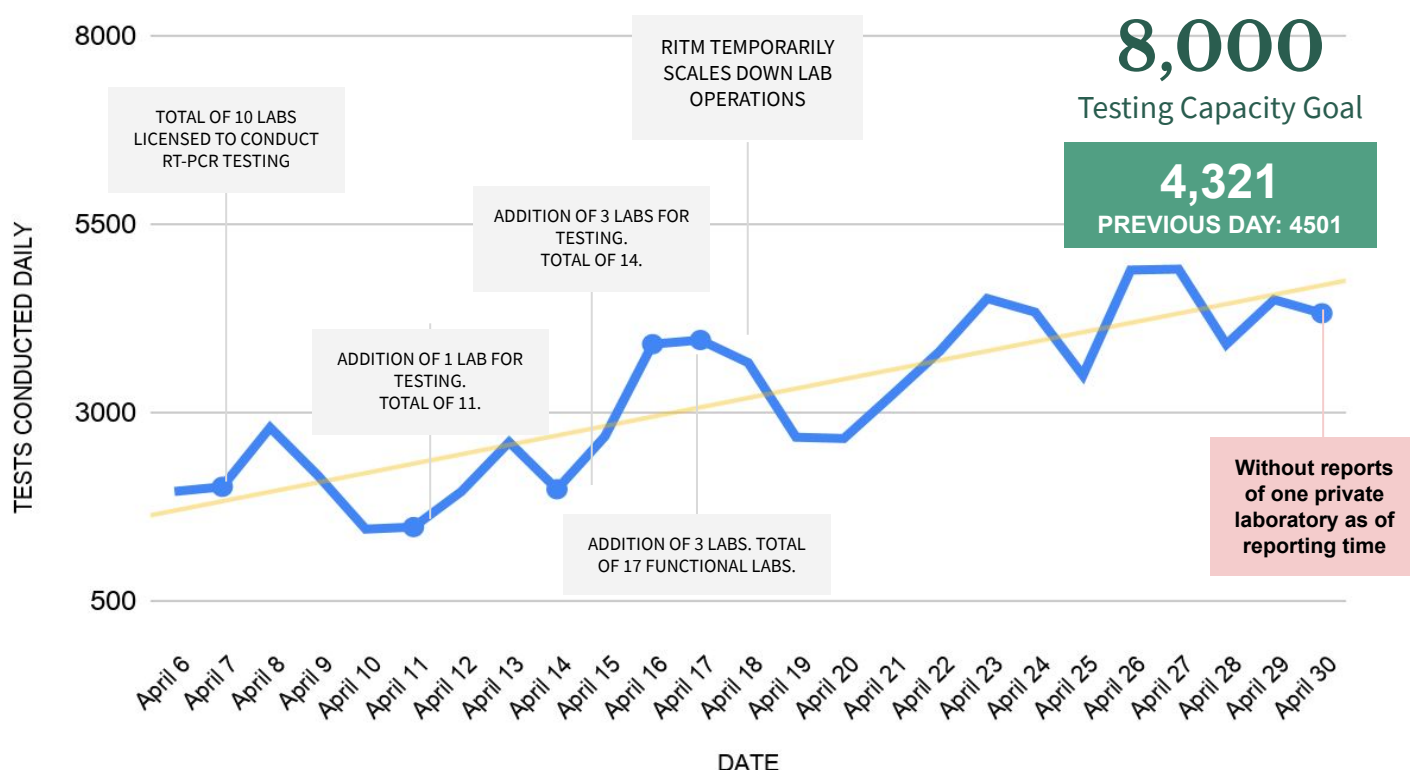
Note: The results of reported laboratory positive individuals are undergoing case information, validation, and processing and may not be reflected on the official case summary of the day.

As of April 30, 2020 without reports of one private laboratory as of reporting time



DAILY OUTPUT AS REPORTED BY LICENSED LABORATORIES

As of April 30, 2020 without reports of one private laboratory as of reporting time



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		
Marikina City Health Office		
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
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	II	
Cagayan Valley Medical Center		
Southern Isabela Medical Center		
The Medical City - Clark	III	
Central Luzon Doctor's Hospital		
J B. Lingad Memorial Hospital		
Bataan General Hospital		
Batangas Medical Center	IVA	
San Pablo College Medical Center		
Calamba Medical Center		
Bacolod Queen of Mercy Hospital	VI	
Teresita Jalandoni Provincial Hospital		
Western Visayas State University Medical Center		
Allegiant Regional Care Hospital	VII	
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		
Adela Serra TY Memorial Medical Center	XIII	
CARAGA Regional Hospital		

Additional laboratory for April 30

STATUS OF LABORATORY LICENSING

As of April 30, 2020

LICENSING OF LABORATORIES STATUS

20

NO. OF LICENSED TESTING LABORATORIES

74

TOTAL NO. OF LABORATORY APPLICATIONS

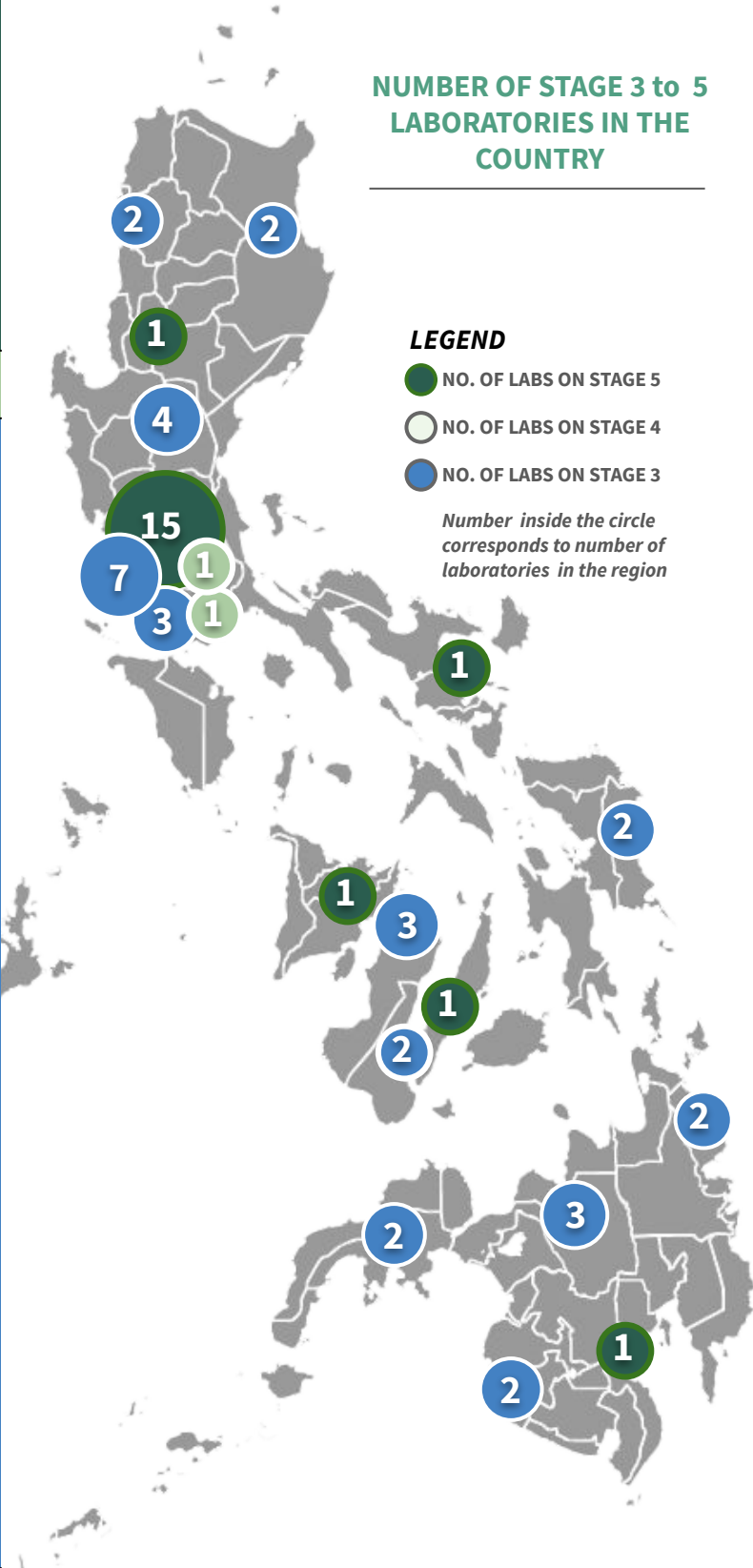
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NO. OF LABORATORIES STAGE 3 AND ABOVE

76%

% LABS ON STAGE 3 AND ABOVE

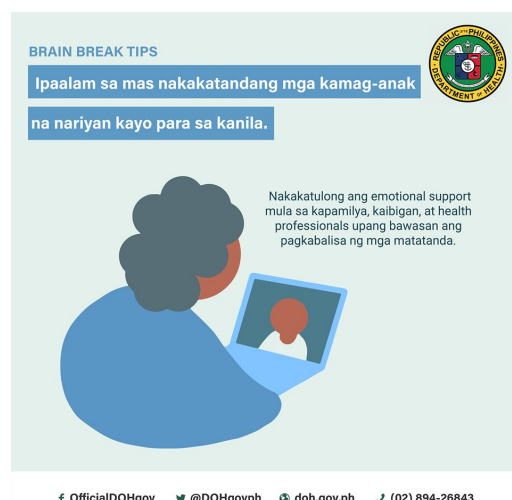
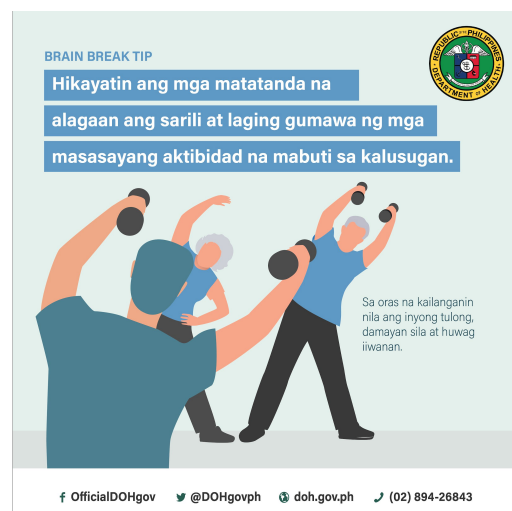
NUMBER OF STAGE 3 to 5 LABORATORIES IN THE COUNTRY



Goal: Increase Resilience, Stop Transmission, Reduce Contact

BEHAVIORAL MESSAGES OF THE DAY

- DOH underscored the health needs of the elderly in the time of COVID-19. DOH reminded the public that the elderly needs special care and protection, as they are most vulnerable to the virus.
- The best way for vulnerable populations, including the elderly, to protect themselves is to maintain good health and religiously practice preventive measures, including eating a healthy diet, physical distancing, and avoiding unnecessary travel.
- DOH called for the public to help protect the mental well-being of the elderly. Acknowledging that loneliness and unease affect an individual's overall health and well-being, DOH recommended for the public to always check on their elderly relatives, despite the need for physical distancing.
- The public is encouraged to give the elderly constant reassurance that they are being looked out for. Emotional support from friends, families, and healthcare professionals helps ease their anxiety and make them feel safe and secure.



HOW DO YOU MAKE 0.05% DISINFECTANT SOLUTION FOR CLEANING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?



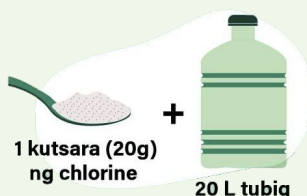
1. Gather all materials needed: disinfectant container, bleach/chlorine, water, personal protective equipment



3. When preparing the solution, pour the amount of water required into a plastic container then add the bleach (and not the other way around):



2. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, goggles, apron and boots) when handling and preparing bleach solutions.



4. If you are using household bleach (5% active chlorine), mix:

- 1 ml bleach + 9 ml water, or
- 100 ml bleach + 900 ml water
- For chlorine powder/granules/tablet (60-70%) active chlorine, dissolve: 1 tbsp of chlorine + 2L of water



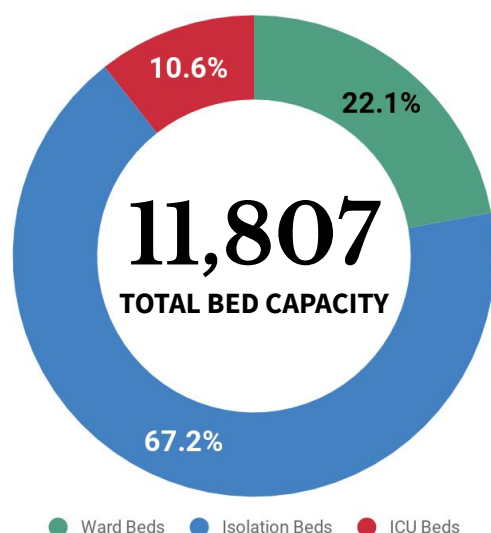
5. Do not forget to label your disinfectant containers and specify chlorine concentration.

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 30, 2020



1,002
Ward beds
occupied

1,611
available

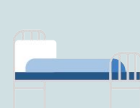


Ward beds for confirmed COVID-19 cases



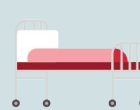
3,301
Isolation beds
occupied

4,638
available



475
ICU beds
occupied

780
available



361
Mech vents
currently in use

1,414
available



TEMPORARY TREATMENT AND MONITORING FACILITIES (TTMF)

As of April 30, 2020

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

NCR	4,228	REG VII	4,473
CAR	↓ 534	REG VIII	1,457
REG I	↓ 934	REG IX	↑ 1,226
REG II	↑ 2,476	REG X	3,864
REG III	1,517	REG XI	311
REG IV-A	3,758	REG XII	1,448
REG IV-B	↑ 1,943	REG XIII	1,808
REG V	6,904	BARMM	1,257
REG VI	↓ 5,349	TOTAL	43,487

Highlighted figures indicate changes in number of patients per region.

MEGA LIGTAS AND LIGTAS COVID-19 FACILITIES

As of April 30, 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. **Mega LIGTAS COVID-19 Facilities*** are managed by the National Government

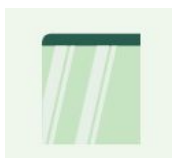
REGION	TTMF	Beds
NCR	PICC*	294
NCR	World Trade Center*	502
NCR	Las Pinas Rehab Center	50
NCR	Quezon Institute	100
NCR	Ultra Stadium	112
NCR	Rizal Memorial Coliseum*	132
NCR	Ninoy Aquino Stadium*	120
NCR	Filinvest	108
Region IV-A	Alta de Tagaytay	30
Region III	Asean Convention Center	150
Region III	NCC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

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED

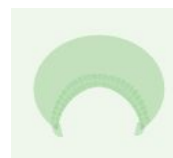
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338,350
Coveralls



41,292
Face Shields



423,810
Headcaps



2,145,300
Face Masks



462,720
Gloves



2,392
Thermal Scanners



225,185
Gowns



208,513
Goggles



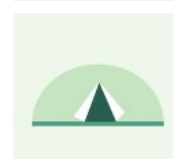
198,285
Kn95



83,840
N95



30
Non-invasive Ventilators



8
Sanitation Tents

CALLS CATERED BY TELEMEDICINE AND DOH CALL CENTER

Statistic last April 28, 2020



897

COVID-19 related

712

Non-COVID-19

1,394 Calls answered by TeliMed
215 calls answered by KonsultaMD

53

Doctors answering the
Telemedicine calls



381

Calls Handled

5

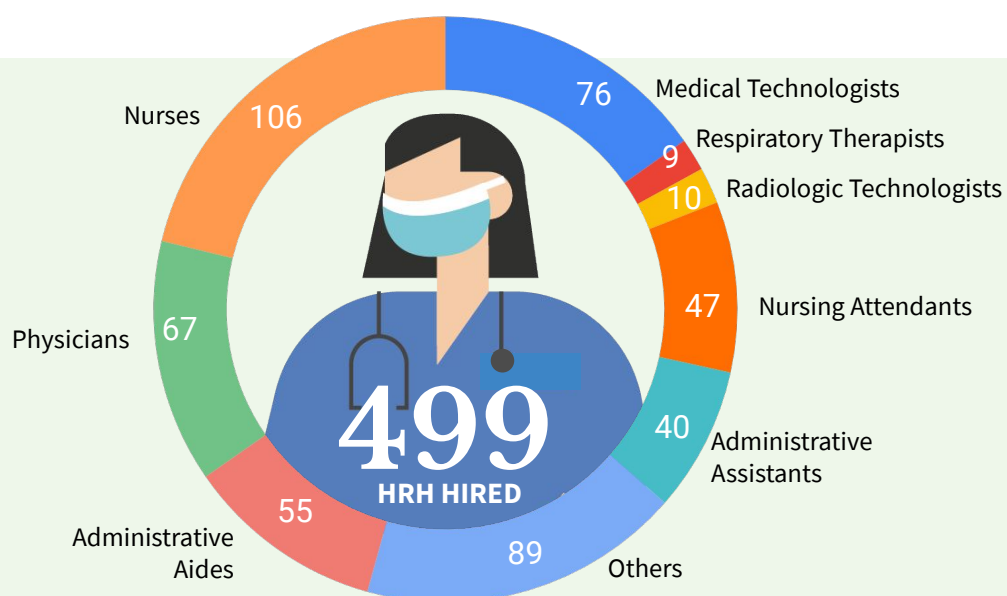
Agents manning the
DOH Call Center

HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH (HRH) AUGMENTATION

As of April 30, 2020

HIRED HEALTH WORKERS PER PRIORITY FACILITY

Facility	No.
COVID Referral Hospital	82
DOH Designated Diagnostic Facility	54
Quarantine Facility (BOQ)	86
DOH Hospital	277



48

Number of facility
requests received

2,083

Number of HRH slots
approved for hiring

P59M

Total amount sub-
allotted/transferred

TREATMENT

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

The country is participating in the Solidarity Trial that uses four (4) treatment regimen: (1) Remdesivir (2) Chloroquine/ Hydroxychloroquine (3) Lopinavir + Ritonavir (4) Lopinavir + Ritonavir + Interferon beta-1a.

Proposals on the potential cure for COVID-19 is encouraged by the DOH. Studies on the healing effect of Lagundi and Virgin Coconut Oil are being reviewed by the Department. But the public is still reminded not to self-medicate and use treatment modalities that are not yet certified and are without sound scientific evidence.

GUIDE TO FDA'S DRUG APPROVAL PROCESS

Before any new drug or vaccine is sold or made available to the public, it goes through an approval process. By virtue of RA 9711, the FDA is mandated to ensure safety, efficacy, purity and quality of health products including drugs, biologicals and vaccines.¹

In developing drugs or vaccines, scientific evidence is necessary to proceed to the next steps of the process. These include in vitro testing, pre-clinical studies using animal models, and a series of clinical trials. Globally, the standards in the conduct of clinical trials involve the technical and ethical review of research protocols, even in the current health emergency situation.

PHILHEALTH FOR ALL

Philhealth reminds employers implementing a skeletal workforce arrangement, to ensure that employees with no earnings or income are properly reported using the RF-1. For Employers who have temporarily stopped operations, please submit an electronic copy of a properly accomplished ER-3 to your respective Accounts Officer. Further inquiries may be referred to the PhilHealth Call Center at (02) 8441-7442 or through any of the PhilHealth Regional and Local Health Insurance Offices.²

POLICY IN-FOCUS

A global search for an effective treatment is on the race to save the lives of infected people against this emerging disease. Drug products opted to be used in the COVID-19 emergency crisis must be of good quality and its safety monitored. The FDA released a Circular² that aims to provide interim guidelines on the (1) reporting of adverse drug reactions (ADR) on the medicines used for the treatment of COVID-19 and (2) quality monitoring of these drug products. Check out the FAQs [here](#).



Contact Details

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

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

- f Facebook:**
fb.com/OfficialDOHgov
- Twitter:**
[@DOHgovph](https://twitter.com/DOHgovph)
- Viber:**
DOH PH COVID-19
- TikTok:**
[@dohgovph](https://tiktok.com/@dohgovph)

WEBSITES

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

CONTACT NUMBERS

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

Resources

- FDA Circular on the Guidelines for Monitoring Drug Products Used for the Treatment of COVID-19:
<https://www.fda.gov/ph/fda-circular-no-2020-013-guidelines-for-monitoring-drug-products-used-for-the-treatment-of-covid-19/>
- Philhealth. Advisory 2020-0027.
<https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/advisories/2020/adv2020-0027.pdf>

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