

Beat COVID-19 Today

A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer



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Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

- DOH recorded **9,054 active cases** as of May 17, with majority of patients exhibiting **mild symptoms** (8,059; 89%).
- Thirty (30) licensed laboratories** are equipped to perform the **RT-PCR test** for COVID-19 while **six (6) laboratories are now licensed** to perform COVID-19 testing using **GeneXpert cartridges**.
- Twenty-five (25) provinces** across the country recorded **no new COVID-19 cases** in the past two weeks.
- Based on data gathered from *DOHDataCollectApp*, overall capacity to manage and admit COVID-19 patients is still adequate with more than 50% beds and mechanical ventilators in ICU, isolation, and COVID wards available.
- A total of 2,314 (19% of all cases) healthcare workers have been affected by COVID-19, with 643 recoveries and 35 deaths.
- As reported by DFA, there are a total of 2,397 confirmed cases of Overseas Filipinos with the highest count being in Europe (723 cases).
- As of May 17, 2020, a total of 400 repatriate vessels were processed. Of these, 56 vessels arrived with a total of 13,961 repatriates under quarantine directly supervised by BOQ for monitoring and PNP for security; while 344 vessels with a total of 18,996 repatriates are under quarantine directly supervised by OWWA for monitoring and PCG for security. Currently, there are 67 vessels being processed.
- DOH enjoins the public to appreciate and applaud frontline healthcare workers (HCWs) amidst cases of discrimination against them. HCWs render crucial and unwavering service in the face of the pandemic and therefore need the public's support.
- DOH encourages the public to embrace the New Normal in their daily lives. Adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards in the workplace is essential to keep everyone healthy and safe. To prevent possible spread of disease, everyone should wear face masks, practice hand hygiene and proper coughing manners, and maintain physical distancing. Offices/workplace must be regularly disinfected, especially regularly used equipment and supplies.

Case Summary

As of May 17, 2020

12,513

Total Cases

12,305

Previous day

208

Additional Cases



2,635

Recoveries

74
added



824

Deaths

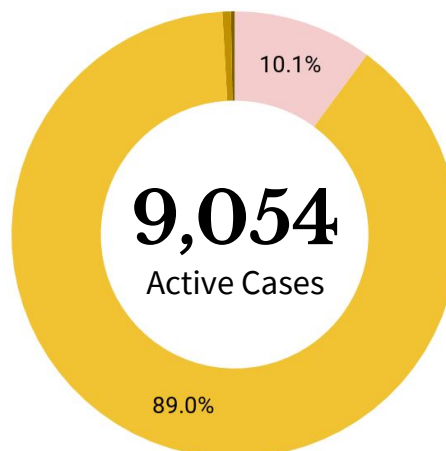
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added

9,054

Active Cases

(net of recoveries and deaths)

Active Cases Breakdown



- Asymptomatic
- Mild
- Severe
- Critical



915

Asymptomatic

721

Pending Admission Status

110

Admitted

84

Home Isolation



8,059

Mild

6,682

Pending Admission Status

1,195

Admitted

182

Home Isolation



56

Severe



24

Critical

Probable Cases

As of May 17, 2020



792

Total Cases

SEVERE: Pneumonia, Difficulty of Breathing

CRITICAL: Intubated

Suspect Cases



24,238

Total Cases

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

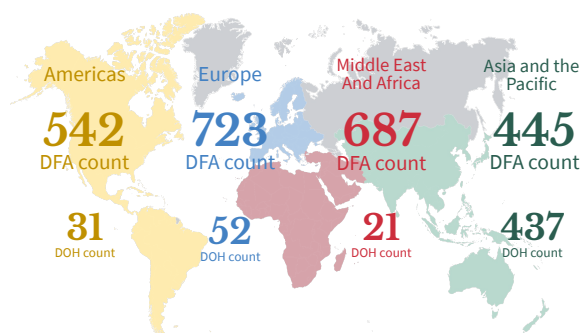
Case Summary of Overseas Filipinos (OFs)

As of May 17, 2020



DOH Counts validated through the International Health Regulation (IHR), 24 cases for validation of disposition

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION



TOP COUNTRIES WITH COVID-19

WHO data as of May 17, 2020

Top 3 countries with the highest cases		
	USA	1,409,452
	RUSSIA	281,752
	UK	240,165
Asian country with the highest case outside China		
	IRAN	118,392
Southeast Asian country with the highest case		
	SINGAPORE	27,356

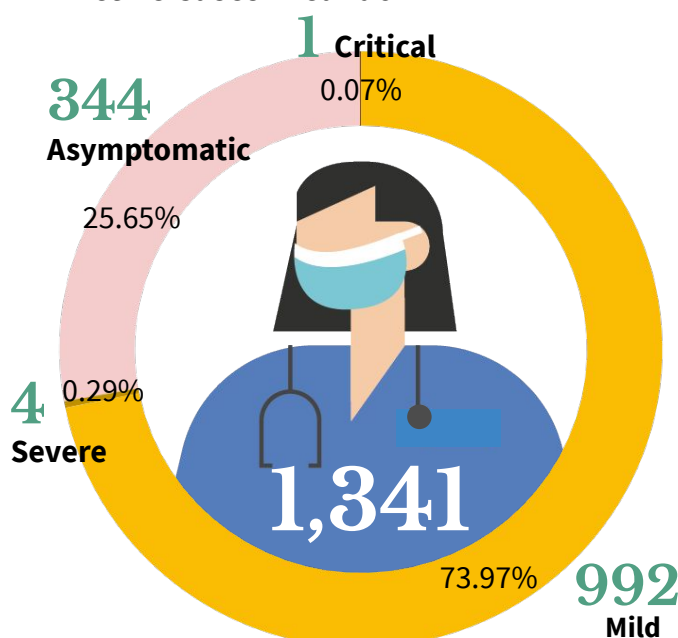
Healthcare Workers affected by COVID-19

As of May 17, 2020



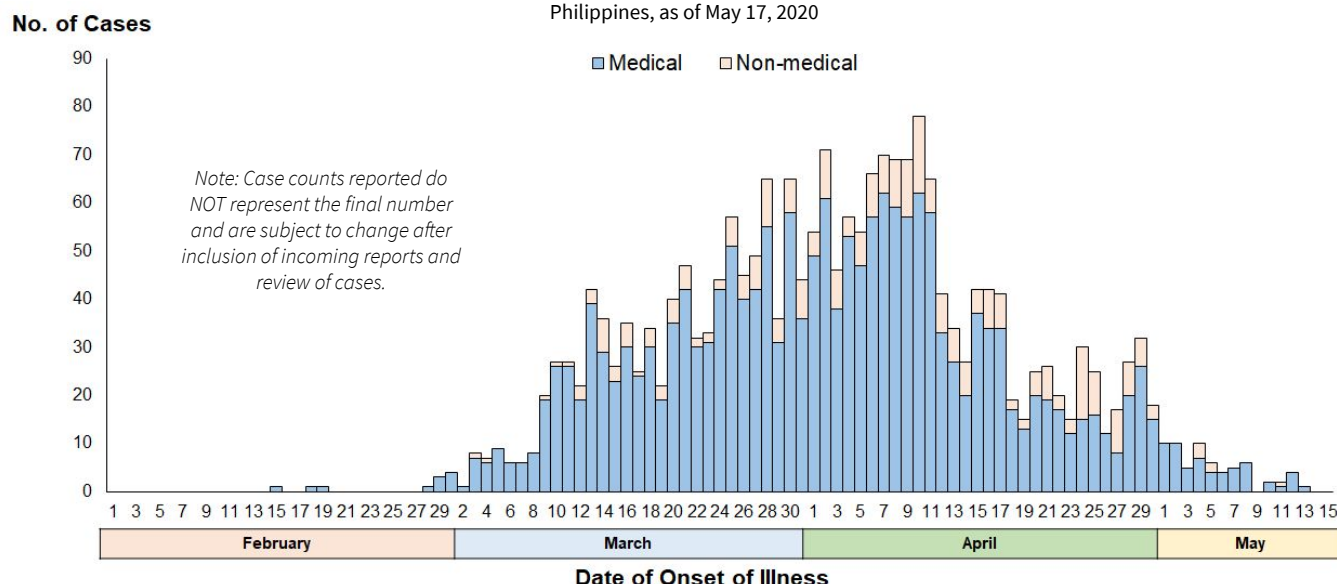
Top 5 Medical Profession/Cadre With COVID-19 cases	Total Number
Nurse	841
Physician	671
Nursing Assistant	144
Medical Technologist	84
Radiologic Technologist	42
Non-medical Staff	284

Active Cases Breakdown



Healthcare Workers with confirmed COVID-19 by Date of Onset of Illness (N= 2,314)

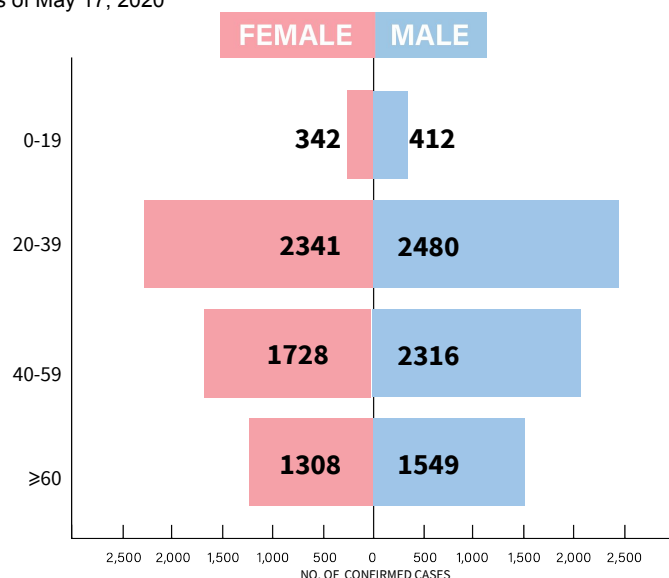
Philippines, as of May 17, 2020



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Age and Sex Distribution of confirmed cases

As of May 17, 2020



Most of the confirmed cases are Male (6780 or 54%). Most cases are within the 20-39 age group. Thirty-seven cases (14-female; 23-male) with unspecified age are included in the total.



Average hospital length of stay for recovered patients is at **15 days**.



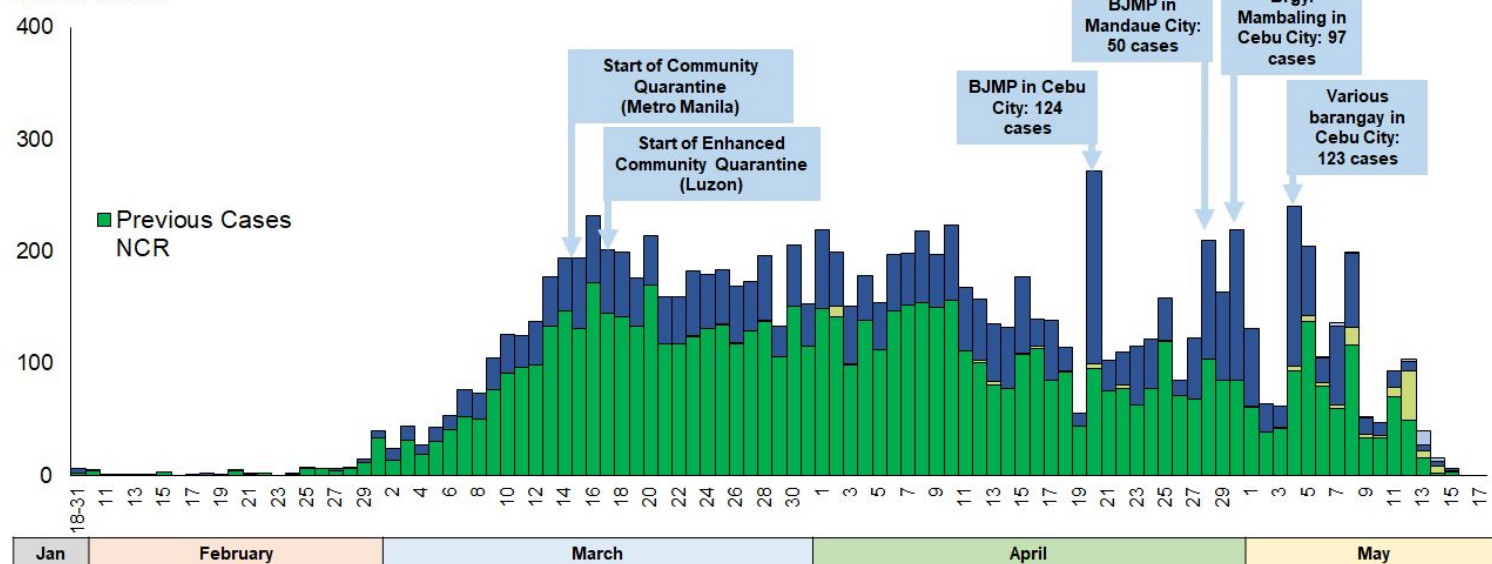
A total of 445 (54%) deaths had known comorbidities: top 2 comorbidities are hypertension (277 or 62%) and diabetes (208 or 47%).

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Date of Onset of Illness (N =12,305)

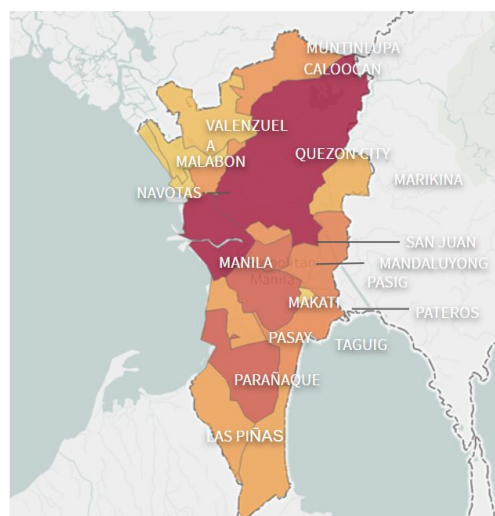
Philippines, as of May 17, 2020

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

No. of Cases



Date of Onset of Illness



A total of 8,131 (65%) are confirmed cases from NCR. The proportion of cases in NCR decreased from 72% since January (start of case detection) to April 19, 2020 to 59% for the period of April 20 to May 17, 2020.

Meanwhile, cases in Region 7 increased in proportion from 2% to 23% for the similar period. On May 4, 2020, 123 (51%) out of the 240 confirmed cases nationwide (by date of onset), were reported from various barangay in Cebu City. Region 7 recorded a total of 1,756 (14%) confirmed cases, the second highest reported in the country.

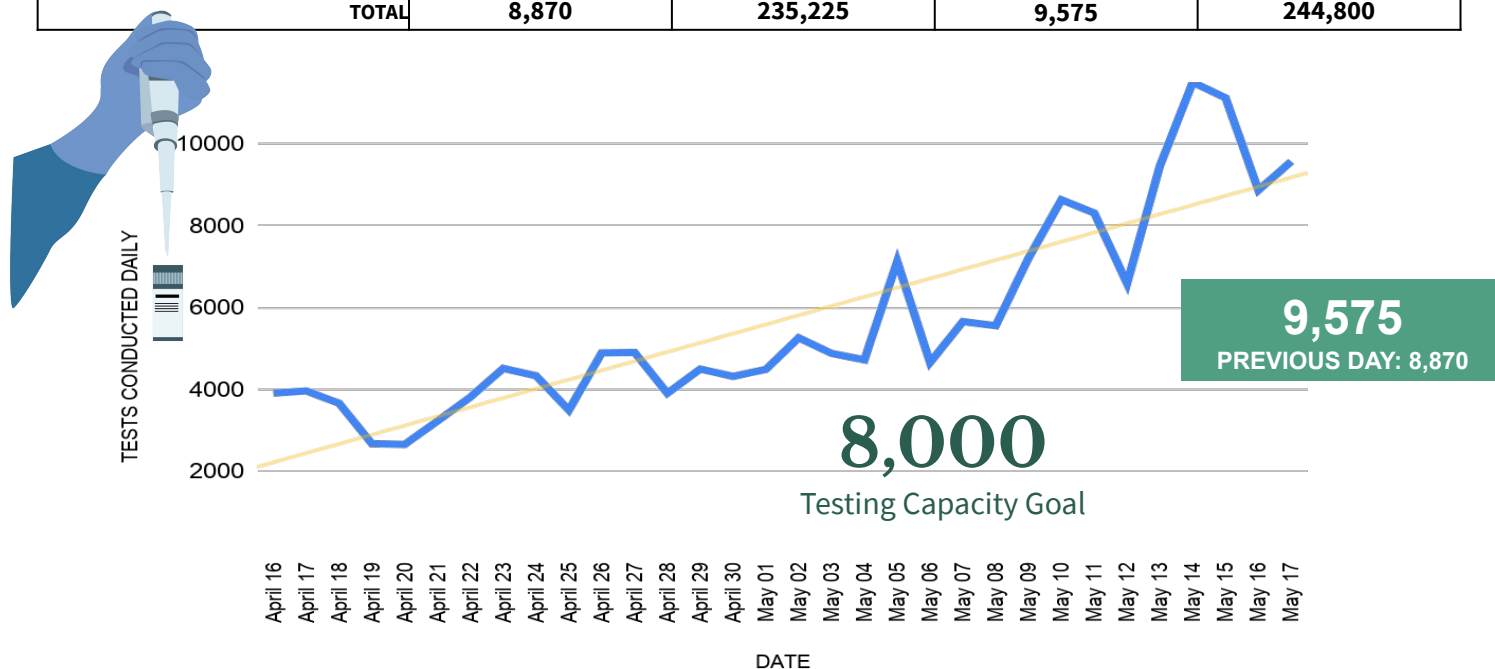
Region 4-A has the third highest cases with a total of 1,406 (11%) confirmed cases of yesterday. Since start of case detection, the proportion of cases in Region 4A decreased from 15% to 6% for the period of April 20 to May 17.

DAILY OUTPUT 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.

Disclaimer: No report received from one (1) laboratory for May 17, 2020.

FACILITY NAME	MAY 16		MAY 17	
	DAILY OUTPUT (Tests conducted with results)	TOTAL TESTS CONDUCTED	DAILY OUTPUT (Tests conducted with results)	TOTAL TESTS CONDUCTED
RT-PCR Laboratories				
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine	1,618	71,649	1,071	72,720
Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center	377	11,752	296	12,048
San Lazaro Hospital	336	9,477	180	9,657
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC)	0	14,354	69	14,423
UP National Institutes of Health	212	8,233	144	8,377
Western Visayas Medical Center	319	8,401	139	8,540
Southern Philippines Medical Center	128	7,575	66	7,641
Lung Center of the Philippines	456	12,443	372	12,815
Bicol Regional Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory	0	1,542	0	1,542
V. Luna Hospital	56	1,308	0	1,308
Philippine Genome Center UP-Diliman	108	954	0	954
Cebu TB Reference Laboratory	125	615	174	789
UP-PGH Molecular Laboratory	81	416	0	416
Marikina Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	48	632	0	632
Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital	0	736	0	736
Eastern Visayas Regional Covid Testing Center	90	339	0	339
Detoxicare Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	805	7,264	445	7,709
Makati Medical Center	108	2,903	73	2,976
St. Luke's Medical Center - QC	182	4,687	158	4,845
The Medical City	121	2,958	109	3,067
St. Luke's Medical Center - BGC	278	8,849	275	9,124
Philippine Red Cross (PRC)	1,260	28,909	2,610	31,519
Chinese General Hospital	327	4,261	0	4,261
Philippine Red Cross Logistics & Multipurpose Center	1,459	23,139	3,150	25,289
Singapore Diagnostics	139	995	134	1,119
Allegiant Regional Care Hospital	20	60	0	60
De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute	122	689	61	750
Asian Hospital and Medical Center	46	46		46
GeneExpert Laboratories				
LCP GeneXpert Lab	0	0	42	42
Zamboanga City Medical Center (GeneXpert)	49	49	42	56
TOTAL	8,870	235,225	9,575	244,800



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		
Detoxicare 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 Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory		
UP-PGH Molecular Laboratory		
Singapore Diagnostic, Inc.		
Asian Hospital & Medical Center		
Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center	CAR	
J B. Lingad Memorial Hospital	III	
De La Salle University - Cavite	IV-A	
Bicol Regional Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory	V	
Western Visayas Medical Center	VI	
Allegiant Regional Care Hospital	VII	
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center		
Cebu TB Reference Laboratory		
Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center	VIII	
Divine Word Hospital		
Zamboanga City Medical Center - DA Satellite Lab	IX	
Southern Philippines Medical Center	XI	
PRC-Port	NCR	IV
National Kidney and Transplant Institute		
Hi-Precision (QC)		
Ilocos Training Regional Medical Center	I	
Lucena United Doctors Hospital	IVA	
ABC Clinical Laboratory	NCR	III
PNP Crime Laboratory		
Safeguard DNA Diagnostics		
Tropical Disease Foundation		
Fe del Mundo Medical Center	I	
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital		
Cagayan Valley Medical Center		
Southern Isabela Medical Center	II	
The Medical City - Clark	III	
Bataan General Hospital		
Green City Medical Center		
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		
Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center (Bohol)	VII	
Northern Mindanao TB Regional Center	X	
TB Reference Center- CHD Region X		
Northern Mindanao Medical Center		
Polymedic Medical Plaza		
Davao One World Diagnostic Center Incorporated	XI	
Cotabato Regional Medical Center	XII	
Adela Serra TY Memorial Medical Center	XIII	
CARAGA Regional Hospital		

Additional laboratory for May 17

FACILITY NAME (RT-PCR using Gene Xpert)	REGION	STAGE
Zamboanga City Medical Center	IX	V
Cagayan Valley CHD TB Reference Laboratory	II	
Lung Center of the Philippines	NCR	
Northern Mindanao Medical Center	X	
Ospital ng Palawan	IVB	
Dr. Jose B. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium (TALA)	NCR	IV
Cotabato Regional Medical Center	XII	
Regional 1 Medical Center	I	III
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital		
Ilocos Training Regional Medical Center		
Cagayan Valley Medical Center	II	
Central Luzon Doctor's Hospital	III	
Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc.- Quezon Institute	NCR	
San Lazaro Hospital		
Tondo Medical Center		
Tropical Disease Foundation	VI	
Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC)		
Butuan Medical Center	CARAGA	
Davao Doctor's Hospital	XI	
Davao Regional Medical Center		
Davao TB Reference Laboratory		
Dr. Arturo Pingoy Medical Center	XII	

STATUS OF LABORATORY LICENSING

As of May 17, 2020

LICENSING OF LABORATORIES STATUS

30	6	109	83	76%
NO. OF LICENSED RT-PCR LABORATORIES	NO. OF LICENSED GENEXPERT LABORATORIES	TOTAL NO. OF LABORATORY APPLICATIONS*	TOTAL NO. OF LABORATORIES STAGE 3 AND ABOVE*	% LABS ON STAGE 3 AND ABOVE*

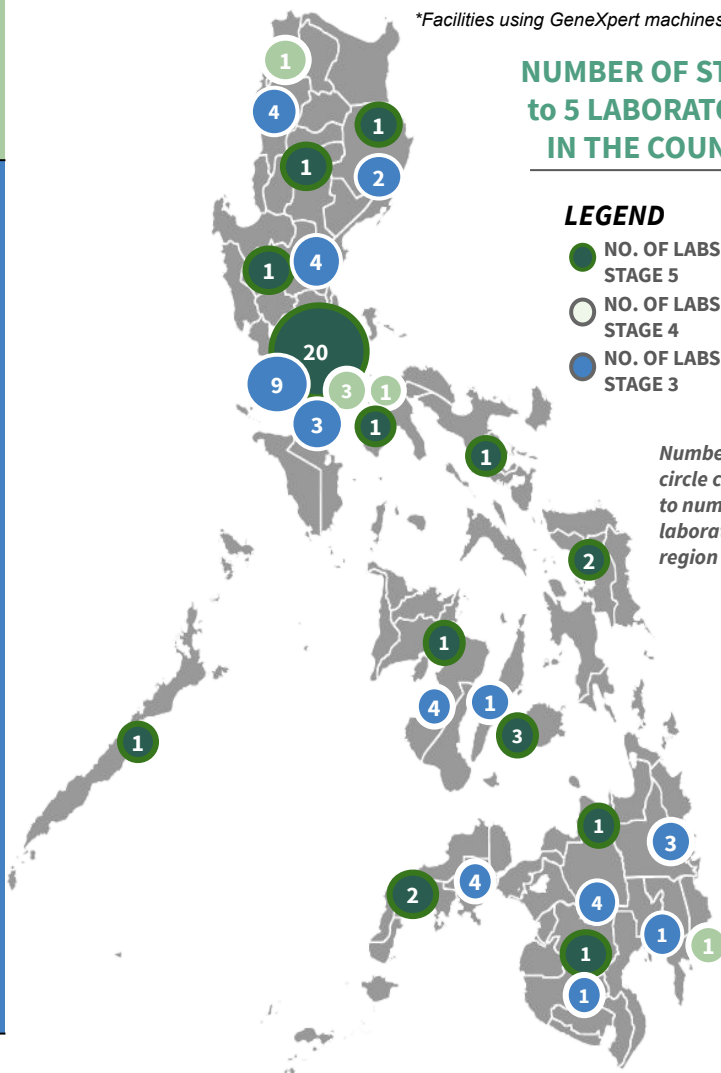
*Facilities using GeneXpert machines included.

NUMBER OF STAGE 3 to 5 LABORATORIES IN THE COUNTRY

LEGEND

- NO. OF LABS ON STAGE 5
- NO. OF LABS ON STAGE 4
- NO. OF LABS ON STAGE 3

Number inside the circle corresponds to number of laboratories in the region



Goal: Increase Resilience, Stop Transmission, Reduce Contact

BEHAVIORAL MESSAGES OF THE DAY

As of May 17, 2020

- Quarantine for repatriates helps reduce transmission and contact with their family upon returning from countries where there are cases of COVID-19. It is for their family's protection.
- All repatriates are required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantine period (corresponding with the known incubation period of the virus, according to existing information), then the BOQ of DOH will issue clearance after their quarantine. It is important to complete the 14-day quarantine period to protect their families and communities from possible exposure to COVID-19.
- As the country ushers into the New Normal, minimum health standards are essential to keep everyone healthy and safe. As a general advisory, everyone should take care of their mental health. When going to [groceries, wet markets, and food retail settings](#), people are advised to make a list of what they need and buy at an earlier time to minimize contact with others and possible exposure to the virus. All are advised to wear face masks, practice hand hygiene and proper coughing manners, and maintain physical distancing at all times.
- Employees are reminded to [maintain physical distancing in the workplace](#) and disinfect things in the office. Exercise regularly and sleep 7-8 hours daily to keep yourself healthy.



MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS: FAQs - OFFICES/WORKPLACE

Q: Paano mababawasan ang pakikisalamuha sa mga taong posibleng mayroong COVID-19?

A: Ang pagtatrabaho sa bahay ay maaaring gawin kung posible. Kung hindi posible, sundin ang tamang physical distancing. Magkaroon ng hindi bababa sa isang metrong layo mula sa mga katrabaho.



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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



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



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):

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 + 20L of water

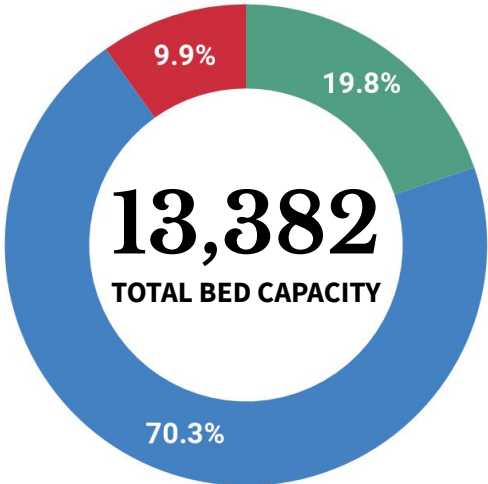
5. Do not forget to label your disinfectant containers and specify chlorine concentration.

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 May 17, 2020



923
Ward beds occupied

1,725
available

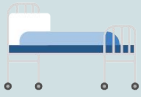


Ward beds for confirmed COVID-19 cases



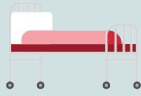
3,538
Isolation beds occupied

5,874
available



447
ICU beds occupied

875
available



357
Mech vents in use

1,584
available



Overall submission rate is 98.3% for hospitals and 99.0% for infirmaries (data last refreshed: 11:05PM, May 16 2020)

DEDICATED BEDS FOR COVID-19 CASES IN TTMFs

As of May 17, 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.



43,906
BEDS IN LIGTAS COVID FACILITIES

NCR	1,538
CAR	355
REG I	6,351
REG II	1,544
REG III	1,454
REG IV-A	3,329
REG IV-B	870
REG V	6,932
REG VI	3,085

REG VII	10,423
REG VIII	1,059
REG IX	1,236
REG X	1,733
REG XI	1,828
REG XII	1,345
REG XIII	656
BARMM	168
TOTAL	43,906

MEGA LIGTAS AND LIGTAS COVID-19 FACILITIES

As of May 17, 2020

Mega LIGTAS COVID-19 Facilities are facilities dedicated for quarantine and isolation which are managed by the National Government



5 MEGA LIGTAS COVID FACILITIES

REGION	TTMF	Beds
NCR	PICC	294
NCR	World Trade Center	502
NCR	Rizal Memorial Coliseum	132
NCR	Ninoy Aquino Stadium	120
REG III	Philippine Arena	300
TOTAL		1,348

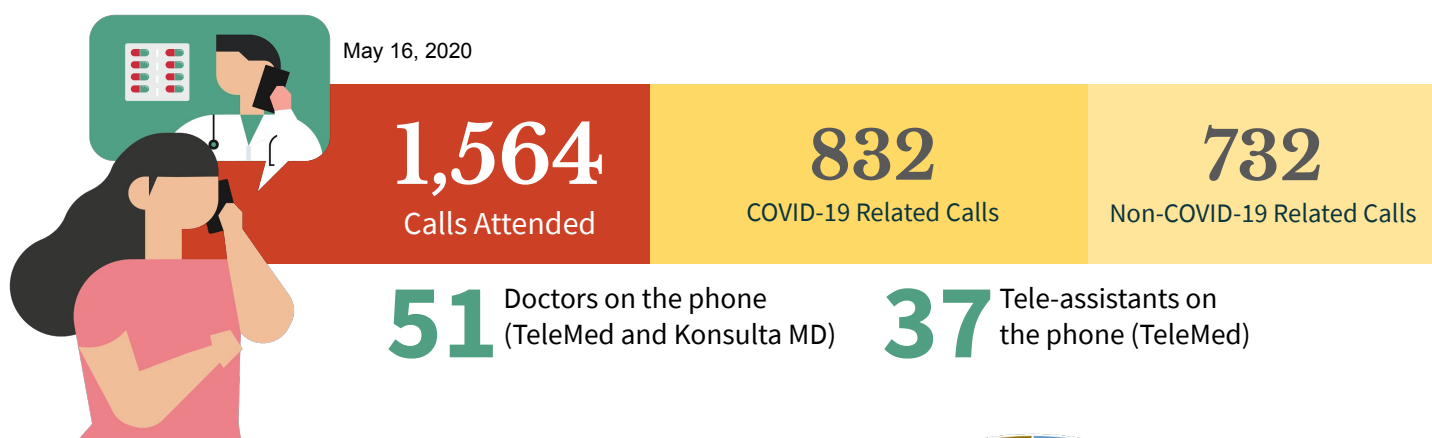
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER HEALTH EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED

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CALLS CATERED BY TELEMEDICINE

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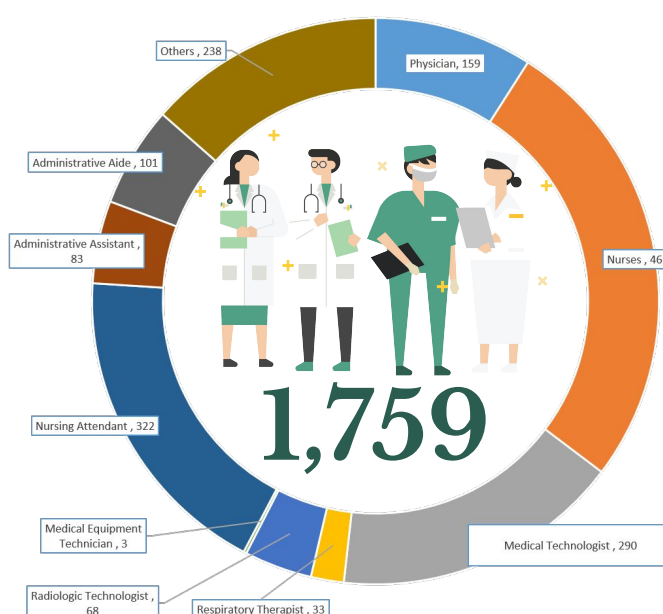


HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH (HRH) AUGMENTATION

As of May 17, 2020

HIRED HEALTH WORKERS PER PRIORITY FACILITY

Facility	No.
COVID Referral Hospital	414
National TTMF	175
DOH designated Facility	215
Quarantine Facility (DOQ)	106
DOH Hospital	839
Private Diagnostic Facility	10



143
Number of facility requests received

5,601
Number of HRH slots approved for hiring

P163M
Total amount sub-allotted/transferred

TREATMENT

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

FDA CALLS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

To notify all concerned stakeholders and the general public, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) posted a copy of the FDA Circular entitled "Draft Implementing Guidelines for the Issuance of License to Operate as Pest Control Operators for Non-Agricultural Purposes, Certification of Pesticide Handlers, and for Other Purposes" for Public Comments.

Check the [draft copy](#) and send your comments through email mcdledesma@fda.gov.ph on or before 29 May 2020.

PHILHEALTH FOR ALL

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) informs the public through its [PhilHealth Advisory No. 2020-032](#) entitled "Extension of validation of accreditation, filing of application for accreditation of Health Care Professionals and filing of appeals and motions for reconsideration on accreditation of Health Care Providers" that the validity of accreditation of all accredited healthcare professionals (HCPs) expiring from March 9 until the end of the "State of Calamity" is **extended up to 30 days** after the lifting of the said declaration provided that the PRC license is valid.

POLICY IN-FOCUS

To provide guidance for sectoral planning on the implementation of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) as minimum public health standards to mitigate the threat of COVID-19, the Department of Health hereby issues the guidelines on the risk-based public health standards for COVID-19 mitigation¹ and must be adhered to by all sectors including food and dining services.

Check the [Frequently Asked Questions for Food Services](#) for clarifications.

ERRATA FOR SITUATIONER #020:

Date was added to the graph depicting the age-sex disaggregation of COVID-19 patients.
Letter case for the Policy In Focus is corrected for consistency.



Contact Details

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- TikTok:**
[@dohgovph](https://www.tiktok.com/@dohgovph)

WEBSITES

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

CONTACT NUMBERS

- (02) 894 - COVID (26843) or 1555 (for all subscribers)
- Telemedicine hotlines (NCR):
TeleMed: (02) 8424 1724
KonsultaMD (02) 7798 8000

Resources

- DOH AO No. 2020 - 0015 -
Guidelines on the risk-based public health standards for COVID-19 Mitigation:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q1COcB_6vaf7SvPbgik_LVPEB3DCoA6g/view

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