

Beat COVID-19 Today

A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer



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Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

- DOH recorded **9,262 active cases** as of May 19, with majority of the patients exhibiting **mild symptoms** (8,286; 89.5%).
- DOH underscored the **importance of identifying and isolating close contacts immediately** to prevent further transmission of the virus. Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong pointed out **three key factors for a successful contact tracing**: (1) speed, (2) quality of information, and (3) capacity of contact tracing.
- Overall capacity to manage and admit COVID-19 patients is still sufficient with **more than 50% beds and mechanical ventilators in ICU, isolation, and COVID wards available** based on data gathered from the *DOHDataCollectApp*.
- As of May 18, **168 health facilities** have requested for additional healthcare workers under the DOH's emergency hiring program.
- DOH has approved **6,225 slots** for hiring in 135 hospitals, quarantine facilities managed by BOQ, Philippine Arena COVID-19 Facility, and Quezon Institute Temporary Quarantine Facility.
- As of reporting, a total of **2,406 personnel** have been hired for 168 hospitals and quarantine facilities. DOH has redeployed **756 nurses** under the Nurse Deployment Program in DOH and LGU hospitals catering COVID-19 cases.
- DOH highlighted that those with **mild symptoms can be treated at home**, with the exception of the elderly and the immunocompromised. Those with mild symptoms may consult through telemedicine, while those with severe symptoms must contact local BHERT or the DOH hotline.
- DOH reiterates the need for the public to **adapt in the New Normal setting**. Having a renewed consciousness in health practices and lifestyle is crucial to ensure health and safety. With this, DOH urges the public to **remain vigilant about their health** and practice handwashing, physical distancing, wearing of face masks, and cough etiquette as part of their lifestyle.

Case Summary

As of May 19, 2020

12,942
Total Cases

12,718
Previous day

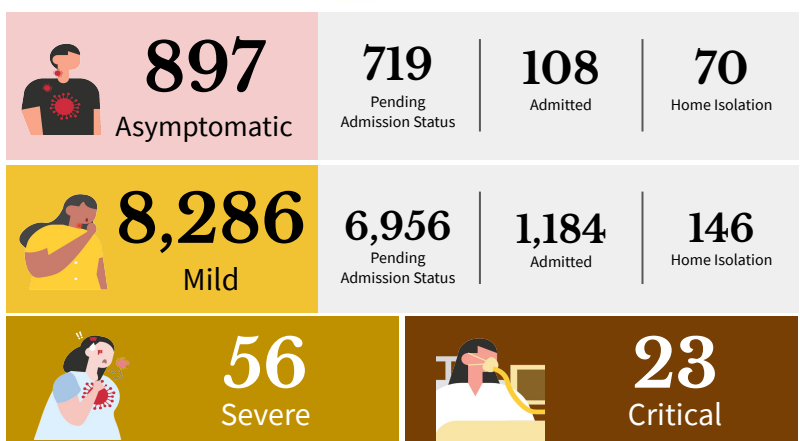
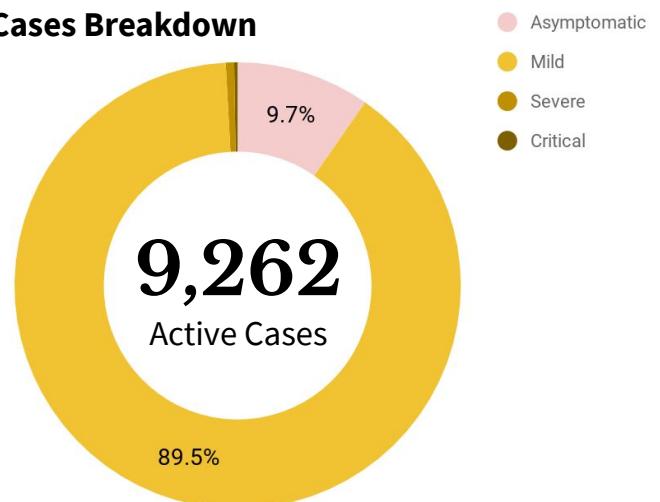
224
Additional Cases

2,843 114 added
Recoveries

837 6 added
Deaths

9,262 Active Cases
(net of recoveries and deaths)

Active Cases Breakdown



Probable Cases

As of May 19, 2020

802
Total Cases

SEVERE: Pneumonia, Difficulty of Breathing

CRITICAL: Intubated

Suspect Cases

24,579
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

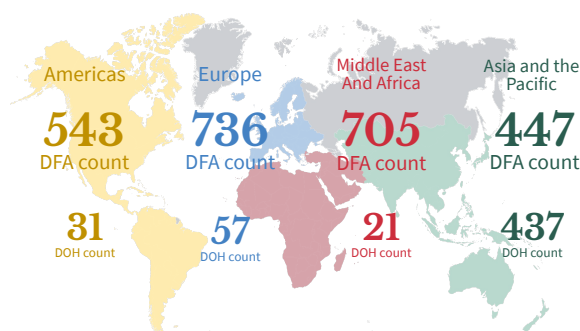
Case Summary of Overseas Filipinos (OFs)

As of May 19, 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 19, 2020

Top 3 countries with the highest cases

	USA	1,477,516
	RUSSIA	299,941
	UK	246,410

Asian country with the highest case outside China

	IRAN	122,492
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Southeast Asian country with the highest case

	SINGAPORE	28,343
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Healthcare Workers affected by COVID-19

As of May 19, 2020

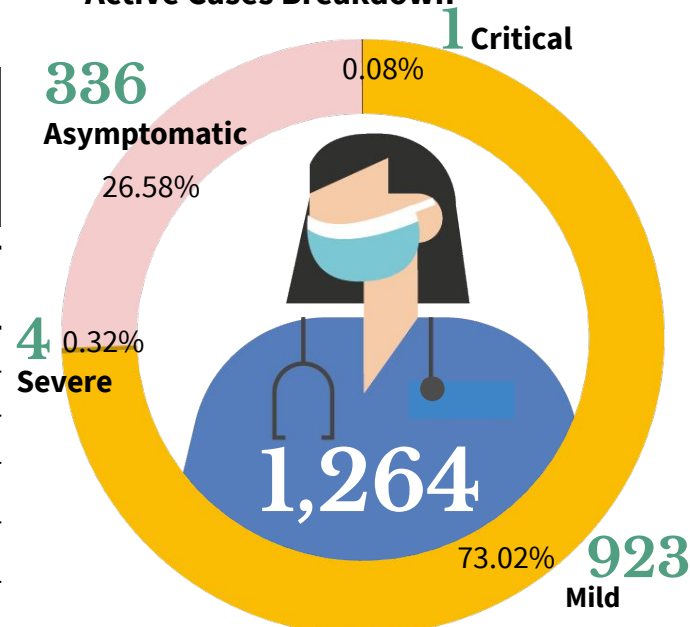


Top 5 Medical Profession/Cadre With COVID-19 cases

Total Number

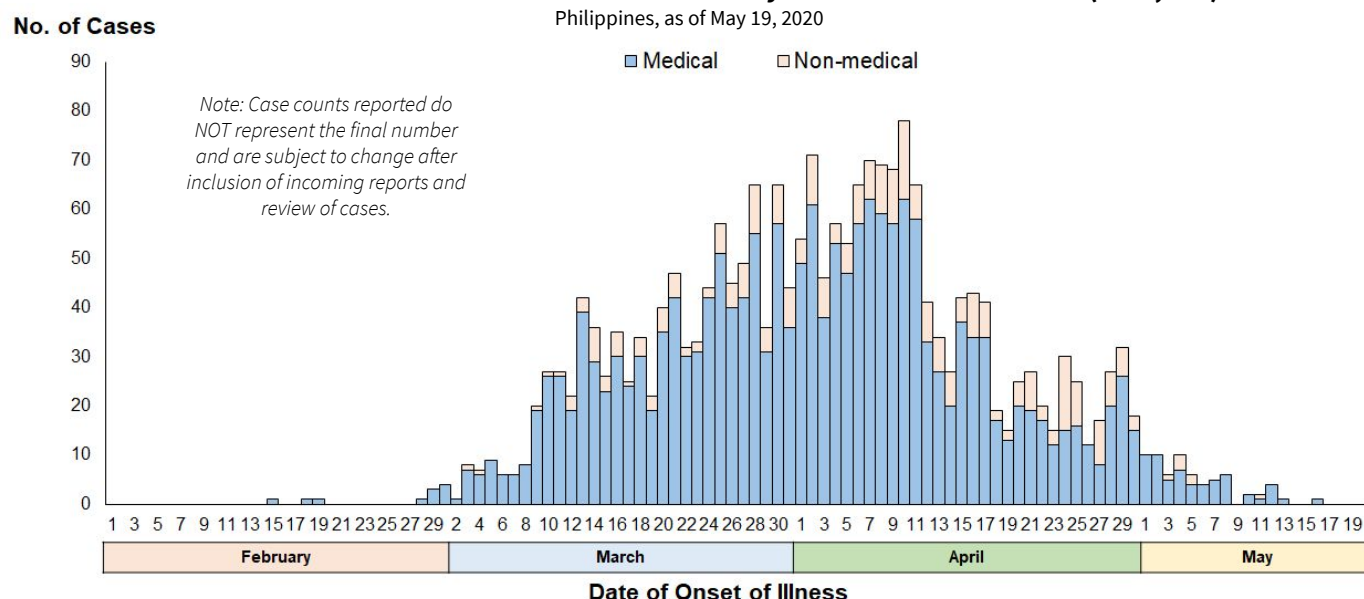
Medical Profession/Cadre	Total Number
Nurse	842
Physician	671
Nursing Assistant	144
Medical Technologist	84
Radiologic Technologist	42
Non-medical Staff	285

Active Cases Breakdown



Healthcare Workers with confirmed COVID-19 by Date of Onset of Illness (N= 1,984)

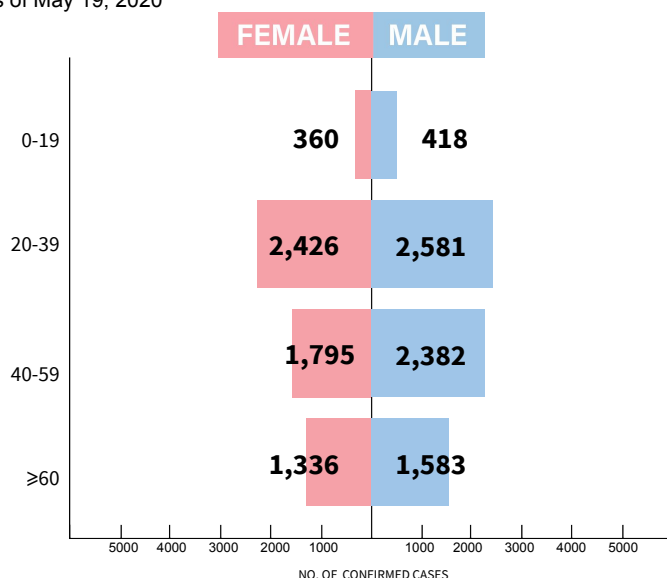
Philippines, as of May 19, 2020



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Age and Sex Distribution of confirmed cases

As of May 19, 2020



Most of the confirmed cases are Male (7001 or 54%). Most cases are within the 20-39 age group. Sixty-one cases (24-female; 37-male) with unspecified age are included in the total.



Average hospital length of stay for recovered patients is at **17 days**.

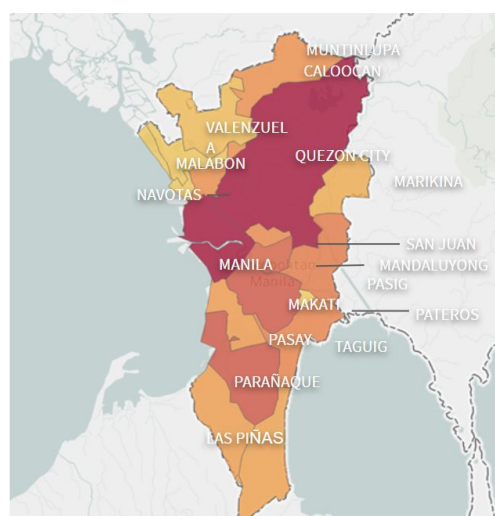
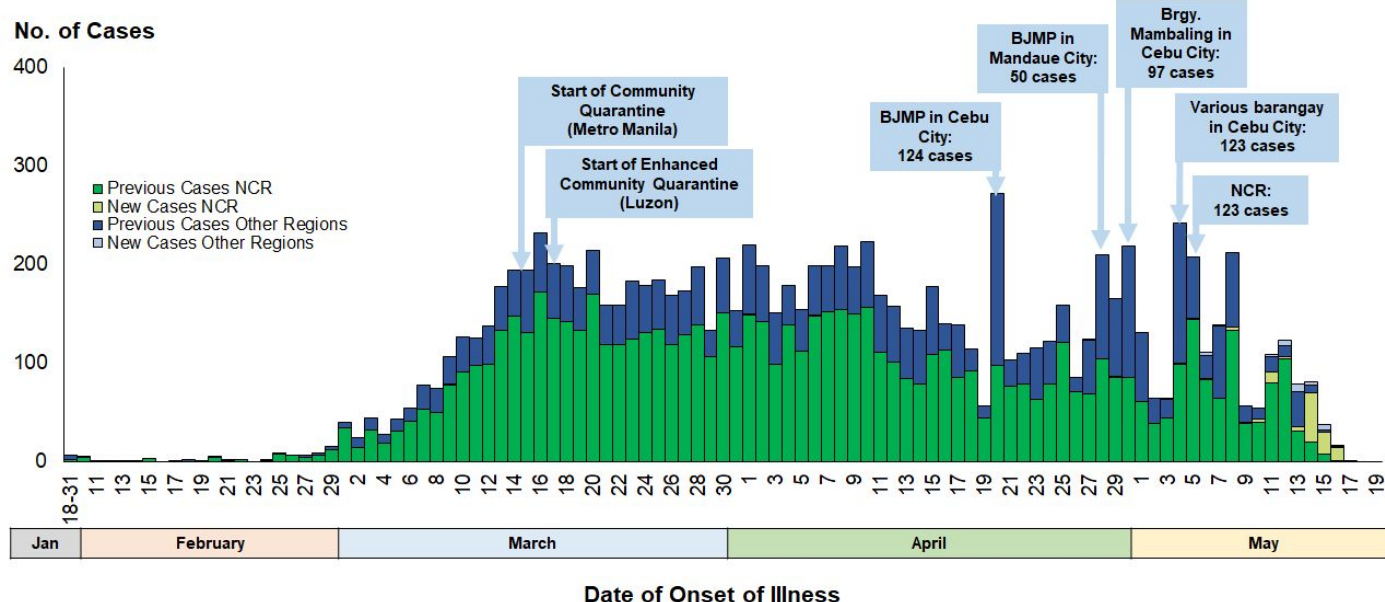


A total of 450 (54%) deaths had known comorbidities: top 2 comorbidities are hypertension (280 or 62%) and diabetes (211 or 47%).

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Date of Onset of Illness (N = 12,718)

Philippines, as of May 19, 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.



A total of 8,414 (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 60% for the period of April 20 to May 19, 2020. However, on May 5, 2020, 143 cases were reported in NCR—highest since April 11.

Meanwhile, cases in Region 7 increased in proportion from 2% to 22% for the similar period. On May 4, 2020, 123 (51%) out of the 242 confirmed cases nationwide (by date of onset), were reported from various barangay in Cebu City. Region 7 recorded a total of 1,781 (14%) confirmed cases, the second highest reported in the country.

Region 4-A has the third highest cases with a total of 1,419 (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 19.

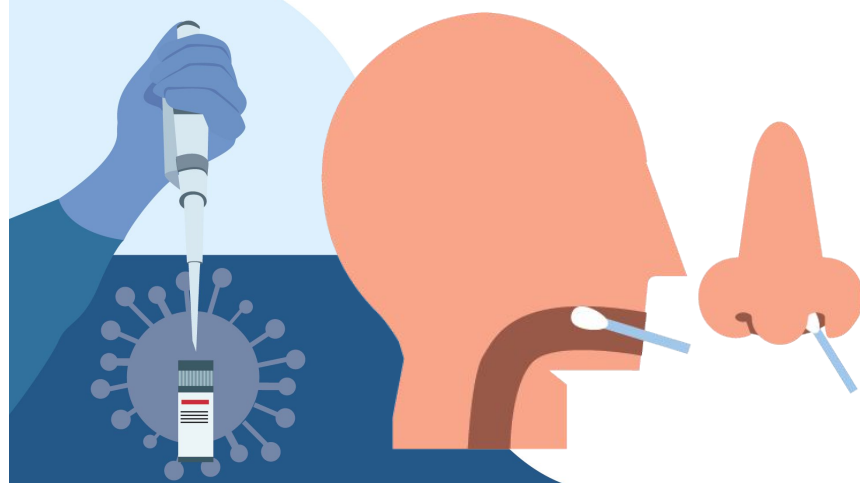
INDIVIDUALS TESTED AS REPORTED BY COVID-19 LABORATORIES

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 May 19, 2020, 6pm. No reports from one (1) laboratory received.

FACILITY NAME	DAILY OUTPUT (MAY 19)			CUMULATIVE		
	POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS	UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS TESTED	SAMPLE TESTED (with results)	TOTAL UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS TESTED	TOTAL POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS	TOTAL TEST DONE
RT-PCR laboratories						
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine	19	666	824	63,794	7,735	74,316
Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center	0	369	375	11,160	84	12,513
San Lazaro Hospital	8	174	229	9,036	380	10,025
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMCMC)	41	225	255	14,006	2,030	14,874
UP National Institutes of Health	25	120	144	8,111	1,201	8,641
Western Visayas Medical Center	1	326	330	8,034	105	8,929
Southern Philippines Medical Center	2	194	242	6,643	266	8,041
Lung Center of the Philippines	16	558	558	13,994	682	14,025
Bicol Regional Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory	0	0	0	1,515	54	1,543
V. Luna Hospital	0	51	51	1,385	12	1,420
Philippine Genome Center UP-Diliman	10	92	92	1,034	133	1,046
Cebu TB Reference Laboratory	38	164	164	1,038	113	1,067
UP-PGH Molecular Laboratory	12	64	80	519	57	546
Marikina Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	5	161	161	774	45	824
Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital	0	183	183	1,171	15	1,194
Eastern Visayas Regional Covid Testing Center	0	0	0	431	6	432
Detoxicare Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	25	449	468	8,273	455	8,292
Makati Medical Center	13	132	142	3,012	197	3,194
St. Luke's Medical Center - QC	13	91	125	4,552	961	5,120
The Medical City	20	92	0	3,267	550	3,302
St. Luke's Medical Center - BGC	6	293	92	8,278	758	9,935
Philippine Red Cross (PRC)	21	800	418	33,298	1,319	33,298
Chinese General Hospital	114	685	800	5,250	586	5,265
Philippine Red Cross Logistics & Multipurpose Center	14	540	685	27,345	726	27,346
Singapore Diagnostics	17	125	540	1,247	148	1,357
Allegiant Regional Care Hospital	0	0	125	80	32	80
De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute	0	120	0	930	11	931
Asian Hospital and Medical Center	NO REPORT			73	8	73
Divine Word Hospital	0	1	1	32	0	87
ZCMC-DA Satellite Laboratory	0	60	60	76	0	76
GeneXpert						
LCP GeneXpert Lab	8	57	57	667	122	669
Zamboanga City Medical Center (GeneXpert)	2	29	29	714	117	711
TOTAL	430	6,821	7,350	239,739	18,908	259,172

CUMULATIVE DATA AS OF MAY 19, 2020



18,908 (7.9%)

Total Positive Individuals

259,172

Total Tests Conducted

239,739

Total Unique Individuals Tested



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	IV	
J B. Lingad Memorial Hospital	III		
De La Salle University - Cavite	IV-A		
Lucena United Doctors Hospital and Medical Center			
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 Area	NCR		IV
National Kidney and Transplant Institute			
Hi-Precision (QC)			
Ilocos Training Regional Medical Center	I		III
ABC Clinical Laboratory	NCR		
PNP Crime Laboratory			
Safeguard DNA Diagnostics			
Tropical Disease Foundation			
Fe del Mundo Medical Center			
Philippine Children's Medical Center			
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital	I		
Cagayan Valley Medical Center	II		
Southern Isabela Medical Center			
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 19

FACILITY NAME (RT-PCR using Gene Xpert)	REGION	STAGE
Zamboanga City Medical Center	IX	V
Cagayan Valley CHD TB Reference Laboratory	II	
Dr. Jose B. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium (TALA)	NCR	
Lung Center of the Philippines		
Northern Mindanao Medical Center	X	
Ospital ng Palawan	IV-B	
Cotabato Regional Medical Center	XII	IV
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		
Philippine Heart Center		
Amang Rodriguez Memorial Center		
Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center		
Las Pinas General Hospital		
Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC)	VI	
Rakkk Prophet Medical Center Inc.	IV-A	
Butuan Medical Center	CARAGA	
Davao Doctors' Hospital	XI	
Davao Regional Medical Center		
Davao TB Reference Laboratory		
Dr. Arturo Pingoy Medical Center	XII	

STATUS OF LABORATORY LICENSING

As of May 19, 2020

LICENSING OF LABORATORIES STATUS

31	6	115	89	77%
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*

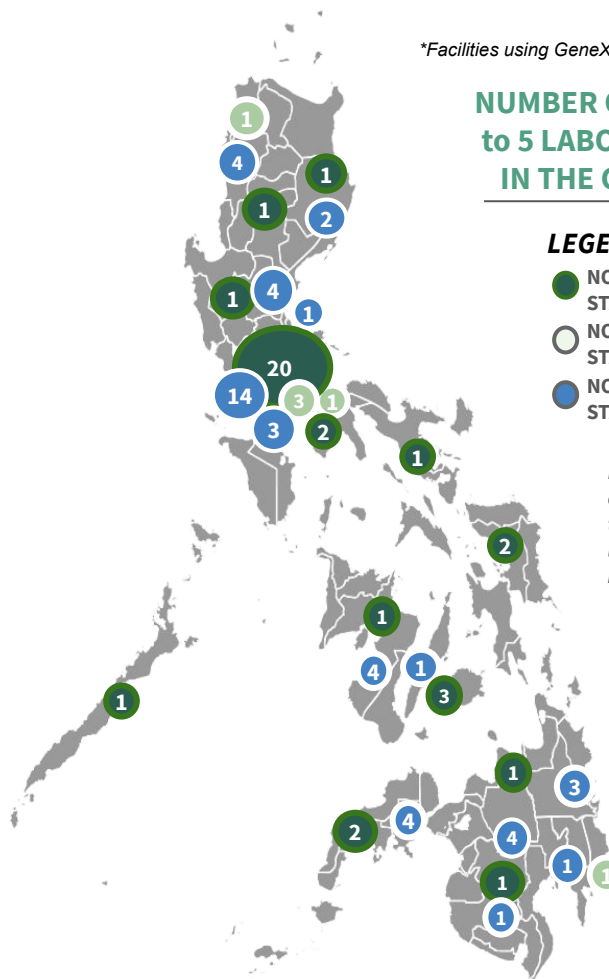
*Facilities using GeneXpert machines included.

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 19, 2020

- Families of repatriates are encouraged to constantly communicate with their family member under quarantine to make sure they feel less alone and have social support. Send them funny memes, GIFs, or videos to cheer them up and call or video chat them.
- As the country ushers into the New Normal era, minimum health standards are essential to keep everyone healthy and safe. There are areas where [public transportation](#) is already available, commuters are advised to maintain physical distancing inside the vehicle and report overcrowding to the Department of Transportation. Travelers should wear face masks at all times, practice hand hygiene and proper coughing manners.
- Public transport drivers are encouraged to maintain a healthy diet, exercise at least 10-15 minutes every morning, and avoid smoking to strengthen immune system to fight against disease-causing microorganisms.
- [Hotel Management](#) should constantly communicate with their staff and remind them of the importance of practicing hand hygiene and cough manners, and maintaining a 1-meter distance from others. Frequently touched objects must be disinfected. These include, but not limited to, call buttons in lifts, light switches, door handles, toilets, telephones, and reception counter. Management must provide alcohol-based sanitizers to hotel guests and staff.
- Mass or social gatherings are still not allowed to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 exposure. Try celebrating your birthday online and show love virtually.

MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS: FAQs - TRANSPORTATION



Q: Paano makatutulong ang mga pasahero upang mabawasan ang posibleng pagkalat ng COVID-19?

A: Gumamit ng tisyu (o ng iyong siko) kung uubo o babahing. Gamitin ang tisyu bilang pananggalang sa lahat ng kailangan mong hawakan sa sasakyan.

Kung posible, magkaroon ng ligtas na distansya mula sa ibang pasahero.

I-report ang overcrowding o pag-iipon ng mga pampublikong transportasyon kasama ang mga bus at tren.



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MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS: FAQs - HOTELS AND INNS



Q: Bilang hotel guest, paano ako makakatulong upang mababawasan ang COVID-19 infection?

A: Panatilihin malinis ang kamay:

Hugasan ang kamay gamit ang sabon at tubig sa loob ng 20 segundo o higit pa.

Kung walang sabon at tubig, gumamit ng sanitizer na may 70% alcohol.

Iwasan ang paghawak sa mukha lalo na sa mata, ilong, at bibig.



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HOW DO YOU REMAIN SAFE AND HEALTHY AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

ALWAYS remember and practice the following:



Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or more (Try singing the chorus of your favorite song while washing).



Use a hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol if you can't wash your hands for 20 seconds or more.



Avoid touching your face, especially your mouth, eyes, nose.



Make sure you keep 1 meter distance from other people.



Avoid touching things that many people touch like door handles, tables, chairs, etc.



Wear a mask while outside.



Frequently clean surfaces in your house, work or business. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keys, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.



Disinfect using a bleach solution (7 tablespoons [100 mL] bleach for 1 liter of clean water).



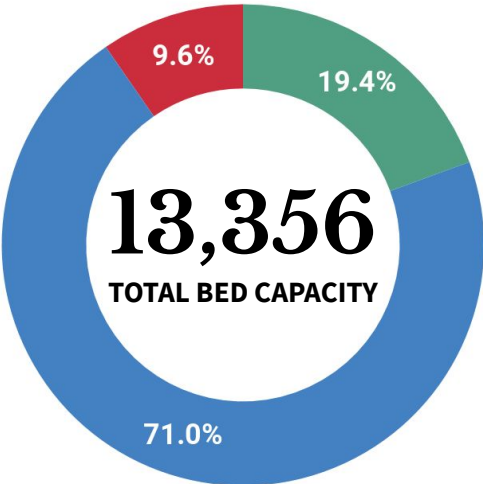
Disinfect your most used things (like phone, keys, eyeglasses, keyboard, etc.) with 70% alcohol solution.

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

HOSPITAL BEDS AND MECHANICAL VENTILATORS DEDICATED TO COVID-19 CASES

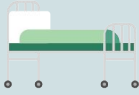
Data taken from the DOH DataCollect App. Specific for COVID-19 cases.

As of May 19, 2020



918
Ward beds occupied

1,673
available

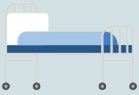


Ward beds for confirmed COVID-19 cases



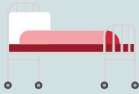
3,380
Isolation beds occupied

6,099
available



434
ICU beds occupied

852
available



382
Mech vents in use

1,583
available



DEDICATED BEDS FOR COVID-19 CASES IN TTMFs

As of May 19, 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.

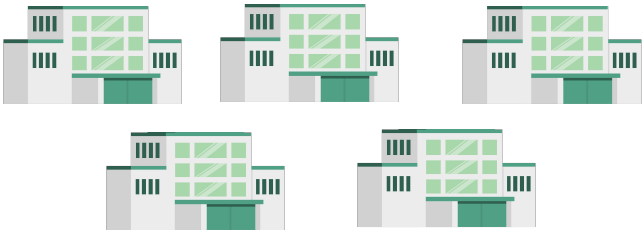


47,751
BEDS IN LIGTAS COVID FACILITIES

MEGA LIGTAS AND LIGTAS COVID-19 FACILITIES

As of May 19, 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		1348

NCR	1347
CAR	342
REG I	7450
REG II	1381
REG III	1439
REG IV-A	3379
REG IV-B	835
REG V	6932
REG VI	3160

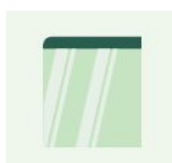
REG VII	10423
REG VIII	787
REG IX	1199
REG X	2524
REG XI	3087
REG XII	1345
REG XIII	783
BARMM	1338
TOTAL	47,751

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER HEALTH EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED

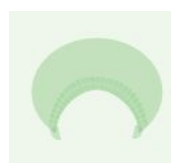
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733,645
Coveralls



184,876
Face Shield



820,805
Head caps



4,470,700
Face Masks



1,426,270
Gloves



2,672
Thermal Scanners



696,414
Gowns



609,528
Goggles



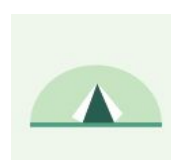
122,000
Aprons



500,200
Kn95
479,100
N95



30
Non-invasive
Ventilators



10
Sanitation Tents

FOREIGN AND LOCAL DONATIONS PROCESSED

May 19, 2020

Summary of donated PPEs:



2,723,950



307,740
N95 Masks



51
Ventilators



202,819
Coveralls

DONOR	RT-PCR BRAND	QUANTITY
Ministry of Health Brunei Mammoth Foundation	BGI (China)	101,000
Shanghai Nanjiang Co., Ltd.	Beijing Applied Technologies(China)	483,840
People's Republic of China Mr. Carlos Gonzalez San Miguel Corporation	Sansure (China)	285,408
Gov't of Singapore Temasek Foundation	A*Star Fortitude (Singapore)	640,000
Udenna Foundation Korea International Cooperation Agency	Q SenS (South Korea)	85,000
Global Fund - Philippine Business for Social Progress	Gene Xpert Cepheid (USA)	21,000
TOTAL		1,616,248

TREATMENT

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

FDA CIRCULAR

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued FDA Circular No. 2020-017¹ to inform all concerned stakeholders and partners regarding the prohibition on the selling of essential emergency medicines and medical devices beyond the price ceiling/range set by the Department of Health Department Memorandum (DM) No. 2020-0058² dated 31 January 2020, DM No. 2020-0058-A dated 11 February 2020, DM No. 2020-0058-B dated 05 March 2020, and Department Circular 2020-0186 dated 15 April 2020 declaring the price freeze of essential emergency medicines and supplies in the entire country due to the 2019- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The public is encouraged to check the authorization status of establishments and health products at the [FDA website](#).

PHILHEALTH FOR ALL

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, to provide coverage for all Filipinos for health services in identified Community Isolation Units (CIUs) for COVID-19, hereby issues PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR No. 2020-0012³ to operationalize the PhilHealth COVID-19 Community Isolation Benefit Package (CCIBP) and provide specific guidelines for benefit availment and applicable payment mechanism, reporting rules and performance assessment.

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 groceries, wet markets, and food retails.

Check 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)
- Telemedicine hotlines (NCR):
TeleMed: (02) 8424 1724
KonsultaMD (02) 7798 8000

Resources

- FDA Circular No. 2020-017 - prohibition on the selling of essential emergency medicines and medical devices beyond the price ceiling/range set by the DOH DM No. 2020-0058:
<https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/FDA-Circular-No.2020-017.pdf>
- DOH DM No. 2020-0058-
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19ERYJZT8XDKZz0Ox3uz5zDmp4AJmm0Eo/view>
- PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR No. 2020-0012 -
<https://www.philhealth.gov.ph/circulars/2020/circ2020-0012.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3aTJm-KDlrL3TloZOSHlyYv0bv5tmK4vxAhh8y1iKvnmkoiOvL9Y7c0q6g>

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