

# Beat COVID-19 Today

A COVID-19 Philippine Situationer



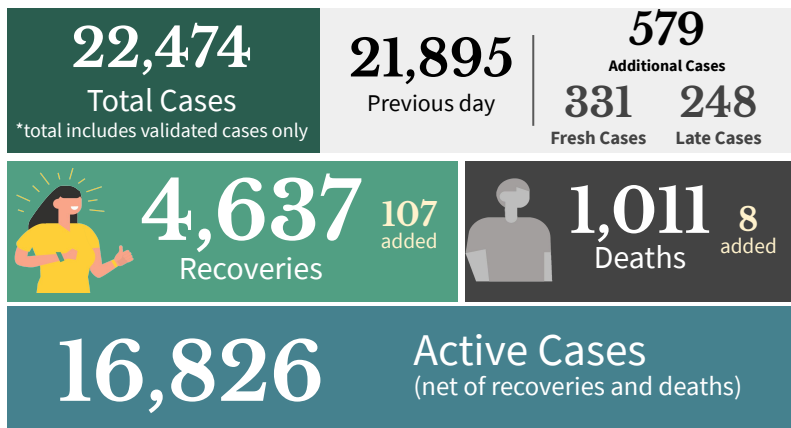
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## Highlights and Recent Updates on COVID-19

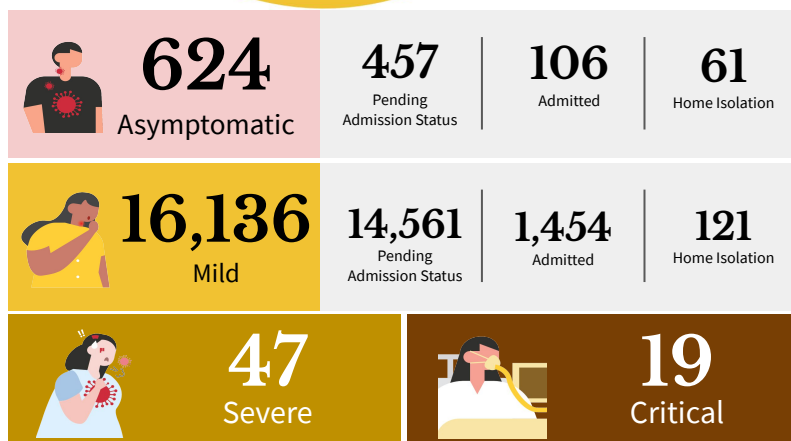
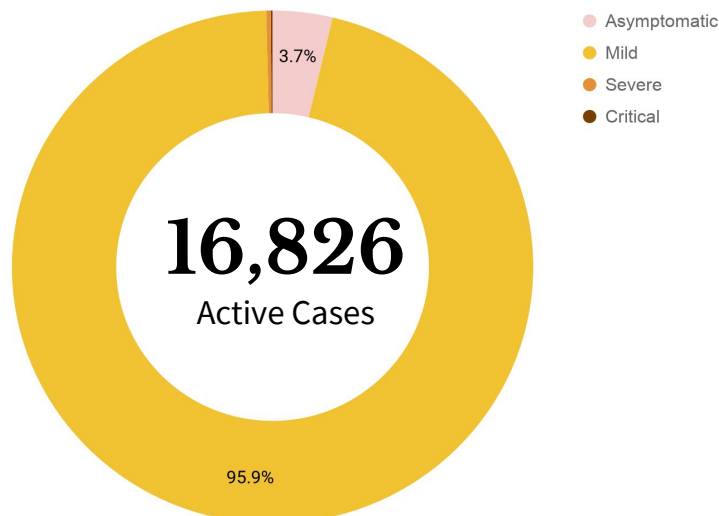
- DOH recorded **16,826 active cases** as of June 8, with the majority of the patients exhibiting **mild symptoms** (16,136; 95.9%).
- A total of **2,741 (12% of all cases) healthcare workers** have been affected by COVID-19, with **1,598 recoveries** and 32 deaths.
- DOH urges the public to **take care of their mental health** as part of measures to protect themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The number of calls to the crisis hotline of National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) **doubled to an average of 30 to 35 calls daily and 953 calls monthly from March to May 2020** compared to the average of 13 to 15 calls daily and 400 calls monthly from May 2019 to February 2020.
- NCMH COVID-19 hotline** has provided **psychosocial support to 2,298 Filipinos** amidst the pandemic, according to NCMH psychiatrist Dr. Bernard Argamosa.
- UP Diliman Psychosocial Services (UPD PsycServ) received an average of 46 calls per day with a maximum of 120 calls reached per day. According to UPD PsycServ Director Dr. Violeta Bautista, most of the callers were around 18 to 39 years old. The public may **sign up for PsycServ** by sending a message on Viber at **0916 757 3157** or **0906 374 3466**. They may also visit the website at <http://bit.ly/PsycServPH>.
- If you need a professional who can talk about your mental health, call the **NCMH hotlines: 0917-899-USAP (8727) or (02) 7 989-USAP (8727)**. For **health workers** and **repatriated Filipinos**, NCMH has also a **telemental health response website** at <https://bit.ly/COVIDUsapTayo>.

## Case Summary

As of June 8, 2020

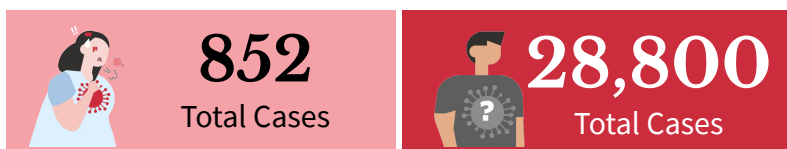


### Active Cases Breakdown



### Probable Cases

As of June 8, 2020



**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

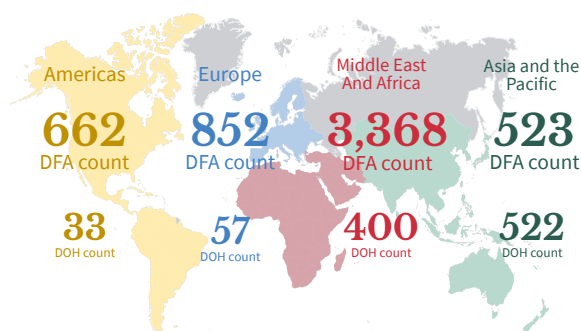
## Case Summary of Overseas Filipinos (OFs)

As of June 8, 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 June 8, 2020

Top 3 countries with the highest number of cases

	<b>USA</b>	1,915,712
	<b>BRAZIL</b>	672,846
	<b>RUSSIA</b>	476,658

Asian country with the highest number of confirmed cases outside China

	<b>INDIA</b>	256,611
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Southeast Asian country with the highest number of confirmed cases

	<b>SINGAPORE</b>	37,910
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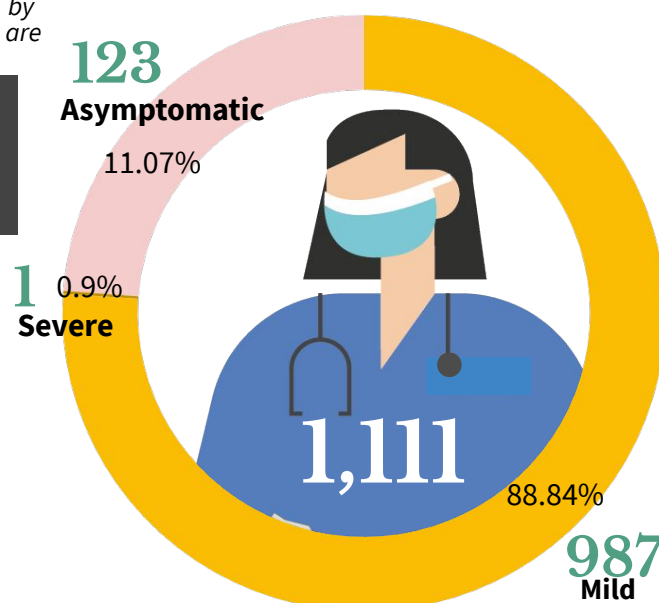
## Healthcare Workers affected by COVID-19

As of June 8, 2020

**Note:** There were inconsistencies on previously reported deaths by profession. Correct professions upon validation of HCWs who died are reflected in this report.



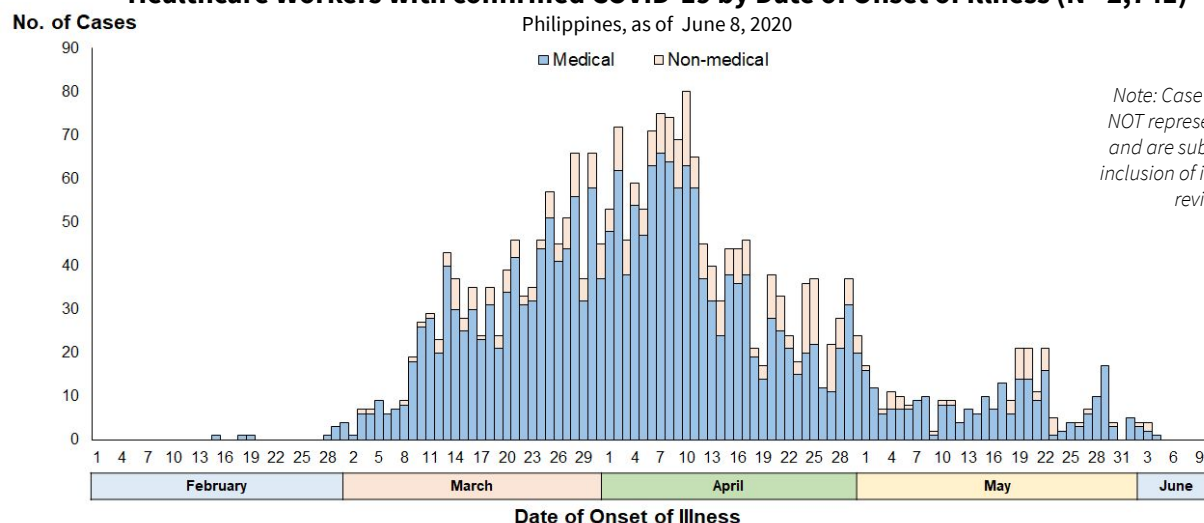
## Active Cases Breakdown



### Top 5 Medical Profession/Cadre With COVID-19 cases

Top 5 Medical Profession/Cadre With COVID-19 cases	Total Number	Deaths
Nurse	1,008	3
Physician	738	25
Nursing Assistant	180	0
Medical Technologist	110	0
Radiologic Technologist	58	0
<b>Non-medical Staff</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>4</b>

## Healthcare Workers with confirmed COVID-19 by Date of Onset of Illness (N= 2,741)

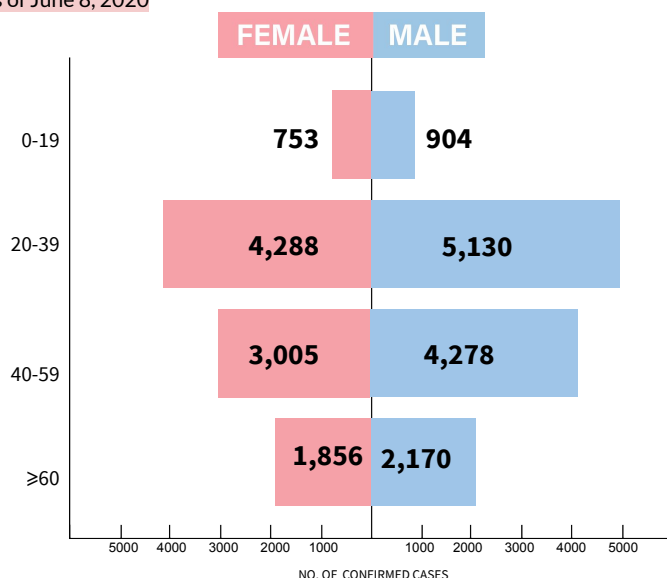


Note: Case counts reported do NOT represent the final number and are subject to change after inclusion of incoming reports and review of cases.

# Goal: Shortening Duration of Infectiousness

## Age and Sex Distribution of confirmed cases

As of June 8, 2020



Most of the confirmed cases are Male (12,543 or 56%). Most cases are within the 20-39 age group. Ninety cases (29-female; 61-male) with unspecified age are included in the total.



Average hospital length of stay for recovered patients is at **11 days**.

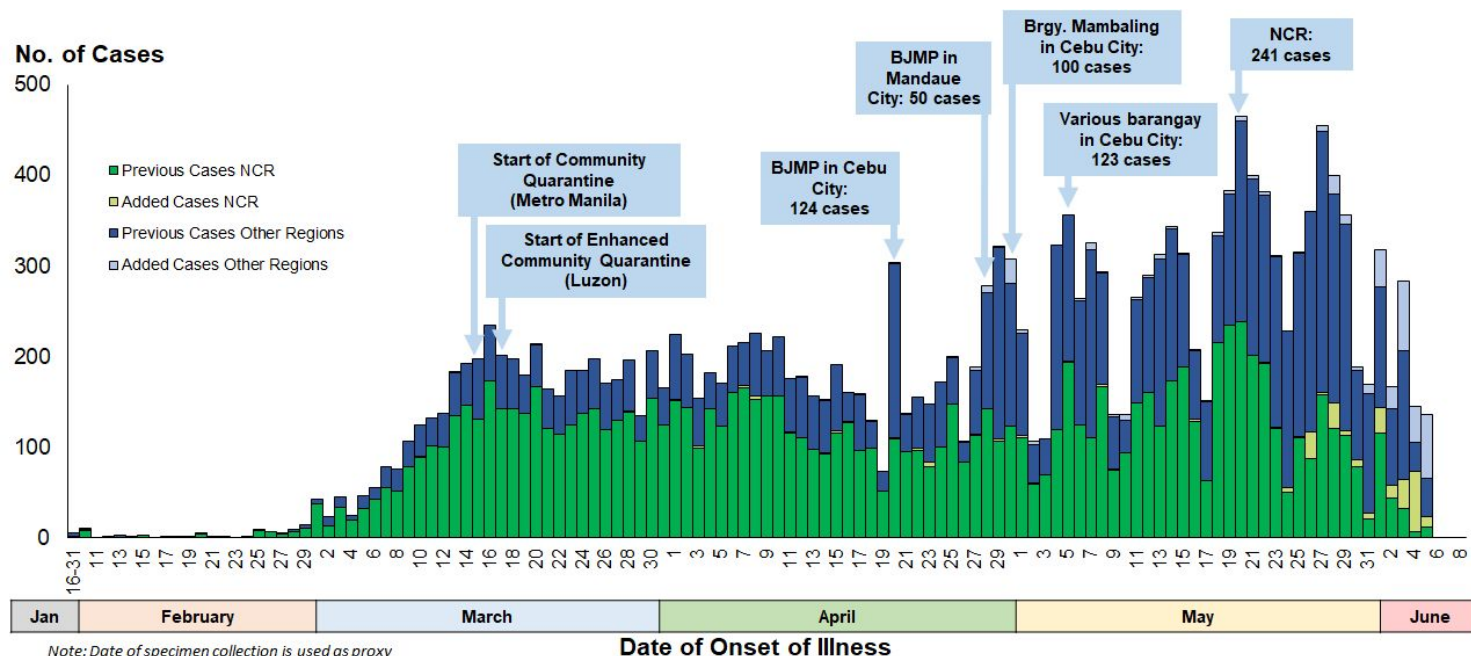


A total of 491 (49%) deaths had known comorbidities: top 2 comorbidities are hypertension (292 or 60%) and diabetes (225 or 46%).

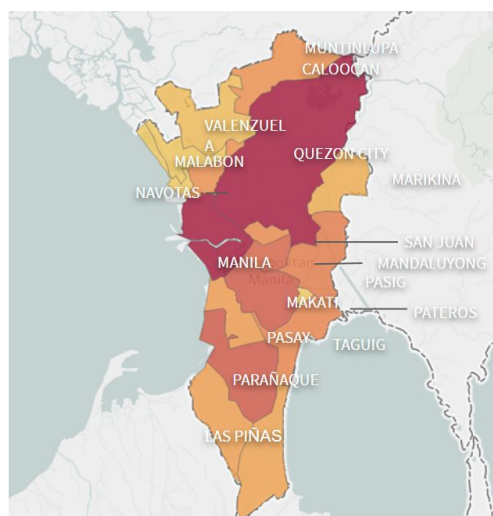
## Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Date of Onset of Illness (N = 22,474)

Philippines, as of June 8, 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.



Note: Date of specimen collection is used as proxy



A total of 12,243 (54%) are confirmed cases from NCR. The proportion of cases in NCR decreased from 63% since January (start of case detection) to May 19, 2020 to 38% for the period of May 20 to June 8, 2020.

Meanwhile, cases in Region 7 increased in proportion from 11% to 21% for the similar period. On May 4, 2020, 123 (38%) out of the 323 confirmed cases nationwide (by date of onset), were reported from various barangay in Cebu City. Region 7 recorded a total of 3,604 (16%) confirmed cases, the second highest reported in the country.

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## INDIVIDUALS TESTED AS REPORTED BY COVID-19 LABORATORIES

As of June 8, 2020

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.

FACILITY NAME	DAILY OUTPUT (June 8)				CUMULATIVE				
	UNIQUE POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS	UNIQUE NEGATIVE INDIVIDUALS	UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS TESTED	SAMPLE TESTED (with results)	UNIQUE POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS	UNIQUE NEGATIVE INDIVIDUALS	UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS TESTED	SAMPLES TESTED	Remaining Available Tests
<b>RT-PCR laboratories</b>									
Allegiant Regional Care Hospital	10	51	61	61	85	533	618	618	100
Asian Hospital & Medical Center	2	44	46	48	28	778	806	925	5,450
Baguio General Hospital & Medical Center	1	364	365	378	101	18,101	18,202	20,158	15,474
Bicol Reg'l Diagnostic & Reference Lab. (BRDRL)	0	0	0	0	58	2,402	2,460	2,519	13,305
Cebu TB Reference Laboratory - Molecular Facility for COVID-19 Testing	89	179	268	268	1,264	6,589	7,853	7,882	2,001
Chinese General Hospital	172	685	857	857	1,573	11,147	12,720	12,739	1,700
Davao One World Diagnostic Center Inc.	0	0	0	0	0	358	358	376	7,368
De La Salle Medical & Health Sciences Institute	1	95	96	96	37	2,951	2,988	2,996	11,742
Detoxicare Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory	33	775	808	808	1,200	22,792	23,992	24,027	1,492
Divine Word Hospital	1	81	82	82	9	1,001	1,010	1,071	750
Eastern Visayas Regional Covid Testing Center	1	433	434	435	24	2,559	2,583	2,590	3,800
Hi-Precision Diagnostics (QC)	No Submission as of 4PM				1	348	349	364	1,248
Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center	0	55	55	55	0	685	685	685	5,426
Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital	4	356	360	368	33	4,455	4,488	4,692	40,231
Lucena United Doctors Hosp. & Medical Center	12	68	80	80	29	793	822	827	217
Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP)	0	90	90	91	749	16,320	17,069	17,119	8,240
Makati Medical Center (MMC)	16	359	375	383	375	6,764	7,139	7,555	5,481
Marikina Molecular Diagnostics Lab. (MMDL)	No Submission as of 4PM				136	2,885	3,021	3,159	3,242
National Kidney & Transplant Institute	12	32	44	44	68	463	531	531	2,339
Philippine Red Cross Port Area	0	176	176	177	277	11,013	11,290	11,587	0
Philippine Red Cross (PRC)	44	488	532	540	1,764	41,052	42,816	43,551	40,000
Phil. Red Cross Logistics & Multipurpose Center	40	1,741	1,781	1,800	1,890	47,613	49,503	50,767	40,000
PNP Crime Laboratory	0	0	0	0	1	77	78	78	1,626
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)	39	1,110	1,149	1,228	8,881	83,854	92,735	106,079	451,492
San Lazaro Hospital (SLH)	7	61	68	84	622	11,420	12,042	14,135	8,140
Singapore Diagnostics	23	176	199	199	540	4,847	5,387	5,580	2,400
Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC)	14	433	447	450	439	9,547	9,986	12,520	40,000
St. Luke's Medical Center - BGC (SLMC-BGC)	1	152	153	155	1,011	11,540	12,551	15,819	21,000
St. Luke's Medical Center - Q.C. (SLMC-QC)	7	38	45	82	1,265	5,580	6,845	9,473	4,714
Teresita Jalandoni Provincial Hospital	No Submission as of 4PM				1	19	20	20	9,750
The Medical City (TMC)	5	102	107	122	700	4,762	5,462	6,090	842
Tropical Disease Foundation	0	12	12	14	0	46	46	52	905
UP National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH)	15	159	174	200	1,488	8,961	10,449	11,435	23,417
UP-Philippine Genome Center	0	0	0	0	540	3,271	3,811	3,981	5,482
UP Molecular Laboratory	16	266	282	282	305	3,137	3,442	3,657	1,245
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMC)	59	95	154	173	3,051	16,392	19,443	21,603	20,748
Victoriano Luna - AFRIMS	0	23	23	25	13	2,204	2,217	2,270	0
Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC)	2	220	222	229	127	13,952	14,079	15,584	21,520
ZCMC-DA Satellite Laboratory	1	23	24	24	24	1,114	1,138	1,263	4,224
<b>GeneXpert Laboratories</b>									
Bataan General Hosp. & Medical Center GeneXpert Laboratory	0	36	36	36	0	206	206	206	962
Bicol Medical Center GeneXpert Laboratory	0	0	0	0	1	186	187	207	1,350
Cagayan Valley CHD GeneXpert Laboratory	0	24	24	24	0	584	584	584	838
Cotabato Reg'l Medical Ctr. GeneXpert Lab.	2	1	3	3	25	460	485	499	1,539
Davao Reg'l Medical Center GeneXpert Lab.	0	28	28	28	1	195	196	198	995
Dr. Arturo Pingoy Medical Center GeneXpert Laboratory	0	12	12	12	0	12	12	12	1,401
Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital & Sanitarium (TALA) GeneXpert Lab.	18	21	39	41	70	128	198	206	1,408
Lung Center of the Phil. GeneXpert Lab.	4	22	26	28	210	1,151	1,361	1,381	2,099
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital GeneXpert Lab.	0	12	12	12	0	26	26	26	1,164
Northern Mindanao Med. Ctr. GeneXpert Lab.	1	19	20	20	16	380	396	399	1,307
Ospital ng Palawan GeneXpert Laboratory	0	1	1	1	1	70	71	71	705
Tondo Medical Center GeneXpert Laboratory	4	21	25	31	46	202	248	254	991
Zamboanga City Med. Ctr GeneXpert Lab.	0	16	16	16	122	1,075	1,197	1,205	173
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>10,090</b>	<b>29,201</b>	<b>387,000</b>	<b>416,201</b>	<b>451,625</b>	<b>842,043</b>

CUMULATIVE DATA AS OF June 8, 2020

Disclaimer: Unique individuals should still be taken as approximate, since there is still the possibility that the same individual could have been counted twice if they took more than one test on different days or even across different labs

29,201 (7%)

Total Positive Individuals

\*total includes both validated and unvalidated cases

416,201

Total Unique Individuals Tested

451,625

Total Tests Conducted



COVID-19 PHILIPPINE SITUATIONER #043 (JUNE 9, 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		
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		
Hi-Precision Diagnostics (QC)		
Tropical Disease Foundation		
PNP Crime Laboratory		
National Kidney and Transplant Institute		
Safeguard DNA Diagnostics		
Philippine Red Cross-Port Area		
Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center	CAR	
Ilocos Training Regional Medical Center	I	
J B. Lingad Memorial Hospital	III	
De La Salle University - Cavite	IV-A	
Lucena United Doctors Hospital and Medical Center		
Ospital ng Imus		
Bicol Regional Diagnostic and Reference Laboratory	V	
Western Visayas Medical Center	VI	
Teresita Jalandoni Provincial Hospital		
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	
Davao One World Diagnostic Center Inc.	XI	
Southern Philippines Medical Center		
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital	I	IV
Bataan General Hospital	III	
Northern Mindanao TB Regional Center	X	
ABC Clinical Laboratory	NCR	III
Fe del Mundo Medical Center		
Philippine Children's Medical Center		
Quirino Memorial Medical Center		
University of Perpetual Help System Dalta		
San Miguel Foundation Testing Laboratory		
Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center	CAR	
Parkway Medical and Diagnostic Center		
Cagayan Valley Medical Center	II	
Southern Isabela Medical Center		
The Medical City - Clark	III	
Green City Medical Center		
Philippine Red Cross Clark Molecular Laboratory		
Philippine Red Cross - Logistics and Training Center		
Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center		
Qualimed Hospital SJDM		

FACILITY NAME	REGION	STAGE
Laguna Provincial Hospital - San Pablo City District Hospital	IV-A	III
San Pablo College Medical Center		
Calamba Medical Center		
Batangas Medical Center		
Qualimed Hospital Sta. Rosa		
Ospital ng Lipa		
University of the Philippines - Los Baños		
Adela Serra TY Memorial Medical Center	CARAGA	
CARAGA Regional Hospital		
Bacolod Queen of Mercy Hospital	VI	
Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital		
Western Visayas State University Medical Center		
Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital		
Metro Iloilo Hospital and Medical Center, Inc. Covid-19 Testing Lab.		
Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial Medical Center (Bohol)	VII	
Northern Mindanao Medical Center	X	
Polymedic Medical Plaza		
Cotabato Regional Medical Center	XII	

FACILITY NAME (RT-PCR using Gene Xpert)	REGION	STAGE		
Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital	I	V		
Cagayan Valley CHD TB Reference Laboratory	II			
Bataan General Hospital	III			
Dr. Jose B. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium (TALA)	NCR			
Lung Center of the Philippines				
Tondo Medical Center				
Ospital ng Palawan	IV-B			
Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital				
Bicol Medical Center	V			
Zamboanga City Medical Center	IX			
Northern Mindanao Medical Center	X			
Davao Regional Medical Center	XI			
Cotabato Regional Medical Center	XII			
Dr. Arturo P. Pingoy Medical Center				
Regional 1 Medical Center	I	IV		
Batangas Medical Center	IV-A			
Cordillera Hospital of Divine Grace	CAR	III		
Ilocos Training Regional Medical Center	I			
Cagayan Valley Medical Center	II			
Central Luzon Doctor's Hospital	III			
President Ramon Magsaysay Provincial Hospital				
Bulacan Medical Center				
Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc.- Quezon Institute	NCR		III	
San Lazaro Hospital				
Tropical Disease Foundation				
Philippine Heart Center				
Amang Rodriguez Memorial Center				
Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center				
East Avenue Medical Center				
Las Piañas General Hospital				
Rizal Medical Center				
St. Luke's Medical Center - BGC (HB)				
St. Luke's Medical Center- QC				
The Medical City - Ortigas				
Rakkk Prophet Medical Center Inc.				IV-A
Sta. Rosa CHO				

FACILITY NAME (RT-PCR using Gene Xpert)	REGION	STAGE
Batangas Medical Center	IV-A	III
Occidental Mindoro Provincial Hospital	IV-B	
Western Visayas Medical Center (WVMC)	VI	
Butuan Medical Center	CARAGA	
Davao Doctors' Hospital	XI	
Davao TB Reference Laboratory		

STATUS OF LABORATORY LICENSING

As of June 08, 2020

41 NO. OF LICENSED RT-PCR LABORATORIES

14 NO. OF LICENSED GENEXPERT LABORATORIES

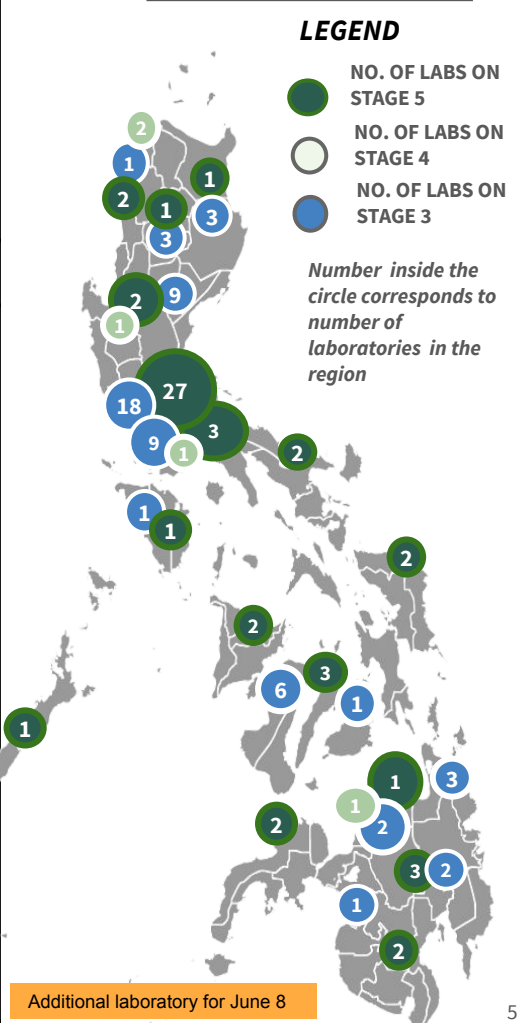
143 TOTAL NO. OF LABORATORY APPLICATIONS\*

119 TOTAL NO. OF LABORATORIES STAGE 3 AND ABOVE\*

83% % LABS ON STAGE 3 AND ABOVE\*

NUMBER OF STAGE 3 to 5 LABORATORIES IN THE COUNTRY

\*Facilities using GeneXpert machines included.



Additional laboratory for June 8

# Goal: Increase Resilience, Stop Transmission, Reduce Contact

## BEHAVIORAL MESSAGES OF THE DAY

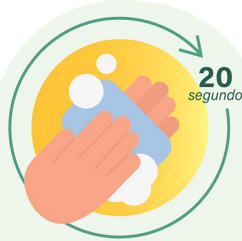
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- As the country ushers in the New Normal era, minimum health standards are essential to keep everyone healthy and safe. Though handwashing used to be taken for granted, doing it frequently and properly should now be a part of our daily lives.
- As a general precaution, everyone is advised to use face masks and to practice hand hygiene, proper coughing manners, and physical distancing. In [hotels and inns](#), it is important to observe minimum health standards to avoid possible spread of disease. Unnecessary visits and stay-ins are also discouraged.
- To bolster our immunity to diseases, the public is encouraged to maintain a healthy diet, exercise regularly, and refrain from vices.
- Whenever we are trying to explain the current situation to the elderly, let us try to extend our patience and understanding. They are after all, as anxious as the rest of us—patience and kindness go a long way.
- If you need a professional who can talk about your mental health, call the National Center for Mental Health hotlines: 0917-899-USAP (8727) or (02) 7 989-USAP (8727).

Ano ang **New Normal?**  
#NewNormal #BagongBuhay

Patuloy na binabago ng COVID-19 ang ating buhay. Halimbawa, dati ay maaaring hindi tayo sanay na maghugas ng kamay ng 20 segundo, ngunit ngayon ay kinakailangan na ito.

**Ang mga bagong kaugalian na ito na resulta ng COVID-19 ang tinatawag nating New Normal.**



**BRAIN BREAK TIP**

Maging matiyaga, malinaw, at magalang tuwing nagbibigay ng impormasyon sa matatanda tungkol sa COVID-19.

Maaaring maging mas matindi ang pagkabalisa ng mga matatanda tungkol sa COVID-19.



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

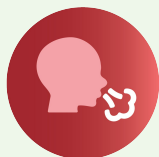
These are the SEVERE SYMPTOMS you need to watch out for:



**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**

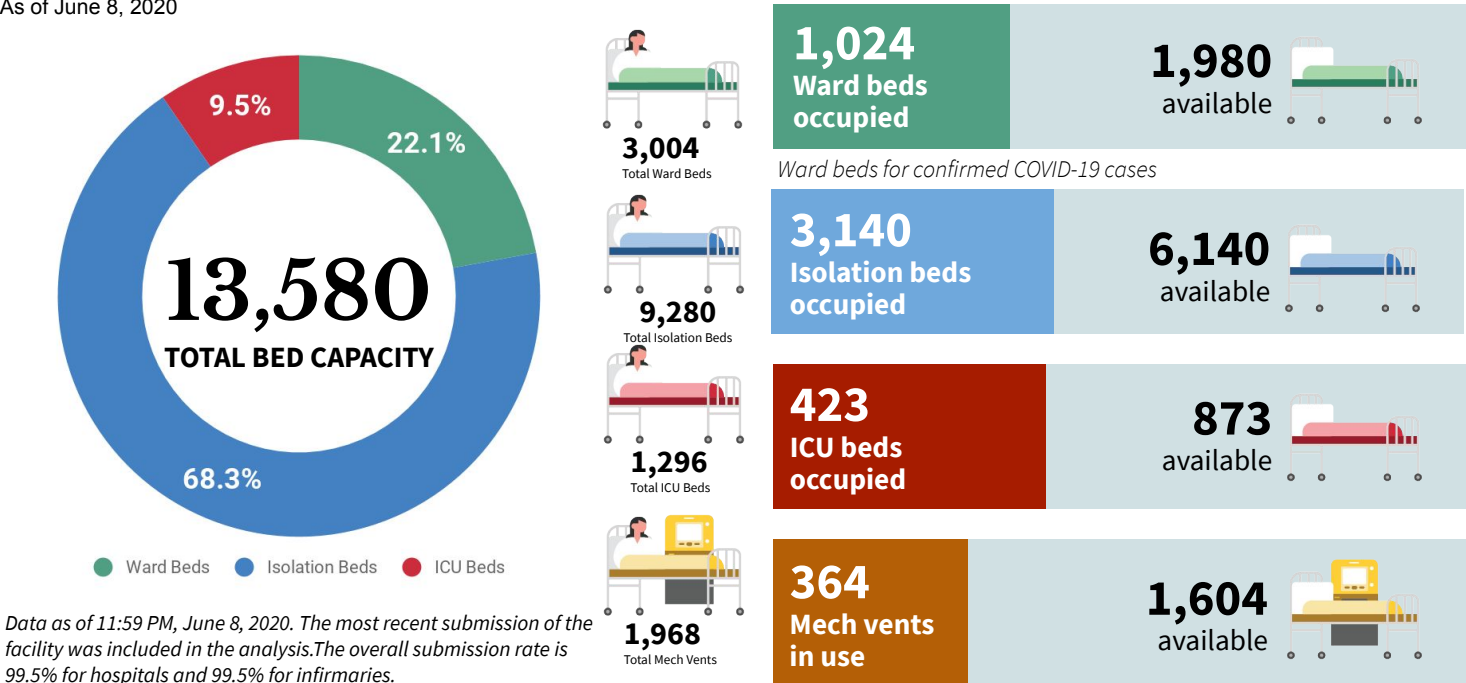
In case you experience any of the following severe symptoms, call your **Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT)** immediately. They will refer you to the appropriate facility close to your residence.



# 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.  
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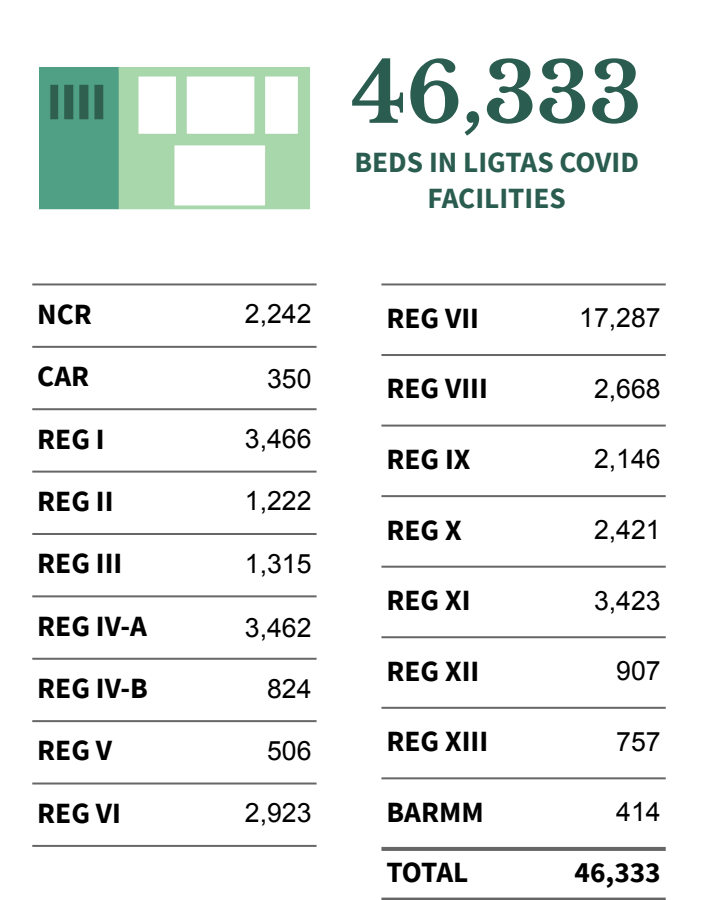


Data as of 11:59 PM, June 8, 2020. The most recent submission of the facility was included in the analysis. The overall submission rate is 99.5% for hospitals and 99.5% for infirmaries.

## DEDICATED BEDS FOR COVID-19 CASES IN TTMFs

As of June 8, 2020

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



## MEGA LIGTAS AND LIGTAS COVID-19 FACILITIES

As of June 8, 2020

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



REGION	TTMF	Beds
NCR	PICC	294
NCR	World Trade Center	494
NCR	Las Pinas Rehab Center	55
NCR	Quezon Institute	112
NCR	ULTRA Stadium	132
NCR	Rizal Memorial Coliseum	97
NCR	Ninoy Aquino Stadium	112
REG III	ASEAN Convention Center	150
REG III	NCC NGAC	668
REG III	Philippine Arena	300
REG III	Filinvest	108
REG III	Mega TRC	488
REG IV-A	Alta de Tagaytay	30
REG IV-A	Alonte Sports Arena	150
TOTAL		3,190

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER HEALTH EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED

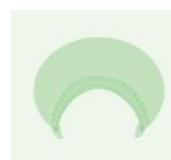
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**1,338,111**  
Coveralls



**788,926**  
Face Shields



**1,421,955**  
Head caps



**7,968,450**  
Face Masks



**2,928,470**  
Gloves



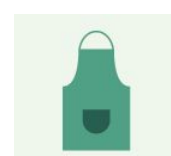
**2,937**  
Thermal Scanners



**1,316,072**  
Gowns



**892,268**  
Goggles



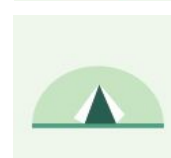
**428,000**  
Aprons



**1,264,080**  
Kn95  
**417,334**  
N95



**55**  
Non-invasive Ventilators



**10**  
Sanitation Tents

## OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE REPORT

June 8, 2020

Partner		Status Update
Health System Enhancement to Address and Limit (HEAL) COVID-19 Project	Partner: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Period of Implementation: 3 Years (From 2020-2022)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOH has submitted the additional documents needed by NEDA-ICC in the evaluation of the project proposal. Deliberation on the proposal by the NEDA Technical Board is scheduled on Wednesday, 10 June 2020.</li> <li>With regard to the hiring of temporary administrative assistants for relevant DOH Offices (HFEP, BIHC and PS), HFEP and BIHC has already approved the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the staff, while PS is yet to provide feedback on the TOR for the staff to be assigned to them.</li> </ul>
Philippines COVID-19 Emergency Response Project	Partner: World Bank Period of Implementation: 45 months (from April 2020-December 2023) Total Project Amount: USD 100 million or Php 5,090,000,000 (Php 50.9 Exchange Rate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted to FMS the revised WFP of the Project containing the USD 100 million, as well as the Monthly Disbursement Program (MDP) for C.Y. 2020. These documents are needed to be submitted by DOH to DBM for the release of the Allotment Cover for C.Y. 2020.</li> <li>Revised the BF Form 203 for C.Y. 2021 and for signature of Usec MCV as attachment to the WFP.</li> <li>Reviewed the different components of the Project Operation Manual (POM) in coordination with FMS, DPCB, PS and SCMO. All the inputs were considered but still awaiting for the final inputs of PS for submission to WB on Monday (8 June 2020).</li> <li>Followed up with DPCB the specifications for PPEs and its component, but still has no response.</li> <li>Coordinated with BIHC Administrative Unit on the finalization of the List of qualified applicants for the Project, so they could start with their interview and be evaluation. In connection with the Hiring Process, prepared the Contract of Service upon DBM issuance of Allotment Cover for C.Y. 2020.</li> <li>Disseminated the draft Environmental and Social Protection Framework (ESPF) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). Virtual meeting was set on June 11, 2020 to concerned DOH offices</li> </ul>
Strengthening Philippine Data Systems for Evidence Based Strategies for the COVID-19 Response	Partner: Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Department of Finance (DOF) Period of Implementation: 6 months (16 March 15 September 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DOH and ADB agreed that the remaining USD 500,000 grand will be used in the procurement of testing kits: 1. Cepheid Xpert Xpress Sars Cov 2 test kits 2. BGI additional testing kits Note: Procurement process is for finalization.</li> <li>Letter of DOH to DOF for the confirmation of the Policy Matrix is still for signature, pending vetting of the DOH Policy Actions by HPDPB</li> </ul>





## TREATMENT

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

## FDA UPDATES

In the interest of the public health and safety, the Food and Drug Administration has released on March 20, 2020, FDA Advisory NO. 2020-422<sup>1</sup> “Updated list of notified hand sanitizers and registered topical antiseptics and antibacterials”.

The public is hereby enjoined to be vigilant in the purchase and use of these types of products in light of proliferation of unregistered/unnotified products that are offered for sale in the market especially during this time when a state of calamity has been declared due to COVID-19 threat in the country.

## POLICY IN-FOCUS

Due to the current pandemic in Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), there is an increase demand for more laboratories to do real-time Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) to detect Severe Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome-Coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2). One of the requirements for the licensing of a COVID-19 testing laboratory is for all of its personnel to have trainings in biosafety and biosecurity.

To give guidance the Department of Health has issued Department Circular No. 2020-0173<sup>2</sup> “Designation of the National Training Center for Biosafety and Biosecurity of the National Institutes of Health, University of the Philippines Manila as a Training Provider for Biosafety and Biosecurity”

Check the FAQs [here](#)

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## Resources

- FDA Advisory No. 2020-422  
<https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FDA-Advisory-No.2020-422.pdf>
- DC No. 2020-0173  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ml6STBEgHF7GsrlvAl5sRDUQfOsLZd7V/view>

#### ERRATA FOR SITUATIONER #043:

Age-Sex Distribution Graph: X-axis has already been corrected to represent the highest number in the graph. Colors for the legend were restored from the original color for consistency purposes. The meaning of ODA was reflected under the “ODA Report”. The inclusion of the number of bed capacity was reflected in the graph upon request of the Secretary of Health for better appreciation.

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