

# Bacoor LGU pushes for herd immunity, opens new vaccination hub

**BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA)** -- In a bid to inoculate more Bacooreños with the arrival of the next batch of CoViD-19 vaccine supply from the Department of Health (DOH), the city government here recently opened an additional vaccination hub at the Niog Elementary School.

A total of 328 residents under the A2 and A3 priority groups were vaccinated during the said launching activity.

Likewise, simultaneous vaccination activities conducted at the Bacoor Coliseum and at the Alima Elementary School vaccination hubs gave out 350 and 329 vaccine jabs respectively for a total of 1,007 senior citizens and those with comorbidity residents vaccinated on May 1, 2021.

The turnout of residents for the vaccination is due to the intensified information campaign for the CoViD-19 vaccination program by the city government which changed the general perception of the residents particularly the senior citizens in the city from hesitation to trust.

"Nandito kami ngayon para magpabakuna laban sa CoViD-19. Taliwas sa mga unang napapabalita tungkol sa vaccine tungkol sa mga namamatay, mas minabuti nang mag-ing protektado laban sa CoViD-19," a female senior citizen resident proudly said.

(We are here today to get vaccinated against CoViD-19. Contrary to initial reports about the deaths from the vaccine, it is better to be protected against CoViD-19.)

As of May 1, 2021, records show a total of 8,074

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City Government of Imus

## First reproductive health pantry opened at Imus City

The city's first ever reproductive health pantry opened for Imuseños at Velarde Health Center, Brgy. Medicion 1-C. The pantry is open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

## DepEd to accept early enrollees for SY 2021-2022 until May

With more than four million learners already signed up for the next school year, the Department of Education has announced that parents can still register their children until the end of May.

Around 4.3M learners in Kindergarten, Grade 1, 7, and 11 were able to register for School Year 2021-2022 before the official early registration period ended. The Department has decided to extend the cam-

paign until the end of this month.

"We will continue to accept early registrants until the end of May to give you more time to register," explained Undersecretary

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## SC OFFICES PHYSICALLY OPEN DURING MECQ

**MANILA** -- The Supreme Court (SC) will be physically open until May 14, 2021, despite adjusted work arrangements in lower courts during the modified enhanced community quarantine period (MECQ).

SC Spokesperson Brian Keith Hosaka clarified that "only the SC offices are physically open".

"The other courts (covered by the MECQ) are to remain physically closed," he said.

All offices in the Supreme Court shall be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 3 to 14, 2021, read

the order of Clerk of Court Marife Cuevas and approved by Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo.

Adjusted work arrangements in courts lower than the SC, including physical closure in select areas, were extended last week following the declaration of another period of MECQ.

Under the advisory, the seven-day extension under previous issuances for the filing and service of pleadings, motions, and other court submission with the Supreme Court started Monday. The National Cap-

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## Villanueva: Manggagawang Pilipino, dapat 'biggest winner' sa recovery programs ng gobyerno

Mabilis na makakabangon ang bansa sa kinasasadlakan nitong kahirapan dulot ng pandemya kapag tugunan ng pamahalaan ang lahat ng pangangailangan ng manggagawang Pilipino, lalo na sa aspeto ng ayuda at bakuna, kasama na ang mga pagsasanay para sumabak sa "new normal."

"Dahil manggagawa po ang higit sa lahat na pinadapa at naging pina-ka-apektado, marapat lamang na manggagawa rin ang higit na makinabang sa recovery programs ng gobyerno at makaranas ng

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NEWS UPDATE

## PhilHealth reiterates warning against health insurance fraud

State health insurer, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) strongly advises health care providers not to engage in unethical acts such as upcasing of claims.

The Agency received various reports relating to health care providers colluding with patients to declare minor respiratory symptoms as COVID-19 case for higher benefit reimbursements.

In view of the increase in reports of claims manipulation, state health insurer urges patients and their families to directly report such illegal acts to PhilHealth.

The Agency is likewise calling on the public to be vigilant of such acts and fully cooperate with PhilHealth by providing proofs to support the investigation.

"We call on the public to cooperate with us to immediately curtail these wrongdoings. We should protect the National Health Insurance fund, because it is a public fund, it is your money," PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Dante A. Gierran said. PhilHealth assures whistleblowers that complete confidentiality of reports as well as their protection will be given as provided by law.

To further strengthen its campaign against unlawful acts, PhilHealth has earlier initiated collaborations with the National Bureau of Investigation to detect, deter, and prosecute fraud committed by hospitals and professionals.

The state health insurance chief stressed that he will not tolerate deceitful practices made by some providers in order to take advantage of the uncertainties brought about by the pandemic.

"PhilHealth shall not hesitate to use full force of the law to those caught engaging in these illegal practices," he said.

The public may send their reports pertaining to these fraudulent acts through email at whistleblower@philhealth.gov.ph; actioncenter@philhealth.gov.ph; and opceo@philhealth.gov.ph or by mail addressed to the Office of the Corporate Secretary, Room 1711, 17th Floor Citystate Centre, 709 Shaw Blvd., Pasig City. ###

## Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON Drip Irrigation Technology: Enhancing Productivity and Engaging Farmer in Sustainable Food Production

Modernization is one of the eight (8) paradigms to level up Agriculture espoused by the Department of Agriculture for a food-secure Philippines. To address the need of small farmers and urban gardeners alike for modern technology, MoCA Family Farm RLearning Center Inc., a Private Extension Service Provider (ESP) of the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON, conducted the Training on Drip Irrigation Technology for Improved Crop Production. A total of 25 individuals participated in the online training.

The Training on Drip Irrigation Technology for Improved Crop Production aims to educate and train participants with basic knowledge in designing, installing, maintaining and scheduling a drip irrigation scheme to improve crop production for a more profitable and sustainable farm. Aside from lecture-discussion, participants also experienced face-to-face hands-on exercises following the health and safety protocols.

"I am very much happy that I have attended this well-structured workshop because it helped me a lot in understanding the importance, fundamentals, and the science behind drip irrigation technology. Not only that, but it gave me actionable insights that I can apply immediately", impression shared by Mr. Deo M. Danguilan, one of the participants who successfully completed the training.

On the last day of the training, Ms. Marites Piamonte-Cosico, Center Director of ATI CALABARZON graced the virtual graduation. She emphasized the importance of being persistent, "Isa sa mga mahahalagang katangian ng isang Entrepreneur ay ang pagiging persistent o pagiging matiyaga at determinado. Isa ito sa pinakamahalagang life skill sa buhay ng tao. Patunay na nga kayong dalawampu't limang mga kalahok na di natinag sa

### THREE MODULAR...FROM PAGE 5

DOH-CALABARZON (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas Rizal Quezon) Assistant Secretary Paula Paz M. Sydiongeo thanked the DPWH for the completion of the project. "This will greatly benefit the hospital as sit will increase its bed-capacity with an additional 10 rooms for intensive care units and 21 rooms for isolation and monitoring of mild Covid symptoms.

"The facility will be under the supervision and management of BatMC. The DOH central office has already provided the necessary medical equipment for the facility. For the part of the regional office, we will provide augmentation, especially human resource including doctors and nurses and other staff," she emphasized.

Batangas Medical Center Chief Ramoncito C. Magnaye also extended his grateful appreciation to DPWH for increasing the capacity of the hospital by building off-site health care facilities for treating COVID-19 patients.

"The Covid-19 modular facilities at BatMC will help accommodate possible surge of Covid cases in the province including patients from adjacent provinces of Laguna, Cavite and Quezon," he added.

## MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA

### UPDATES ON THE CARMONA COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM AS OF MAY 1

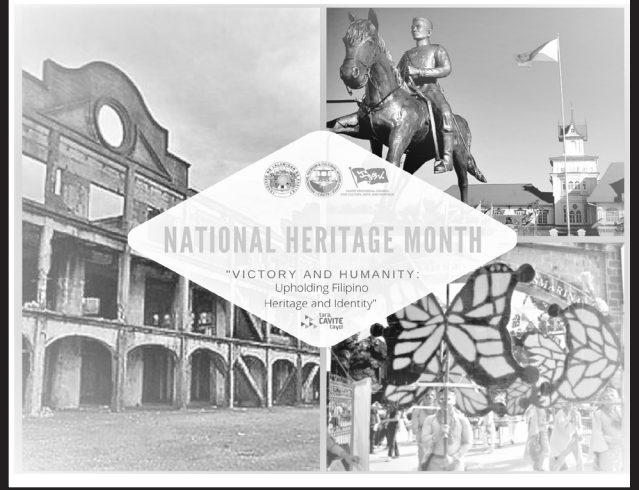
1. Sinimulan na ang pagbibigay ng FIRST DOSE ng Sinovac para sa mga SENIOR CITIZEN (A2).  
Tinataya na nasa 750 senior citizens ang mababakunahan mula ngayon hanggang sa susunod na mga araw.  
Nais ipaunawa sa lahat na ang bilang ng mga binabakunahan ay nakadepende sa bilang ng bakuna na dumarating mula sa national government. Pinapakiusapan ang iba pang senior citizen na maghintay ng text o tawag mula sa MHO para sa inyong schedule kapag dumating na ang SUSUNOD NA BATCH ng bakuna.
  2. Isasagawa na ang pagbibigay ng SECOND DOSE sa PERSONS WITH COMORBIDITY (A3) na NABIGYAN NA ng FIRST DOSE ng Sinovac.  
Magaganap ito sa May 3 - 6, 7 AM to 4 PM, sa Carmona Community Center, Barangay Cabilang Baybay. Tingnan lamang sa inyong VACCINATION CARD kung kailan ang petsa ng inyong pagtanggap ng second dose.
  3. Hindi pa nagbubukas ng registration para sa general population. Sa ngayon ay inuuna muna ang priority groups.
- Basahin din ang pahayag ni Mayor Roy M. Loyola para sa ilang klaripikasyon: <https://www.facebook.com/AttyRoyMLoyola/posts/3874770645932251>  
Para sa mga katanungan, tumawag sa mga numerong ito: (046)443-5397, (046)430-3072, 09175220427, 09568976299, 09153748460.

## City Government of General Trias



Distribution of Cash Assistance from the National Government to the beneficiaries from Barangay Biclatan, Buenavista II, Navarro, Pasong Camachile I and San Francisco belonging to DSWD SAP recently. This is according to the target beneficiaries of Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 of DILG, DSWD and DND.

## MAY is National Heritage Month



## BACOR LGU...P1

Bacoreños inoculated with the 1st dose of the CoViD-19 vaccines. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the City Government of Bacoor FB page)

## DA-4A distributes P12.4M agri interventions in Lipa City

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) --The Department of Agriculture Region IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) distributed a total of P12,398,697 worth of various agricultural interventions to farmers' associations and cooperatives, civil society organizations, and the local government of Lipa City on April 28, 2021 at Lipa Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Brgy. Marauoy, Lipa City, Batangas.

Agri interventions that include urban mushroom production package, three community garden packages, greenhouse with hydroponics technology, mango production package, corn and cassava production packages, food supply chain financial assistance,

## TRECE TEAM AYUDA NOONG MAY 2 AT 3 SA HUGO PEREZ



This is the last barangay of our Team Ayuda. When I went around, I heard many stories and my countrymen saw them, some received and some didn't, some got angry but some are also happy.

Joining us in distribution is an effective way for me, through this I can afford Barangay Officials, HOAs and the citizens themselves. Even though the actions are limited because we have to follow the health protocol, we are trying to communicate with them and if they have questions, we are quickly responding.

On my Facebook page, all the comments were positive, I can read and understand all of this.

While Tean Ayuda is busy in distribution, each government staff will continue to arrange to reach all our countrymen, because after this we will follow the distribution of aid for approved grievances / appeals Submitted by barangays to City G & A committee. Please wait for my announcement about this.

I know that all of us are suffering because of the pandemic, and the help from the National Government is really a great help to all of us. Indeed, everyone is affected. We are working hard to reach all the Treceños, that's why we ask you for unity and understanding.

The Government may not be perfect. Expect us to serve honestly to the people and have a heart for the people. After the distribution expected to end tomorrow May 5, 2021 we will release a complete list of beneficiaries (households) per barangay and summary for the Transparency of our Aid Program.

## Church offers use of...FROM P6

Punzalan calls on the public to help with the project thru donations of hospital beds, oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, and other useful medical equipment.

The project for the conversion of the school building into isolation facility is a partnership between LGU Tanza, the DOH, and other civic organizations which is targeted to be opened this month of May. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Balitang Tanzeño FB Live)



# DPWH Delivers Support Infra to Healthcare System, Starts 110-Bed Hospital Project at Lung Center

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has stepped up to the challenges posed by COVID-19 by rapidly putting up infrastructure to support the healthcare system for the welfare of the Filipino people.

DPWH Secretary and Chief Isolation Czar Mark A. Villar revealed that as of end of April 2021, the DPWH has built 662 units of various health facilities with 24,513 bed capacity nationwide to support countrywide

healthcare demand.

Secretary Villar said that capacity expansion is on-going at the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP) compound in Quezon Avenue, Quezon City to cope with the increase in number of patients brought by the climb of case for people infected with COVID-19.

Secretary Villar together with his formed DPWH Task Force for Augmentation of Local/Health Facility headed by Under-

secretary Emil K. Sadain inspected on Friday, April 30, 2021 the newly started modular hospital project at LCP which is in addition to the one (1) ICU type facility with 16-bed capacity turned over on November 2020.

In his briefing, Undersecretary Sadain said that the on-going project covers the construction of four (4) typical designed with 88 beds and one (1) intensive care unit (ICU) type modular hospital with 22 beds or a

total of 110-bed capacity.

The project is extremely significant since the LCP received the most number of patients with respiratory conditions and these five (5) cluster units of off-site hospital will augment existing treatment facility for moderate, severe and critical COVID-19 patients, added Undersecretary Sadain.

Also present during the inspection are members of the DPWH Task Force Technical Working Group namely Director Aristarco

Doroy and Assistant Director Edgardo Garces of the Bureau of Construction which supervises and implements the project and Mr. Alejandro H. Tengco of Nationstar Development Corporation.

DPWH has also completed ten (10) modular hospital projects with total capacity of 252 beds for COVID-19 treatment and 60 units of off-site dormitories as temporary shelter of about 1,456 healthcare workers.



**Fellow Silanguenos, stop cooking and washing, let's talk first about the aid. I am already negative so I can come to you. That's why I went down earlier and I was so happy when I saw my mother who was in front of me when I went down to Barangay Inchican which is one of the outlets I went to for giving help. According to him, that money will be enough for two weeks of market purchase! We were happy to visit the Barangay of Adlas, San Vicente 2 and Inchican that is scheduled now. We have reached 13,086 individuals and 3,276 families who became part of National Government's financial assistance today. Let's continue to distribute relief in the coming days.**

## EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **NIMIA M. LUBANG, EULOGIO M. GREPO, SPS. FERNANDO L. MOTA & TEODICIA J. MOTA AND RENATO L. MOTA**, consisting of a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Santol, Tanza, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-50354, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate with Deed of Absolute Sale by and among the heris, as per Doc. No. 353, Page No. 72, Book No. 239, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Diosdado A. Macabutas. Sgd. By all the heirs

CN: May 3, 10 & 17, 2021

## AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the deceased **PILAR MELO**, consisting of a parcel of land situated at Anabu, Imus City, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-89821, has been the subject of an Affidavit of Self-Adjudication executed by the sole heir **ALFREDO S. JIMENEZ**, as per Doc. No. 10, Page No. 03, Book No. LXXXVII, Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Marvyn L. Maristela.

Sgd. By the sole heir

CN: May 3, 10 & 17, 2021

## SC OFFICES...FROM P1

ital Region, Rizal, Bulacan, Cavite, and Laguna, will be under MECQ until May 14, and until May 31 in Quirino and Abra provinces and Santiago City in Isabela.

In Administrative Circular No. 29-2021 dated April 30, Gesmundo said all first and second level courts, and appellate collegiate courts and their judicial officers in the areas "shall continue to be physically closed until May 14".

## DepEd to accept... FROM P1

for Planning, and Human Resource and Organizational Development Jesus Mateo.

During the Early Registration campaign this whole month of April, the Department tallied 933,073 kindergarten, 1,502,900 Grade 1, 1,069,856 Grade 7, and 809,217 Grade 11 learners for a total of 4,315,046.

CALABARZON recorded the highest number of registered learners at 437,561, followed by Central Visayas (395,830) and Western Visayas (365,361), according to the May 6 monitoring report.

"We are very happy with the outcome of our early registration. It surpasses our expectations when it comes to the number of learners and parents willing to start or continue their studies. Amidst the current situation, this only shows how important education is to our stakeholders," Secretary of Education Lenor Magtolis Briones said.

For the safety of learners, parents, and personnel, the Department has conducted its early registration by utilizing communication platforms like Facebook chats, text messaging, and drop-boxes in schools or barangays.

"Achieving 92% within the period compared to last year, for us, is already a great achievement. This is despite the challenges like restrictions and internet connection issues of parents," Usec. Mateo noted.

## Provincial Government of Cavite

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The Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) thru the Cooperative Division is inviting your cooperative to our **ON-LINE COOPERATIVE BUSINESS CLINIC- (ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS APPROACH)** on **May 11, 2021 (Tuesday) 8:30AM**. This aims to assist primary Cooperatives in preparation of the **NEW GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT REPORT** and provide recommendation and assistance.

Please see attached invitation. Kindly click the link below for confirmation:

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**Facebook page: PCLEDO – Cooperative Division**


**or contact Ms. Dianne Matel at 0922-925-3108.**

**Thank you and Stay safe!**



Provincial Government of Cavite  
through Provincial Cooperative Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office






**ON-LINE COOPERATIVE BUSINESS CLINIC**  
(ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS APPROACH)

OBJECTIVE:  
TO AID IN THE PREPARATION OF GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT REPORT (GMAR)

TARGET PARTICIPANTS:  
GENERAL MANAGER AND AUDIT COMMITTEE



May 11, 2021 (Tuesday), 8:30 a.m.  
via zoom

LIMITED SLOTS ONLY

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## Villanueva: Manggagawan...FROM P2

ployment.

Dagdag pa ng senador, kung ang pagbabatayan lamang ay ang haba ng pila sa mga community pantries sa iba't ibang bahagi ng bansa, makikita na kulang na kulang ang ayuda na natatanggap ng mga Pilipino, lalo na yung mga nawalan ng trabaho.

He said that if the long lines at community pantries - initiated through the kindness of private citizens - were any indication, then Filipino workers are receiving too little aid at a time of great need.

"Araw-araw pong humahaba ang pila sa mga community pantries dahil hindi na lang isang araw ang kailangang maitawid ng ating mga kababayan, kundi ang kanila nang pang-araw-araw. Sinasalamon po nito ang kalagayan ng ating mga manggagawang nawalan ng trabaho, mga no-work-no-pay, lalo na po ang mga nasa informal sector," ikinalungkot ni Villanueva.

"Naniniwala po tayo na may kakayahan ang gobyernong magbigay ayon sa kanyang mandato, pananagutan at kapangyarihan. Ang kailangan po natin ngayon ay pantry ng mga trabaho, pantry ng mga ayuda, at pantry ng mga bakuna," anang chair ng Senate labor committee.

"Kailangan pa rin po ng ayuda. Bagamat marami na po ang nabigyan, marami pa rin po ang naghihintay lalo na ang mga nasa informal sector, mga small and medium enterprises, gayundin ang mga kababayan nating magsasaka, mangingisda, at isama na rin natin ang mga magbababoy."

Dahil dito, ikinagalak ni Villanueva ang paglulunsad ng Tulong Trabaho Scholarship Program na makakatulong sa mga manggagawang Pilipino sa kanilang pagpapayabong ng kaalaman para magtrabaho sa panahon ng "new normal." Principal author at sponsor si Villanueva ng Republic Act No. 11230, o Tulong Trabaho law.

Pinuri din ng senador si Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello's sa pagpupursige nitong makahanap ng trabaho para sa mga manggagawa. Sa katunayan, may 27,000 job vacancies ang nakalap ng kagawaran sa mga programa nito tulad ng virtual Trabaho, Negosyo, Kabuhayan Job and Business Fair na idinaos ngayong Labor day.

"Higit sa lahat at sa lalong madaling panahon, kailangang makarating sa braso ng ating mga manggagawa ang bakuna. Bakuna po ang pinakaimportanteng armas natin laban sa pandemya, upang agarang makapagsimula sa muling pagbangon at pag-sulong," sabi ni Villanueva.

"Sa lahat ng manggagawang Pilipino lalo't higit sa ating mga frontliners at essential workers, maraming salamat po. Sa gitna ng panganiib, hindi kayo tumitigil sa pagkayod. Nakatala na po sa ating kasaysayan kung paanong sa giyera ng ating lipunan laban sa pandemya ay kayo ang nanguna sa pagtatanggol sa bayan," dagdag pa niya.

"Sa pinagsama-samang lakas, talino, kasanayan, puso, at determinasyon ng mga manggagawa, walang dahilan upang hindi magiging matagumpay ang Sam-bayanang Pilipino."

## ERRATUM

In the Notice of Published Balance Sheet of Maritime Bank Corporation ( A Rural Bank), as of March 31, 2021, the following are the correct entries:  
1. Total Liabilities- 95,437,819.75  
2. Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity- 126,871,480.88  
3. Return of Equity (ROE) (%) (b.) Tier 1 Ratio (%) - 19.19  
Our apology for the erroneous printing of the Balance Sheet published in the issues of Cavite Ngayon dated April 26-May 2, 2021.  
CN: May 3-9, 2021

## COMELEC releases...P6

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## THREE MODULAR FACILITIES FOR COVID TREATMENT OPENS AT BATANGAS MEDICAL CENTER

Officials from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Health (DOH) on Friday formally opened the three modular treatment facilities for the treatment and management of Covid patients at the Batangas Medical Center (BatMC) in Batangas City.

"The Department of Health extends its utmost gratitude for the DPWH's support and assistance in providing facilities to augment our hospital's need for additional rooms for healthcare service for Covid patients for the province of Batangas," DOH Assistant Secretary Maria Francia M. Laxamana stated.

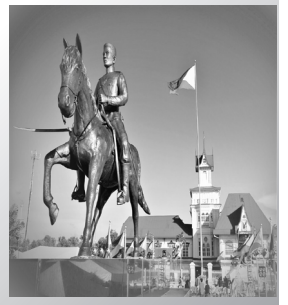
DPWH Batangas 2nd District Engineer Sonia D. Paglicauan said that the agency is currently expanding the capacity of major hospitals through the construction of modular facilities to provide more rooms for treatment and management of people infected with Covid-19.

She added that the off-site modular facilities at the BatMC was made possible through the DPWH Task Force to Facilitate Augmentation of Local/National Health Facilities together with Batangas 2nd District Engineering Office.

"The DPWH has already completed various modular hospitals for Covid-19 treatment in various DOH specialty and retained hospitals including one (1) ICU type with 16-bed capacity at Lung Center of the Philippines; four (4) typical designed and one (1) ICU type modular hospital at Quezon Institute-Philippine Tuberculosis Society Inc (QI-PTSI), Quezon City with a total of 110-bed capacity; one (1) typical designed modular hospital with 22-bed capacity at Dr. Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital and Sanitarium (DJNRMHS), Caloocan City and one (1) typical designed with 21 beds and a 10 bed capacity one (1) ICU type modular hospital at Batangas Medical Center, Batangas City," Paglicauan disclosed.

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## TANZA CAVITE

# Church offers use of school to augment shortage in isolation facilities

**TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA)** -- In the wake of the full use of the isolation facilities in Tanza town, the Catholic Church leaders here offered the St. Augustine High School as additional temporary treatment and monitoring facility for senior citizens and those who have comorbidities.

This initiative of the parish leaders is a welcome measure to help with the current CoViD-19 emergency situation in the municipality.

"It is okay to use the school building since classes are still online," the parish priest said.

It is also unfortunate that the isolation facilities that cater to mild and asymptomatic cases now had to treat patients with pneumonia.

Department of Health (DOH) 4-A Isolation Physician, Dr. Lani Patacsil reported, "Ang dami damping cases ng may pneumonia para nang hospital ang setting ngayon, wala na kaming

choice. Dyan na nagaganap ang gamutan."

(There are numerous cases with pneumonia that it is like a hospital setting now, we don't have a choice. Treatment is being done there.)

Moreover, hospitals could not immediately accommodate admissions with patients' waiting list reaching up to a hundred because of the rate of infection of the disease.

According to Rural Health Officer Dr. Ruth Punzalan, a sad and unfortunate reality is that patients with moderate, severe or critical symptoms who needed to be admitted in the hospital succumb to the disease at home before they could even be hospital-

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## ADVISORY

### SCHEDULE OF COMELEC OFFICES May 2021

	AREAS	PERIOD	VOTER REGISTRATION	VOTER'S CERTIFICATION
1	National Capital Region (NCR)*, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal (NCR Plus)	May 1-14, 2021	CLOSED	
2	Santiago City, Isabela	May 1-31, 2021		
3	Abra			
4	Quirino			
5	Other areas placed under ECQ or MECQ by their respective LGUs for any specific period in the month of May			
6	The rest of the Philippines under GCQ or MGCQ	May 1-31, 2021	OPEN Mondays-Thursdays 8:00 AM-3:00 PM      8:00 AM-5:00 PM	

\*For the duration of the MECQ in NCR Plus and other areas, the COMELEC Office for Overseas Voting (OFOV) in Intramuros, Manila will be attending exclusively to voter registration applicants with urgent travel needs. OFOV may be reached via its official Facebook page ([fb.com/overseasvotingph](https://www.facebook.com/overseasvotingph)), email addresses ([overseasvoting@comelec.gov.ph](mailto:overseasvoting@comelec.gov.ph), [ov.concerns@comelec.gov.ph](mailto:ov.concerns@comelec.gov.ph)) and cellphone numbers (+639050345158 or +639518759882).

## COMELEC releases schedule; voter registration, certification in NCR Plus remain suspended until May 14

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) announced that voter registration remain suspended in the National Capital Region and nearby provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal (NCR Plus) until May 14, 2021 due to the extension of the modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) in said areas.

In an advisory, COMELEC said aside from the NCR Plus areas, the city of Santiago in Isabela and

the provinces of Abra and Quirino COMELEC offices will be closed until May 31.

Likewise, other areas placed under enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) or MECQ by their respective local government units (LGUs) for any specific period in the month of May.

Meanwhile, COMELEC offices in areas under the general community quarantine (GCQ) and modified general communi-

ty quarantine (MGCQ) areas will be open Mondays to Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for voter registration and from 8:00AM to 5:00PM for voter's certification.

COMELEC further announced that the Office for Overseas Voting (OFOV) in Intramuros, Manila will be exclusively to voter registration with urgent travel needs for the duration of the MECQ in NCR Plus and other areas.

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