

DILG TO LGUS, PNP: CLOSE NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is directing local government units (LGUs) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) to strictly enforce the closure of non-essential business establishments while the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) is still being implemented until April 30 in Luzon amidst the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic.

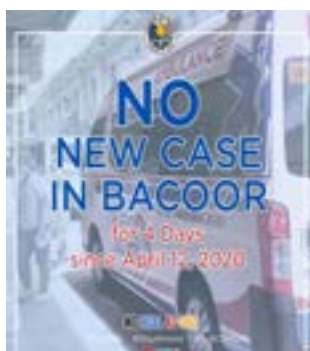
“Make sure that business establishments that are not allowed to operate under IATF guidelines remain closed. The ECQ is still in full force and effect. There is no partial lifting whatsoever. Our country will heal as one if and only if the government, the private sector, and the people stick to the strict enforcement of ECQ,” said DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año.

Several reports, he said, have reached the DILG regarding the opening of some non-essential commercial establishments in some localities.

In DILG Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2020-062, LGUs are enjoined to ensure the closure of business establishments, except those providing or manufacturing basic necessities such as

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APAT NA ARAW NG WALANG NAITALANG BAGONG KASO NG COVID-19 SA LUNGSOD NG BACOR. CLUSTERED PALENGKE DAY EPEKTIBO



BACOR CITY--Maganda ang epekto ng clustering na ginawa sa pagpunta sa Zapote Market. Dahil sa dinagsa ng tao ang Zapote Market noong nakaraang weekend, minabuti ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla na gawing by clusters na ang pagpunta sa Zapote Market. Ngayon ang ikatlong araw ng implementasyon na ito na nagsimula noong April 13.

May kanya-kanyang araw na schedule na ang 73 barangays sa lungsod, at kitang-kita ang magandang epekto nito. Lumalabas na 10 hanggang 12 barangays na lamang ang pinahihintulutan sa isang araw. Nabawasan ang dami ng taong pumunta ngayon sa Zapote Market at patuloy pa din ang pagpapatupad ng Social Distancing. Lahat ay nakasuot ng face masks at may dalang mga quarantine pass.

Maganda ang naging kooperasyong pinakita ng mga Bacooreño. Sa pagka-

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Cavite's mass testing started

TRECE MARCH 10, Cavite (PIA) -- The province of Cavite got its go signal for the mass

testing program with the Department of Health's granting of the level 4 status for the De La Salle



Governor Jonvic Remulla University-Health Science Institute (DLSU-HIS).

Governor Jonvic Remulla was ecstatic with this development giving a shout out for the DLSU medical team's hard work for the facility's accreditation.

"Shout out to DLSU-HIS. They have been amazing with their work."

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BOC ensures continuous flow of goods during ECQ

MANILA,- The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has instituted measures and processes to ensure that flow of goods remain unhampered amidst the period of enhanced community quarantine (ECQ).

Among the measures being done by the Bureau is the continuous search for alternate container yards to be used in transferring Customs-cleared containers. To date, 2738 containers have already been transferred to Pacific Roadlink

Container, Inc. (PRLI), Manila North Harbour Port, Inc. (MNHPI), and Laguna Gateway Inland Terminal (LGIT) to ease yard utilization at the Manila ports.

Movement and transfer of reefer containers are also continuous with the Port of Manila (POM) and Manila International Container Port (MICP) coordinating with respective terminal operators for transfer of reefer vans to storage facilities on lease.

Last week, the

BOC donated 320 containers of rice and 186 reefers of frozen fish to the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) – Department of National Defense (DND). Preparations for withdrawal and distribution are now underway.

The BOC also ordered the disposal of overstaying and forfeited shipments through the condemnation of items not fit for human consumption. The expenses of which shall be shouldered by the shipping lines.

All these measures are being done by the Bureau to ensure that cargo traffic in the ports will remain smooth. Based on the data submitted by the terminal operators, the average utilization rate in MICP and POM for April 2020 is 78% and 63%, respectively.

The Bureau assures its stakeholders and the public that it is doing its best to deliver port services efficiently and expeditiously amidst the threat of COVID-19 pandemic. (BOC)

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CAVITE

MESSAGE NI GOV. REMULLA SA TOTAL LOCKDOWN



Governor Jonvic Remulla

Kinabahan kayo na? As governor I am categorically stating there will be NO total lockdown in the province of Cavite in the foreseeable future. Unless given instructions by the Office of the President, I will not implement a total lockdown.

- Hinde po magsasara ang mga palengke, talipapa, grocery, drug store, banko, pawnshop, o remittance center.

- I repeat, there will no forced closure of wet markets, groceries, banks, pawn shops, or remittance centers.

- The ECQ remains in effect and the PNP, baranagays, and other officials will continue to enforce the existing laws and provisions.

The only way to get through this is social distancing, enforced quarantines, discipline, and cooperation. The province will be aggressive in implementing a mass testing program that will not only cover us, but our neighbouring provinces as well. There are no borders in pandemics. Kung kailangan ng tulong ng ating mga karatig na Lalawigan ay hanggang sa kanila ay aabot ang mass testing natin.

I will not be posting tomorrow because I will be meeting with the DLSU-HSI regarding the full scale operation of our testing facility. We will also finalise our order of testing. There is no vaccine yet. There is no sure cure yet. The best we can do is to test, isolate, mitigate, and test some more. We are developing an App and ID system to better help us w contact tracing and test histories.

Stay well. We fight as 1 and we win as 1.

DepEd, pinag-aaralan na ang pag-usad ng pagbubukas ng klase sa susunod na school year dahil sa COVID-19

Inihayag ng pamunuan ng Department of Education o DepEd na pinag-aaralan na nila ngayon ang posibleng pag-usad ng pagbubukas ng klase para sa school year 2020-2021.

Ayon kay DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones, sa ngayon ay nagsasagawa na sila ng

survey at kinukunsulta na rin nila ang mga magulang at ang kumunidad ukol dito.

Kung sakali mausad ang school calendar para sa school year 2020-2021, marami ang masasagasaan na mga holidays gaya ng Holy week at mga fiesta. Dagdag pa niya

na magiging permanent na ito kung magkakaroon ng adjustment sa school calendar para sa susunod na school year.

Pero iginiit niya na mas mahalaga pa rin sa kanila ang nilalaman ng school curriculum.

Sa ngayon, ang home school at DepEd Commons na isang on-

line education platform ng kagawaran ang tinitingnan na pansamantalang pamamaraan ng pagtuturo sa mga bata kung sakaling palawigin pa ang Enhanced Community Quarantine at kung lumala pa ang sitwasyon ng Coronavirus sa bansa./DEPED facebook

MALIGAYANG KAARAWAN PO SA INYO MAYOR LANI MERCADO REVILLA APRIL 13, 2020



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ATIGalabarzon

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ATI in CALABARZON brings 'ATI@Home'



PHOTO:ATI's Extension Service Provider, Mr. Brian Belen of ABF Integrated Farms and Agribusiness Center Inc. demonstrates proper labeling of seeds planted for home container gardens.

stakeholders despite the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the country. Agricultural Technologies thru Internet at Home, more commonly known as ATI@Home, is a brainchild activity of the Center which aims to bring agriculture to people's homes.

Belen on growing one's food said, "ECQ has given us the time and opportunity to really look at our situation and see how we can do better."

The first of the series of ATI@Home is about container gardening. Belen discussed the principles of container gardening including location, choice of plants, containers, water management, and soil management. In his demonstration, he mentioned the acronym P.L.A.N.T. which stands for the factors necessary for a successful container gardening. In the last part of the seminar, Belen answered the questions of the viewers regarding the topic.

The Facebook group of the seminar is still active up to this writing as Belen regularly updates the members of the group on various aspects of container gardening.

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I couldn't have asked for a better partner for Cavite. Thank you again," Gov. Remulla said.

Elaborating on the procedures of the mass testing, the Governor gave explicit instruction that PULS and targeted residents of the COVID-19 testing should not proceed to DLSU. Instead, they must go to designated facilities that have been set up by their respective LGUs to accommodate them.

"We have increased our capacity to test from 1 PCR to 3. Ibig sabihin ay mas malibis ang serbisyo natin para maibukod at pagalingin ang COVID-19 positive," the Governor said further. "Dati isang linggo ang resulta, ngayon 24-48 hours ay alam na."

(This means that it

would be faster to segregate and treat the COVID-19 positive patients. Before it takes 1 week to get results, now you'll know in 24-48 hours)

The Governor also warned that the number of COVID-19 cases will increase, "Expect the positive cases to increase but also expect the spread of the virus to decrease. We will exert all efforts to stop the spread of this virus."

The mass testing have already commenced in the cities of Bacoor, Imus and Dasmariñas today while succeeding testing will be done in phases that will be rolled out tomorrow. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from Governor Remulla's announcement on his FB page)

APAT NA ARAW...from p1

kaisang ipinapakita ng bawat isa siguradong malalapasan natin ang lahat ng sigalot na dinudulot ng COVID-19.

Sa ngayon ay walang bagong positibong kaso ng COVID-19 sa Lungsod mula noong ika-12 ng Abril.

More than a thousand agriculture enthusiasts participated in ATI IV-A's first ever live seminar entitled "ATI@Home: Live Seminar on Container Gardening" through a Facebook Live last April 8, 2020.

In partnership with Brian Belen of ABF Integrated Farms and Agribusiness Center, Inc., ATI IV-A continued to deliver its free seminar to its



CITY GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL TRIAS

THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS RECORDS ITS 9TH AND 10TH COVID-19 CASE, AND ITS 1ST RECOVERED PATIENT

Noong araw ng Abril 12 ay naiparating sa inyong lingkod na naitala na po ang ika-9 at ika-10 na kaso ng COVID-19. Ang isa po sa kanila (Patient 10) ay kasalukuyang naka-confine sa isang ospital sa ating Probinsiya.

Samantala ang isa naman po (Patient 9) ay ang unang Recovered Patient sa ating Lungsod. Siya po ay na-diagnosed at tumanggap ng atensiyong medikal sa ibang bansa. Bagamat negatibo ang resulta ng kanyang test bago umuwi ng ating bansa at sumailalim sa quarantine, muli siyang

nakaranas ng sintomas at nagpositibo sa COVID-19. Kung kaya kinailangan sumailalim sa verification at strict home quarantine. Sa kabutihang palad lumabas na NEGATIVE ang resulta ng kanyang 2nd and 3rd laboratory test na isinagawa ng RITM.

Si Patient 9 ay senyales ng pagasa sa

gitna ng pagsubok na ating kinakaharap. Na-way patuloy po tayong makiisa sa panawagan ng gobyerno at manatili sa ating mga tahanan para sa kapakanan ng nakarami. Ingatan nawa tayo lagi ng Panginoon.

All are advised to continue observing Enhanced Community Quarantine protocols.

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food, medicine, water, banking and remittance centers, power, energy, telecommunication, and the like. In all such establishments allowed to operate, the LGUs must monitor to ensure the operation of a skeletal workforce only, as well as strict social distancing measures.

"If there is resistance or disobedience to authorities, the PNP has the authority to make arrests. Nasa gitna tayo ng state of public health emergency at kalamidad. Ang mga pasaway ay maaaring arestuhin sa paglabag sa Article 151 ng Revised Penal Code (RPC). The law punishes resistance and disobedience to a person in authority or the agents of such person," he said.

The penalty for violating Article 151 of the RPC is arresto mayor, or imprisonment of one month and one day to six months, and a fine not exceeding P100,000.

The Department of Justice has also earlier announced that any violation during the ECQ may also be punishable under Republic Act No. 11332 or the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act.

Among the prohibited acts under RA 11332 is non-cooperation of persons and entities that should report and/or respond to notifiable diseases or health events of public concern. If found guilty, there will be a penalty of not more than six (6) months imprisonment or a fine of not more than P50,000.

"Sa halip na makipaggirian pa sa otoridad, makiisa po tayo sa pagsunod sa ECQ. Iyon na lamang po ang ambag ninyo. Isipin ninyo na lang po ang mga frontliners na isinusugal ang kanilang buhay samantalang ang pagsunod lamang sa ECQ ang inyong simple ngunit importanteng papel sa krisis na ito. Bayan muna, bago negosyo. Disiplina muna para tayo'y makaahon sa pagsubok na ito," he pointed out.

The DILG Secretary also clarified that police officers and the armed forces are protectors of public safety as well as public health. "Katuwang po natin sila sa pagprotektang kaligtasan at kapakanan ng lahat at pagsisigurong naipatutupad ang batas. Ang kalaban natin ay ang Covid-19, hindi ang pulisya't militar at hindi ang gobyerno."

He said that non-essential businesses that are breaking the ECQ and opening their stores would jeopardize the efforts of the government and will waste all the gains we have so far achieved.

ECONOMIC CONCERNS

According to DILG Spokesperson and Undersecretary Jonathan E. Malaya, the DILG is actively working with the members of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) in studying how to balance the economic concerns and interests with the imposition of the ECQ.

"The government is taking into account the impact of the ECQ to our national and local economies. The IATF is carefully studying the next steps but one thing for sure is that we have to exercise caution and prudence regarding the partial lifting of the ECQ after April 30. We are optimistic but we must always base our recommendations to the President on scientific evidence," he said.

The DILG, he said, commends the generosity of the private sector in contributing to the efforts of the government through their donations and social projects. "It is really the time to think of sharing, instead of 'business as usual,'" he said.

PCOO Secretary...FROM P4

efforts being undertaken in mitigating the spread of the disease in the country.

It is aired thru the People's Television Network, Inc. (PTV), Philippine Broadcasting Service (PBS), 738 kHz Radyo Pilipinas 1 (RP1) AM station, Presidential Communications and Radio-Television Malacañang (RTVM) Facebook pages, and the attached agencies' social media platforms.

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HOME



SOCIAL DISTANCING SA BAC- COOR CITY PUBLIC MARKET MAS LALONG HINIGPITAN

"Kailangan nating turuan ang ating mga kababayang Bacooreño ng di-siplina. Kaya naman nagpalagay tayo ng markers sa kalsada kung saan sila tatayo habang nakapila," pahayag ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla.

"Gusto nating ipakita na basta sama-sama at tulong-tulong ang pamahalaan at taumbayan mapagtatagumpayan natin ang laban sa Covid-19," dagdag ni Mayor Revilla.

Makikita na epektibo ang paglalagay ng Social Distancing Markers sa kalsada papasok at palabas ng palengke. Napapanatili ang tamang distansiya ng mga tao na nakapila dito. Sa ganitong paraan ay mas makikitang organisado at disiplinado ang mamamayan.



BACCOOR CITY PUBLIC MARKET

PCOO Secretary Andanar and Undersecretary Ignacio host the #LagingHandaPH Public Briefing

Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin Andanar and Undersecretary Raquel 'Rocky' Ignacio host the #LagingHandaPH Public Briefing, an inter-agency effort of the PCOO that brings up-to-date and detailed information about the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The program embraces a whole-of-a-nation approach wherein guest resource persons from key agencies directly answer queries from the public across different regions throughout the Philippines. They provide updates on the current situation and the

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Secretary Martin Andanar



Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla

DA CALABARZON continues to fulfill functions to stakeholders amid ECQ

The Department of Agriculture (DA) Region IV-CALABARZON continues to implement programs and activities, and provides services to farmers, fisherfolk, and other stakeholders amid the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine to contain the coronavirus disease (COVID)-19 pandemic.

"DA CALABARZON guarantees that right interventions, assistance, and support for our farmers and fisherfolk will come to them especially during this difficult time, as we fulfill our obligation of ensuring that food productivity, availability, and sufficiency is attained," DA Region IV-CALABARZON Regional Director Arnel V. De Mesa said.

Cash assistance under the Financial Subsidy for Rice Farmers (FSRF), in partnership with the Landbank of the Philippines, was distrib-

uted to 15,353 beneficiaries in Batangas and Quezon provinces on April 8.

"Farmers who tend a one-hectare farm or less where those who received five thousand pesos each for their day-to-day farming activities," Director de Mesa explained.

The Department also intensifies the importance of urban agriculture which is regarded as one of the programs under the "Ahon Lahat, Pagkaing Sapat (ALPAS) Kontra COVID-19." Over P34.8-million worth of vegetable seeds were already procured and delivered to all five agricultural program coordinating offices in the region.

"All city and municipal agriculturists may devise a strategy on how to distribute the vegetable seeds to prioritize farmers with established marketing linkages," he advised.

Director de Mesa tapped the Agricultural Training Institute CALABARZON to provide information materials relevant to urban farming, particularly on how to grow and harvest indigenous vegetables within 30 - 35 days. These materials, he said, shall come along with the vegetable seed packs to be distributed, aside from the online information dissemination of the DA CALABARZON through its Information Section.

"DA is also in collaboration with the interior department and the national police in facilitating the unhampered farming and transport activities of agriculture stakeholders of the region," he also cited.

Along with the roll-out of "KADIWA on Wheels," Director de Mesa acknowledged the initiative of various local government units for buy-

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