

DILG: MALLS WILL BE CLOSED IF THEY VIOLATE PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULES, CURFEW WILL STILL BE IMPOSED

The Department of the Interior and Local Government warned all malls today which have begun limited operation under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine that they will be closed by the Local Government Units or the Philippine National Police if they do not strictly implement physical distancing and control the entry of people as prescribed by the Omnibus Guidelines issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).

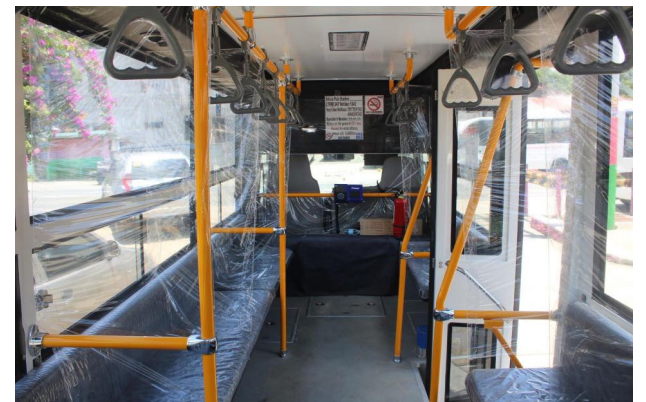
DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that he has directed all LGUs and the Joint Task Force COVID Shield under PLtGen Guillermo Eleazar to inspect all malls and talk to mall management about their observance of the DOH Minimum Health Standards and Quarantine Protocols.

"All Chiefs of Police and PCP Commanders should make rounds of all malls prior to opening and during operating hours. If the malls are not able to comply with the minimum health standards, the PNP can close the malls and charge the mall owners with violation of the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act," he said.

He also said that all PNP checkpoints will remain in all areas under community quarantine, whether ECQ, MECQ or GQC or MGCQ. "The general rule continues to be 'stay at home' unless accessing essential services or going to work in permitted industries. Those found to be unauthorized will be fined, issued citation tickets, or detained if they refuse to go home," he said.

The DILG chief said that while there will be more vehicles on the road because of opening of some industries, this does not mean that the PNP will be less strict with implementing the law. "Hence, everyone must bring with them their government-issued

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TINGNAN: MODERN JEEPNEY SA SILANG

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USAID TB PLATFORMS PROJECT CONTINUE TO HELP BATTLE TB AMID COVID-19

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) -- USAID continues to support the national government with its TB Platforms Project as they provide technical assistance to Re-

gion IV-A (CALABARZON), National Capital Region (NCR), Region 3 (Central Luzon), and Marawi.

These regions have a high affliction of tuberculosis (TB) and now

are considered high risk areas for Covid-19 with most cities that are still under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).

On May 15, 2020, USAID initiated the "USA-

PANG DIBDIBAN" a first ever webinar with more than half of the province's local executives participating and sharing their localities best practices on the

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REVILLA EYES IMPOSING, COLLECTING TAXES FROM DIGITAL ECONOMY TO BOOST REVENUES IN LIGHT OF NATIONAL HEALTH CRISIS

Since the Philippines's shift towards digitalization continues to accelerate due to the imposition of community quarantine measures brought about by COVID-19, Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla eyes the rapid growth of the digital economy as an opportunity for the government to increase its income to be used for providing services for all Filipinos affected by the pandemic.

The veteran legislator filed PS Res. No. 410 urging the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the possibility of collecting taxes from multinational online streaming services and the digital economy in general.

He stated that some of the most technologically-advanced countries such as Norway, Australia, Japan, France, South Korea, United Kingdom, Singapore, and Malaysia have already adopted and passed their respective versions of digital service tax laws which enable them to collect taxes from local consumption and use of digital content and services from foreign providers.

The lawmaker also pointed out that the establishment of a digital taxation framework is among the strategies recommended by the Inter-Agency Task Force Technical Working Group (IATF TWG) for Anticipatory and Forward Planning.

"We need to embrace the digital revolution

of our time, and to comprehensively review and update our existing tax laws regarding digital economy," Revilla said.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, Philippine digital economy was expected to grow by more than 250% from \$7 billion to \$25 billion by 2025, equivalent to 5.3 percent of country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Also, Filipinos were recognized as voracious online users, typically spending around 10 hours and two minutes of their time in the internet, exceeding the global average online time of six hours and 42 minutes daily. Filipinos spend around four hours and 12 minutes on various social media platforms every day, nearly double the global daily av-

erage of two hours and 16 minutes. Filipinos spend at least 3.3 hours daily watching online content on mobile devices.

The veteran lawmaker suggested that revenues raised from such taxes could be used to finance the national economic recovery plan, especially the rehabilitation of severely affected industries, and the construction of "Schools for the Future" which are equipped with digital technologies and laboratories.

"Habang patuloy po ang pagpapatupad natin ng quarantine measures tulad ng social distancing at pagbabawal sa mass gathering, at sa pagpasok nga po natin doon sa tinatawag na 'New Normal,' tiyak pong mas marami tayong kababayan na gagamit ng technology-based services tulad ng mga online streaming at online market," Bong Revilla said.

Revilla raised that while local online businesses have already been covered by our taxation laws, multinational corporations with more sophisticated technological capabilities, less physical presence yet wider reach may have to be properly taxed given the outdated provisions and leakages in our tax measures.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 55-2013 reminding the taxpayers' obligations in relation to online business transactions including online shopping or online retailing, online intermediary service, online advertisement/classified ads, and online auction.

He further cited multilateral efforts at unifying tax rules regarding digital economy, such as the one led by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), to address overlaps with individual state measures and avoid double taxation, considering the borderless nature

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learning, only 50 percent of our (PSHS) total population would have classes for one month, then the other 50 percent after them," she said.

Habacón clarified that this won't be the typical lecture-type of classes.

"We would use this time to clarify the things the students didn't understand while having online learning. The things that they did not understand, they could ask the teachers during the flexible learning," she said.

DOST Secretary For-

tunato la Peña, in the same presser, said he believes the time teachers and students do not face each other should not be that long.

The PSHS's plans have been approved, he added.

In online learning, students may get printed materials from the PSHS campuses. These materials can be reviewed at home.

They may also inquire from the campus if these materials could be delivered to them.

In crafting the new curriculum, Habacón said they considered what could be the most essential for the students in terms of readiness for college.

Meanwhile, a Bridging Program will be held in August.

Parents and students will be oriented on the requirements, and how the new learning methods would be done.

Next school year will start on August 24, Habacón said.

Municipality of Ternate



Bilang bahagi ng pagsaludo at paghanga sa kanilang mga ginagawang Kabayanihan dito sa ating bayan ng Ternate, nagbigay ng kaukulang Ayuda ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Ternate sa pangunguna ni Mayor Lamberto Bambao- Official Mayor Lamberto Bambao- Official sa ating mga Frontliner.

Kabilang sa mga nakatanggap ng Ayuda ay ang mga miyembro ng BPSO, BHERT. at BHW sa lahat ng Barangay ng Ternate.

Lubos naman nagpapasalamat si Mayor Bambao sa mga Frontliner na ginagawa ang lahat para lang sa ating Kapakanan.



• Narito ang ilang tagpo sa kauna unahang paglibot ng dalawa nating Mapaghimalang Patron - Ang Santo Niño de Ternate at ang Santo Niño de Barra.



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BY: Janine L. Cailo

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Can also contact your city / municipal agriculturist.

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Isang programa ng Department of Agriculture na naglalayong matugunan ang seguridad ng pagkain sa bansa sa pamamagitan ng pamamahagi ng libreng binhi upang may mapagkunan ng ligtas, masustansya at agarang pagkain.

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Maaari ring makipag-ugnayan sa inyong city/municipal agriculturist.

Bisitahin din ang Facebook Page ng Department of Agriculture Region 4A

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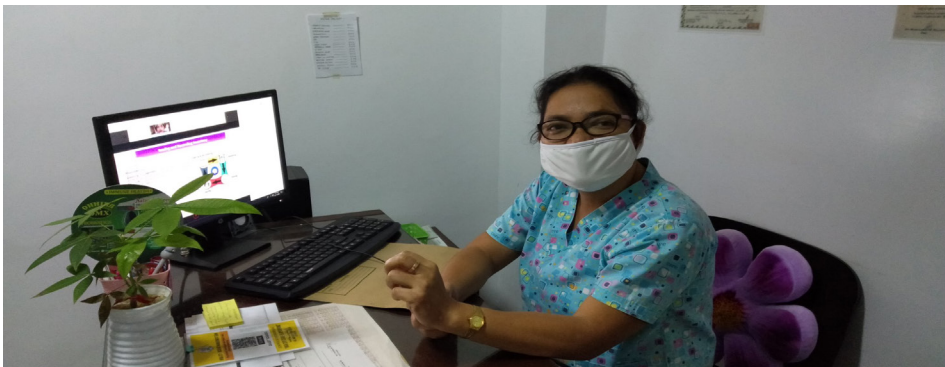
ID Cards or company IDs or other proofs of employment in industries allowed to operate so that the PNP will have a basis to allow you to go through," he said.

He also said that mobile checkpoints will be set up in strategic places to ensure compliance

with community quarantine regulations.

"All LGUs in the exercise of their police power will also continue to implement the curfew in their respective areas subject to the provisions of their respective ordinances," he said.

He also clarified that since the community quarantine is still in effect all over the country, barangays and LGUs will continue to issue Quarantine Passes to regulate the movement of people so long as these comply with valid exemptions granted by the IATF.



The USAID has been instrumental in the continuous monitoring and control of TB in the Philippines through their USAID TB Platforms Projects. Hundreds of healthcare workers in the Philippines have been trained to implement administrative and personal protective measures against the spread of TB and other infectious diseases. (Photo from Diwata Paredes of USAID TB Platforms)

Philippine Science High School to implement new modes of learning

MANILA -- With the school can deliver. safe physical distancing, its chief said Friday. being advised globally due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) pandemic, the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) is set to im-

plement two learning options, its chief said Friday. In a virtual press-conference, PSHS executive director Lilia Habacon said a new curriculum is now being prepared based on what

There would be two options or modes -- flexible learning, and online learning. "Under the flexible

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Likewise, Atty. Roy Loyola also discussed in a meeting with industrial estate administrators, Carmona Business Club President, and PEZA manager via ZOOM the installation and use of the CCT app in their companies for the monitoring of their workers and employees.

For those that have not installed the application yet, they could just scan either one of the small QR codes (one for iOS and one for Android phones) found on the lower corners of the posted QR sheets.

For the residents who do not have a smartphone or cellphones, their barangay personnel or police officers will log them in.

Mayor Roy Loyola enjoins everyone saying, "Let us participate in the contact tracing efforts of the municipal government thru the installation and use of the Carmona COVID-19 Tracker app."

The CCT app could be installed by downloading these links; for Android phones: https://carmona.gov.ph/covid_tracker/app/cvapp-realease.apk while for iOS: <https://carmona.gov.ph/pwa1/c19tracker>. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Atty. Roy Loyola's FB page)

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partment will continue to fast-track the delivery of interventions to typhoon-stricken farmers and fisherfolk.

The following assistance from the DA is available for farmers and fisherfolk affected by "Ambo":

1. Quick Response Fund (QRF) worth Php 700 million for the rehabilitation of affected areas.
2. Enough funds from the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) to compensate insured farmers. Processing of indemnifications is being fast-tracked.
3. Prepositioned rice seeds (109,586 bags), corn seeds (10,116 bags), assorted vegetable seeds (1,195 kg), from CAR, Regions I, III, IV-A, V, VI, VII, and VIII.
4. Prepositioned drugs and biologics for livestock and poultry needs.

Damage assessment and field validation are still being conducted by affected regions to provide more accurate reports on the impact of "Ambo" to the agri-fisheries sector.

Moreover, the RFOs are now crafting their respective rehabilitation and recovery plans for typhoon-affected areas, which will be consolidated and finalized within this month.

The DA-Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Operations Center will continuously issue updates regarding "Ambo". (PR)

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treatment of TB amid the health pandemic.

Thru this innovative online discussion, USAID's TB Platforms Project could provide continuous remote mentoring and monitoring of the LGUs and health facility partners thru capacity building and support on infection prevention and control for both TB and COVID-19.

In previous months, hundreds of healthcare workers have been trained under the USAID's TB Platforms for Sustainable Detection, Care, and Treatment project to implement administrative and personal protective measures against the spread of TB and other infectious diseases like COVID-19.

USAID's TB Platforms will also partner with the Philippine Information Agency(PIA)- Cavite in dissemination of relevant social behavior change strategies that LGUs may adapt to address the stigma of TB and COVID-19.

This pandemic requires a strong public-private partnership and LGUs will need to roll out their adaptive management strategies that will also engage the private sector participation to be able to address the economic and social costs of COVID-19 as we embrace the "new normal setting."

(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite/with reports from USAID Manila)

"PRRD, kinukunsidera ang pagbibigay ng SAP sa GCQ Areas - Roque"

Ipinag-utos ka-makailan ni Pangulong Duterte kay Budget Secretary Wendel Avisado na maghanap ng "Funding Source" sa posibleng Cash Aid para sa mga Qualified Beneficiaries sa ilalim ng General Community Quarantine, ayon yan kay Presidential Spokesman Atty. Harry Roque

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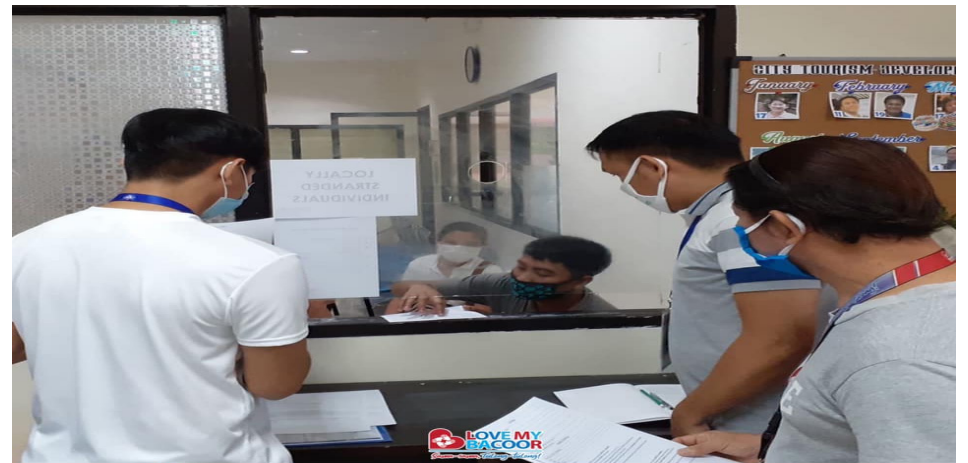
Sec. Roque ay ang P5,000 - P8,000 para sa Low - Income Families ng Second Tranche ng Social Amelioration Program.

Ayon pa kay Sec. Roque, inatasan na ni Pangulong Duterte ang Department of Budget and Management na tulin ang budget, ibig sabihin, hanapan ng Pondo; at kung

maari ay magre - align ng Budget para sa Second Tranche para sa GCQ Areas.

"Pag - aaralan pa kung kakayaning isama sa Second Tranche ang GCQ Areas";

Samantala, hindi pa daw siya sigurado kung parehong halaga pa rin ng SAP ang maaring ibigay sa GCQ areas. SOURCE GO CAVITE



Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla's goal to help our countrymen stranded in Baco and want to return to the places they came from. That's why he appointed the City Tourism Office to govern the LSI (Local Stranded Individuals) of the city.

According to the recorded today, 55 LSI went to the City Tourism Office office to ask for help. City Tourism Office staff are willing to serve to meet questions and other concerns of LSI.

Implementing Social Distancing and wearing face mask at the office.

'Ambo' damage to agri-fisheries at P960.19-M

MANILA -- The amount of damage and losses from Typhoon "Ambo" (Vongfong) was pegged at PHP960.19 million as of Thursday from the previously-reported PHP1.56 billion with volume of production loss at 44,151 metric tons (MT), affecting 28,147 hectares of agricultural areas, and 54,187 farmers and fisherfolk.

According to the Department of Agriculture (DA), the decrease in the total damage and losses was attributed to the updated reports from Calabarzon and Central Luzon, particularly on high-value crops and

rice, after initial validation.

The total amount also includes updated reports from the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), MIMAROPA, Bicol, and Eastern Visayas Regions. These values are subject to validation.

The Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Region IV-A, together with DA Regional Field Office (RFO) IV-A and other government agencies in Calabarzon conducted Aerial Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis to validate the reported damage and losses brought by "Ambo" in the region.

High-value

crops remain the most affected commodity at 55 percent (PHP529.78 million) that include banana (PHP208.07 million), papaya (PHP16.52 million), and other assorted fruits and vegetables (PHP302.67 million).

This was followed by rice at 24 percent (PHP231.32 million), corn at 13 percent (PHP126.03 million), fisheries at 4 percent (PHP41.06 million), livestock at 2 percent (PHP23.60 million), and agri-infrastructure at 1 percent (PHP8.40 million).

DA Secretary William Dar said the De-

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Carmona starts CCT app for town's COVID-19 mitigation efforts

CARMONA, Cavite (PIA) -- This municipality commenced its Carmona COVID-19 Tracker (CCT) app yesterday, one of the local government's mitigation efforts against the corona virus disease (COVID)-19.

The application was developed by the Municipal Information Technology (IT) Unit headed by Municipal IT Officer Mr. Angelo Macha which could be installed on Android phones or iOS that will make contact tracing in the town much easier.

Early yesterday, members of the Municipal Information Technology (IT) Unit started posting QR codes on front doors and areas visible and accessible in establishments often frequented by the residents. The QR codes should be scanned by residents on their smart phones or iOS to input the log interaction feature of the CCT.

An orientation was conducted by Mr. Macha on May 18, 2020 together with Sangguniang Kabataan Chairpersons on the procedures for the use of the CCT, with the information they would disseminate to other residents.

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