



SAVE MANILA BAY

CAVITE GOV REMULLA ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR MASS TESTING OF TARGET RESIDENTS



Governor Jonvic Remulla

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) --Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla in his announcement in his official Facebook Page April 18, laid out the procedures for the target testing in the province for the coming days

"Para sa mas efficient and effective ang target testing natin, eto po ang plano kung sino at kailan para sa mga susunod na araw," said the governor.

(For the target testing to be more efficient and effective, here are the plans on whom and when the tests will be done in the

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PH RED CROSS ACQUIRES MORE TESTING MACHINES TO HELP ADDRESS COVID-19

More Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) testing machines, kits and reagents were acquired by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) in response to the virus that already afflicted 6,599 Filipinos with 437 deaths as of April 21.

According to Senator Richard J. Gordon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the PRC, the organization will be chartering a Philippine Airlines (PAL) plane or a C-130 aircraft to transport the critical materials from Changsha City in China.

"We are bringing in six more RNA extraction machines, 20 PCRs, and thousands of testing kits, swabs, and reagents for the additional PRC molecu-

lar labs all over the country. This is the third flight that the Red Cross will be chartering in response to COVID-19 and the first time via C-130 through National Defense Sec. Delfin Lorenzana and Foreign Affairs Sec. Teodoro Locsin, Jr. A pleasure to be working with these reliable and dedicated gentlemen," said Gordon.

Gordon added that the Red Cross will likewise try to bring a Filipina cancer patient on board the chartered plane. The patient needs to undergo a unique targeted chemotherapy and immunotherapy treatment in Beijing, China.

"Pray that we can make this possible for our kababayan," he said.



COVID-19 swab collection booths were set up in cities and municipalities with cases of the corona virus. (Photo from Dasmaringas City website)

PUP lauds AFP for helping transport students stranded due to ECQ

MANILA -- The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)-Sta. Mesa in Manila expressed its gratitude to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for its assistance in transporting some of its students who were stranded in their dormitories and unable to go home due to the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon.

"The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), home to thousands of state scholars, 2,000 faculty members, and 1,000 plus employees from 22 branches and campuses, conveys our heartfelt gratitude to

the Armed Forces of the Philippines through the Civil Relations Service for open-handedly extending time, security and transportation services to the stranded PUP students. Through your help, the safety of our dear students were placed a premium in this time of public emergency," PUP President Manuel M. Muhi said in a letter dated April 13 to AFP Civil Relations Service chief, Brig. Gen. Ernesto Torres, Jr.

Muhi was referring to the transportation assistance extended by the AFP's 7th Civil Relations Group led by its commander, Major Frank

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- sagot Ng gobyerno

Sila po ang nasa una sa listahan. Pag matapos sila ay sunod naman ang:

1. Wet Market food handlers. Kailangan po agad dahil sila ang may hawak ng pagkain natin, pang araw-araw
- sagot ng gobyerno
2. Grocery, drug store, pawn shop employees
- sagot po ng may ari. Kung positive po ang test ay sagot ng gobyerno ang pamilya nila sa testing
3. Police force
- sagot po ng gobyerno

Huwag po kayo mag-alala. Nauna lang po sila dahil kung sila ay positive ay ang pag-kalat ng Covid ay mas mabilis

Ang mga susunod na sektor ay abangan sa aking post para malaman ang schedule nila.

Inuulit ko, kung hindi kayo kasama sa listahan ay hindi ibig sabihin na hindi kayo kasama sa testing plan. Kailangan lang may sistema sa pag-test para targeted ang high-risk, high contact na katao. Inuulit ko, don't panic, para sa kagaangan ng inyong loob ay lahat ng kailangan mai-test ay darating sa panahon.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF CAVITE

SAP DISTRIBUTION



Governor Jonvic Remulla

Sa ngalan ng pamahalaan panlalawigan Ng Kabite ay ako ay humihinge ng paumanhin sa mga hinde naka tangap ng SAP. Bagamat hinde po sa amin mga LGU ang patakaran sa kung sino at paano ang piliian ng makakakuha, dapat ay pinaglaban namin ng higit ang inyong kalagayan. Kung kaya lang pununin ng lalawigan ang pagkulang ay gagawin namin. Nakakalungot na hinde talaga kaya, ngunit huwag po kayo mawalaan ng pag-asa. Sa konting natitira sa aming kaban ng bayan ay hilalahad namin para matapos ang virus na ito. Nagumpisa na po ang targetted testing at sa mga darating na araw ay malalaman na ninyo ang patakaran para dito. Muli isa pong pag hinge ng pag unawa. Nabigo ang pangarap at pangngalingan ng napakarami.

My sincerest apologies. Let's hope that tomorrow brings better news.

Inyong Punong Lalawigan

JONVIC REMULLA

GRAB LAUNCHES ON-DEMAND GROCERY DELIVERY SERVICE



GrabMart illustration courtesy of Grab Philippines

DAR-Cavite ARBO...from p4

(PARC) is the only member of agrarian reform beneficiaries' organizations (ARBOs) among the Cavite ARBOs who initiated action and showed commitment to sell and provide basic food necessities at a much lower price in their community and nearby areas.

So far, PARC has sold 500 kilograms of corn, 1,000 kgs of wheat, 1,000 kgs of tomatoes, 1,500 kgs. tobacco, 420 kgs rice, 9,580 kgs. potable water-1,134 container (20 L per container) and 1,500 pcs patola per week in various areas.

Tibayan said the cooperative also has a water refilling station funded under the Village Level Farm Enterprise Development (VLFED) project of the DAR.

"The cooperative understands the people's plight that most of them are unable to make money because of the quarantine period and covid19-scare which has affected their livelihood

situation. In response to their needs, we decided to reduce our profits during this crisis," Tibayan said.

Dubongco added that as their direct assistance to their community, PARC also distributed a total of 25 sacks of rice and Php 25,000.00 Community Development Fund to serve as their donation to Barangays 1 and 2 of Naic, Cavite.

PARC has also provided financial assistance to nine (9) senior citizens in their area by giving Php 2,000.00 each intended for their necessities such as food, medicine and others. The cooperative also distributed 3 kgs of rice to its 167 regular members.

Dubongco said the DAR-Cavite was able to continually monitor the status of (ARBOs) under the work from home scheme and through selected employees who serve as the skeletal workforce of the provincial office. (CPG PIA-4A/DAR Cavite)

MANILA – Groceries and other necessities may now be delivered at-your-doorstep within a few hours in Metro Manila following Grab Philippines' (Grab) launch of its GrabMart service on Monday.

In an announcement, Grab said the service, currently at its beta phase, is available on its smart-phone application and would allow users to purchase grocery items and other dry goods from its partner establishments, while other products such as medicines will soon be offered as well.

"GrabMart is one of the few app-based grocery services that offers on-demand delivery, which means orders are expected to be delivered as early as 30 minutes or within a few hours," Grab said.

During its beta phase, purchasing through the service would cost the total price of goods, plus a delivery fee at a minimum of PHP89 to a maximum of PHP149, and a flat rate of PHP30 per order. Fees may change after the beta phase of the program, Grab said.

The service is available in select areas of Quezon City, Pasig, Manila, Mandaluyong, Makati, San Juan, Valenzuela, Parañaque, and Taguig, and will soon be expanded in the coming weeks to cater to more locations within Metro Manila.

Its retail partners include Robinsons Supermarket, Great Deals E-commerce Corporation, FamilyMart, Starbucks at Home, ASSI Fresh Plaza, Fetch! Naturals, Dog City, and Barcino.

RJ Cabaluna, Grab country marketing head, said the service was launched to help provide necessities, as well as livelihood for its delivery-partners and continued income for businesses, during the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon.

"With the launch of GrabMart, we are hoping to further serve Filipinos during this trying time," Cabaluna said.

Similar to its GrabFood and GrabExpress service, Grab said that cash payment is still available but encouraged its users to avail of cashless payment through GrabPay. (PNA)

#STAY AT HOME



ATICalabarzon

BY: Janine L. Cailo

Learning Site cooperator gives away free seedlings amidst Covid-19

Amidst the ongoing crisis the country is facing today, good samaritans really do exist!

ATI in CALABARZON's Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) farmer cooperator, Engr. Sanny Buncha of Bunch Farm has taken the streets of Lucena City and nearby municipalities to distribute ready-to-plant seedlings for free.

In this difficult time, I saw the need for food sustainability with the help of APCO (Agricultural Program Coordinating Office) Quezon and a colleague in the private sector this program has been running smooth.

We are on our 5th wave now and I have been receiving good feedback from the recipients; they are converting their backyards into edible landscapes. Our goal is to promote farming especially because we are in these trying times. We still have programs to do after this one, we need

to cope with the economic effect of this pandemic and food availability is something we need to achieve.

I am a proud farmer partner of ATI and DA RFO

worried about putting his own health at stake. As long as I am following the rules of social distancing, I think I am perfectly fine, he added.

Bunch Farm, located



CALABARZON, and I will continue to support your programs voluntarily, Mr. Buncha said over a phone interview. To date, he has already distributed almost 10,000 seedlings of various vegetables ready for planting.

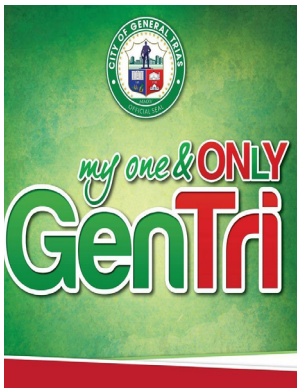
When asked if he is

ed in Lucena City, Quezon is one of ATI CALABARZON's certified Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) since 2016. Mr. Buncha left his corporate job in 2004 to pursue farming. Since then, has already received multiple awards in agriculture.

CITY GOVERNMENT OF GENERAL TRIAS



Patuloy po ang pamamahagi ng P1,000 Financial Assistance kada bahay sa ilalim ng E-Quarantine Alleviation Program ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng General Trias. Sa mga lugar na hindi pa napupuntahan, konting pangunawa lamang po dahil may mahigit 130,000 na mga bahay po tayo na kailangan hatiran ng tulong.



Pamamahagi ng Tulong Pinansyal sa mga Tricycle Drivers ng Lungsod ng General Trias.

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coming days.)

About 80% of the total PUIs were already tested and awaits results. If tested positive then everyone in the PUIs household and all who live in the house will undergo testing.

Critical medical and frontliners, pertaining to doctors, nurses and hospital staff, quarantine personnel and testing center workers who are exposed to COVID-19 patients must all be tested.

Next on the list are the wet market food handlers, grocery, drug store, and pawnshop employees because the nature of their jobs entail movement of food and basic essentials that could easily spread the virus.

Likewise, PNP personnel who are needed to provide security, ensure peace and order, and oversee strict implementation of ECQ protocols will undergo testing.

Costs of testing for the above target residents except those who are working in private companies will be shouldered by the provincial government. If in case the said private employee target resident tested positive, then all members of his family must be tested with expenses to be paid for by the provincial government.

Residents not included in the list of target residents are assured to be tested as soon as all high risk, high contact residents are already tested.

The Governor requests everyone's cooperation and patience saying, "Inuulit ko, don't panic, para sa kagaangan ng inyong loob ang lahat ng dapat mai-test ay darating ang panahon."

(Once again, don't panic, for everyone's peace of mind, those who need to be tested, will be tested at the right time.)

(Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with report from Governor Remulla's official FB page)



City Government of Bacoar

Panawagan sa mga Bacooreño!

Hinihikayat ang lahat na gumawa ng LOVE LETTERS para sa ating mga Covid-19 patients. Kailangan nila ng karamay ngayon. Kailangan nilang malaman na kahit sila ay nasa hindi magandang sitwasyon, may nagmamahal at nagdarasal para sa kanilang paggaling.

Gumawa ng sulat sa papel, kunan ng picture gamit ang inyong mga cellphones at i-com-

ment dito sa post na ito.

Lilikumin namin ang lahat ng inyong mga LOVE LETTERS at bukas ay ipapadala natin sa ating mga pasyente para sila ay may mabasa habang sila ay nasa isolation.

Paalala lamang na kung kilala niyo ang pasyente ay HUWAG ILALAGAY ANG PANGALAN sa inyong mga liham. Maaaring ilagay ang kanyang Patient Number kung gusto niyo siyang personal na sulatan. Hangga't maaari ay pangkalahatan ang ating mga sulat.

Malaking bagay ito para sa kanila kaya sana ay makiisa ang lahat. Asahan namin ang inyong mga LOVE LETTERS, maraming salamat!



PUP lauds ...page 1

Sayson, to 12 PUP students who were able to return to their homes in Rizal, Cavite, Pampanga and nearby NCR provinces on April 7.

These students were stranded in their dormitories near the PUP Sta. Mesa campus for about three weeks before being aided by the military.

"Corresponding your advocacies in protecting the Filipinos and in service as a key player of nation-building, PUP is also devoted to create a life-changing community through realizing social development impact that generates benefit for society," he added.

Established in 1904 and with an estimated 70,000 enrolled students, PUP is considered the largest state university in the Philippines in terms of student population.

"Parallel to your principles, it is our honor, therefore, that we are given this opportunity to express our sincerest desire to be your partner in translating your assistance into other forms of extension programs. We guarantee that you have our wholehearted support to AFP and we look forward to much of your continuous support to the Filipino community," Muhi said. (PNA)



PICAD NEWS

April 17, 2020

Update on Targeted Testing(1)

After several meetings with the top epidemiologist of DLSD-HSI, Public Health Experts of the Province, experienced field experts in SARS, Ebola, and MERS, we have arrived at the best possible Covid-19 mitigation strategy given the resources we have.

1. There are only 3 classifications for Covid;

A. Positive (118 in Cavite)

B. PUI (500+ in Cavite)

C. PUM (Everyone on Cavite)

2. We have the capacity to test less than a thousand a day. To defeat this, we should target 15,000 a day to be tested.

- The National capacity for testing is approximately 8,000 a day. This maybe more as more labs are being accredited.

3. We will expand our Covid Mitigation Infrastructure to:

- 60 swab collection stations

- 10 mobile collection stations

- 20 PCR machines

- Results within 24 hours or less for those tested once the DOH gives the approval.

(The DLSD-HSI molecular testing lab will hopefully be accredited by the DOH by Monday, April 20, 2020)

4. A Cavite Health Monitoring Card with a QR code to identify the ff:

- Test Status (tested or not, positive or negative, date of last test)

- Card will monitor the movement of the person in Cavite to better determine the notification if the individual was in the same place as a newly discovered Covid individual.

- it will also identify violators of quarantine rules.

5. An Android/OS App that will be the means of notification of your test results. If the person has no smart phone then the barangay officials will be tasked to inform those tested. It will also inform you if you were in the vicinity of a newly discovered Covid positive person. It will also identify Covid Hotspots to avoid.

Details of testing rules: who gets tested when; who gets tested for free; frequency of testing; mandatory testing for certain groups; will be announced next week after consultation with the local chief executives, PEZA zone locators, Public Transport Groups, teachers, Food Handling sector, and others.

If the economy were to open today experts predict a range of 1 to 4% (45,000 to 180,000) will be infected in Cavite without the adequate preparations. We hope to have everything in place in the next 30 days to reduce this number significantly.

We pray as 1, we fight as 1, we win as 1, we heal as 1.

April 18, 2020

Update on Covid-19 Target Testing (2)

Para mas efficient and effective ang target testing natin, eto po Ang plano kung sino at kailan para sa mga susunod na araw.

1. PUI (80% complete) - gobyerno po may sagot

2. Pag positive Ang PUI ay lahat ng kasama sa bahay. (Asawa, anak, kasambahay, magulang). Basta kasama sa isang bubong ay kasama sa testing - sagot ng gobyerno

3. Critical Medical and Frontliners (emergency room sa hospital, nurses sa Covid ward, Operating Room Teams sa hospital, quarantine facility workers, testing Center workers)

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PNP Bacoor nag inspection sa SM, bahagi ng EECQP



Nagsagawa ng inspection sa SM Bacoor ang PNP Bacoor para masiguro na ipinapatupad ang Social Distancing, No Face Mask No Entry, at lahat ng mga panuntunan ng Extreme Enhanced Community Quarantine Policy ng Lungsod ng Bacoor.

likutin ng PNP para inspeksiyunin ang lahat ng mga establisimento sa Bacoor para masiguro ang seguridad ng mga Bacooreño sa lahat ng pampublikong lugar.

DAR-Cavite ARBO distributes, sells cheap agri products amid COVID-19 crisis

NAIC, Cavite, (PIA) – A Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)-assisted farmer's cooperative here has initiated a move to provide assistance to their community and nearby areas by distributing and selling agricultural products at a much lower price to help the people affected by the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) with continuous supply of their basic necessities.

DAR-Cavite Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer (PARPO) James Arthur T. Dubongco said Palangue

Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PARC) is the only member of agrarian reform beneficiaries' organizations (ARBOs) among the Cavite ARBOs who initiated action and showed commitment to sell and provide basic food necessities at a much lower price.

"The Palangue ARC, aside from its vegetable crops also supplies rice to Cavite cooperatives and other nearby Luzon areas with a very minimal interest to support those areas, who at the moment cannot avail of their basic necessities, due to ECQ," Dubongco



The Palangue Agrarian Reform Cooperative (PARC) is the only member of agrarian reform beneficiaries' organizations (ARBOs) among the Cavite ARBOs who initiated action and showed commitment to sell and provide basic food necessities at a much lower price in their community and nearby areas. (Photo from DAR Cavite FB page)

said.

PARC manager Joselito Tibayan said their store is open and ready to supply the people's basic needs in Luzon and other parts of the country who are affected by the lockdown due to ECQ to avert the spread of the novel coronavirus 2019 (Covid-19).

The Palangue Agrarian Reform Cooperative

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