

# Due to limited public transportation DILG encourages LGUs to set up bike lanes

As the country transitions to a new normal, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is urging all local government units (LGUs) to establish bicycle lanes in all local roads to support those who will bike to their work destination due to the reduced capacity of public transportation under the General Community Quarantine.

In an Advisory, DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año directed provincial governors, city and municipal mayors to coordinate with neighboring LGUs to connect bicycle lanes and establish a bicycle road network.

“Because of limited mass transportation, most people will resort to biking as a means of going to and from work. LGUs, therefore, have to be ready with

the bike lanes in their areas to ensure the safety of the cyclists,” he said.

The DILG Secretary said that local governments must also ensure that all bicycle lanes are free from any obstruction to prevent any untoward road accidents.

“Siguraduhin po nating walang nakahambalang sa mga dadaanan ng bisikleta sa inyong lugar para iwas-disgrasya at para maging mabilis ang biyahe ng mga siklista,” he said.

According to the DILG Chief, bicycles as a mode of transportation is encouraged by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID). “As per the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine issued by the IATF,

the use of bicycles and other non-motorized forms of transportation is strongly encouraged,” he said.

“In this new normal, we want to enjoin everyone to use bikes. Good for the health ang bike, at tsaka, matipid pa. Hindi mo na kailangang bumili ng gasoline,” Año said.

He said LGUs must also enact ordinances to impose reasonable penalties on violations in the use of the bike lanes to ensure that both motorists and cyclists follow the regulations along the said lanes.

According to him, LGUs should follow the Department of Transportation (DOTr’s) design approach of putting up plastic bollards, stencil markings, and signage in the designated bike lanes for the safety of the bicycling public especially in major thoroughfares where fast-moving buses and other huge vehicles are passing through the same road.

He also reminded LGUs to strictly implement health and safety protocols including the mandatory wearing of face masks of the persons using said lanes and in all public areas.

“SOP na dapat ang pagsusuot ng mask at physical distancing sa mga pampublikong lugar. Masanay na tayo sa ganitong sitwasyon habang wala pang gamot at vaccine laban sa Covid-19,” he said.

Motor taxis still prohibited

Meanwhile, DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said motor taxis hailed through motorcycle ride-sharing apps such as Angkas are still not allowed during GCQ and

MECQ under current IATF guidelines. “Alam po namin na Angkas at iba pang motor marami pong umaasa sa (Turn to page 3)

## DDRRMO-Cavite City

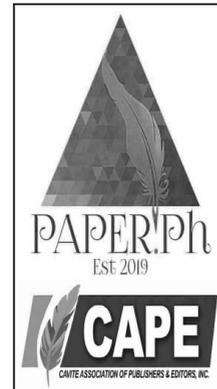
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## City Government of Bacoor

Patuloy ang repacking ng mga relief goods para maisagawa na ang distribution sa mga barangay

Para patuloy na matugunan ang sitwasyon na dulot ng community quarantine, minabuti ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Lani Mercado Revilla na maghandog muli ng relief goods sa pamilyang Bacooreño. Patuloy ang repacking ng mga relief goods para maisagawa na ang distribution sa mga barangay.



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## Municipality of Silang, Cavite

1,600 RELIEF PACKS PARA SA LAHAT NG MGA FRONTLINERS SA BAYAN NG SILANG

Ngayong araw, sa tulong ng ating mga District Staff ay nakapag-distribute ang ating Tanggapan ng 1,600 relief packs sa mga frontliners sa lahat ng 64 barangay sa bayan ng Silang. Ito ang paraan namin upang maipadama ang aming pakikiisa sa suportang sa inyong mga itinuturing naming mga “modern-day heroes”.

Kasama po kayo sa aming mga panalangin, maraming salamat po muli sa pangunguna sa laban natin kontra COVID-19. #WeHealAsOne #InaNgCarSiGMA



## City Government of Imus

Patuloy ang ating pamamahagi ng subsidy at Vitamin C sa bawat kabahayan ng ating mga senior citizen.

Para sa mga senior citizen members sa ibang barangay, narito ang susunod pang house-to-house distribution schedule:

Cluster 3: May 29 & June 1 Cluster 9: June 1 - 2 Cluster 7: June 3 - 5  
Cluster 6: June 5 & 8 - 9 Cluster 4: June 9 Cluster 1: June 10 - 11



# COVID-19 mortality rate in the Philippines a downward trend

In Tuesday’s Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser, Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary and Spokesperson Dr. Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire reported that the COVID-19 mortality rate in the Philippines continues to be on a downward trend after the Philippines on June 1 recorded its lowest number of mortalities in a single day since early March.

The Spokesperson also emphasized how the average number of deaths recorded per day has been dropping over the past few weeks. “Magmula sa average na 25.3 deaths kada araw noong simula ng Abril, bumaba na sa 1.6 deaths kada araw sa katapusan ng Mayo,” said Singh-Vergeire.

According to the Health Undersecretary, the observed steady decrease in the number of recorded deaths per day is an indicator that the country’s health system is successfully coping with the pandemic. This decline shows that different hospitals and facilities are now able to manage cases more effectively thereby preventing more patients from progressing to severe disease and expiring. This better management, according to Singh-Vergeire, is a function of DOH’s continued support and provision of equipment to the different hospitals and health facilities.

“Kaya’t kami at tiniyak na ang bawat ospital ay may na-karese na hospital beds, nagbigay kami ng ventilators para doon sa mga wala o kulang, at namahagi ng PPEs,” she said. “Kung patuloy na pong bumababa yung bilang ng mga kaso at yung mga namamatay, dito po natin matutukoy ang trend ng epidemic sa ating bansa. At kung alam natin ang sa datos at ebidensya na mayroon tayo.” Singh-Vergeire reiterated the importance (Turn to page 2)

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### Carmona, Cavite

#### 325 RELIEF PACKS PARA SA MGA FRONTLINERS NG BAYAN NG CARMONA

Ngayong araw ay nakapag-deliver naman ang ating Tanggapan ng 325 relief packs para sa lahat ng mga frontliners sa bawat barangay sa bayan ng Carmona.

Sana sa ganitong paraan ay naiparamdam namin ang aming pagmamahal at suporta sa inyo na patuloy na humaharap sa panganib para magbigay ng serbisyo sa ating mga kababayan. Naisakatuparan ito dahil sa kabutihang-loob ni Senator Bong Go na nagpaabot ng mga tulong sa ating mga frontliners.#WeHealAsOne #InaNg-CarSiGMA



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## A no-chemical way to treat wood-DOST

Around the world, people in these modern times have always relied on synthetic chemicals to treat wood. Many of these chemicals, however, are known to be toxic and can cause serious health problems and can harm the environment, if not used properly.

Researchers at the Los Baños-based Forest Products Research and Development Institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-FPRDI) are currently looking into a process called thermal modification or TM as a more eco friendly way of protecting wood and bamboo from insect pests and fungi.

According to Assistant Scientist Juanito P. Jimenez, "Thermal modification uses high heat to change the kind of chemicals present in a piece of wood. With the right amount of heat and time of exposure, the right chemical changes take place. These usually make the wood more durable as it becomes more stable [more weather-proof, less prone to swelling and

shrinking] and less appetizing to termites."

The downside of TM is that extremely high heat can affect the strength of the material and give it a darker color. The trick, according to Jimenez, is to find the right mix of temperature and treatment time that will not cause much change in wood or bamboo strength.

"TM is already being used in Europe, the US and Canada, as well as some Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia and Indonesia, and it's about time we check how we can apply it in the Philippines," says Jimenez who is currently verifying the gluing and finishing traits of thermally modified bamboo

in a project funded by the DOST-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD).

He and his team have also recently finished determining the physical and mechanical properties of three thermally modified bamboo species using spent engine oil as medium and they got promising results.

According to Jimenez, he is excited about the possible applications of TM in the country's wood-based sector.

"Although this is already a mature technology in some countries, the process needs to be studied

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of the public observing minimum health standards such as appropriate use of PPE, physical distancing, cough etiquette, and proper hygiene to stay safe and healthy amid the ongoing pandemic. "Paalala: Ito'y ginagawa natin hindi para lamang sa ating sarili. Para rin po ito sa kaligtasan ng ating mga anak, magulang at mga mahal sa buhay," she concluded. - DOH

### Municipality Naic, Cavite

#### 2 active case now negative after recent swab test

Isang magandang balita po sa aking mga kababayan, ang atin pong 2 active cases ng Covid 19 na taga Barangay Munting Mapino ay nag negative napo sa swab test as of today June 3, 2020. At yun naman pong taga Ericka Louise, Malainen Bago na nagtatrabaho sa Chinese General Hospital ay negative na rin po sa swab test.

Dahil dito, wala na pong active case ng Covid 19 sa kasalukuyan dito sa ating bayan. - Mayor Jun Dualan

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taxis para makarating sa kanilang trabaho at destinasyon ngunit dahil sa patuloy na banta ng Covid-19, hindi pa rin pinahihintulutan ng gobyerno ang ganitong mode of transportation dahil sa violation ng physical distancing," said Malaya.

The DILG, through Memorandum Circular no. 2020-083, directed all LGUs to strictly prohibit the operation of motor taxis as part of the regulatory measures in public transportation in areas under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) and General

Community Quarantine of COVID-19. Malaya also said that motorcycle back ride is prohibited even for married couples as part of the physical distancing measures as this allows prolonged close contact between two people and will lead to possible transmis-

sion of COVID-19. "While we understand the request of many of our kababayan, back ride is a clear violation of physical distancing and it will be impossible for the police and our traffic enforcers to check each and every motorcycle if these

are married couples. grant one exemption, it will open the floodgates to violations by those who are not allowed. The health risks outweigh the benefits," he said. Among the alterna-

tive modes of transportation suggested by the DOTr during the post-pandemic period are the use of bikes and modernized PUVs as these have less contact with other people and lessens the risk of spreading the virus among passengers. Source: DILG

### City Government of Imus

#### City of Imus Molecular Laboratory Update



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Having a testing facility is one of the steps to accelerate adapt our lives to the new normal and it will serve our defense against the threat of coronavirus or Covid-19 while there is no cure or vaccination against it.

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locally since our small and medium enterprises can't afford to buy imported TM equipment from say, Finland.

And even if we can buy equipment from them, we would still need to check how various wood/bamboo species respond to the procedure. Just like in kiln-drying, since each species is unique, we need

to develop the right heat treatment protocol for each one," he explains. Researchers have studied the effect of thermal modification (TM) on the strength of giant bamboo using spent engine oil as medium. Initial findings showed that TM made the bamboo more stable – less prone to swelling and shrinking. However, higher heat also made the mate-

rial darker. Right now, Jimenez says, the technology seems ideal for wood and bamboo meant for furniture and architectural moldings. The use of toxic chemical preservatives is usually not preferred for these products and they need the dimensional stability which the TM process can give. (Rizalina K. Araral, 20 May 2020)

