

Silangueño Farmers received Planting Materials and Agricultural Inputs

The Department of Agriculture - CALABARZON, through the initiative of Congresswoman Dahlia Loyola, turned over planting materials and agricultural inputs to Silangueño farmers who were affected by the Taal volcanic ashfall.

The farmers received 4,200 bags of Agricultural Lime, 800 bags of Plant Growth Enhancer, 25,000 pieces of Liberica-Coffee, 6,000 pieces of Banana Tissue Culture, Assorted Cut Flower and Vegetable Seeds, 1,200 Seeding Trays, Black Net and UV



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Now that the Philippines has reached an output of 10,000 tests per day, the Department of Health (DOH) has announced its plans to expand testing to include certain asymptomatic subgroups.

In the June 5 Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser, Health Undersecretary Dr. Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire, with infectious disease experts Dr. Benjamin Co and Dr. Anna Ong-Lim, discussed the department's new direction in testing.

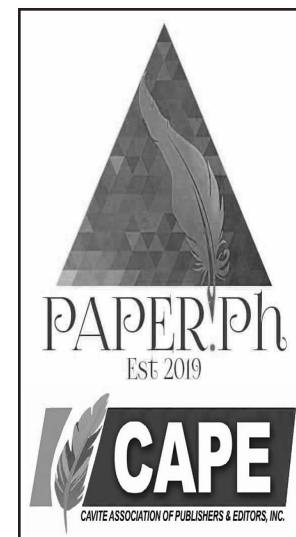
Ong-Lim, immediate past president of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines, explained that there will still be criteria for deciding which groups of the asymptomatic population should be tested in order to efficiently maximize the

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City Government of Cavite



Cavite City Quarantine Facility is now operational and here our patient COVID-19 Positive with mild symptoms are admitted. This is where our patient is given adequate care and regular monitoring of his condition. Medicine is free and it is the answer by Cavite City Local Government. Cavite City Lying-in has been converted to 14-Bed Capacity Isolation Facility in preparation for COVID-19 threat to our city. Cavite City Local Government is thankful to Cavite Provincial Government for providing COVID-19 Testing Booth. #CaviteCity #OfficialPage #CoViD19 #QuarantineFacility



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DOST-X, PARAS JOIN HANDS IN DEVELOPING PARAZAP DISINFECTION UNIT FOR COVID-19

Engr. Elpidio M. Paras, inventor and CEO of Parasat Cable TV, recently handed over to the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) his innovation to help medical frontliners conserve Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the fight against COVID-19.

Called Parazap, his innovation is a portable Ultraviolet room disinfection unit that is electrical-ly operated. The device is designed to disinfect PPEs specifically N95 masks, and 18-wattage

City Government of Imus

Molecular Laboratory (Covid-19 Testing Facility) of Imus granted license by DOH

City of Imus Molecular Laboratory (Covid-19 Testing Facility) has been accredited and has been given license to Operate by Department of Health (DOH).

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the prescribed length of exposure to kill a certain type of microorganism. All of the materials in making the equipment were locally available. In a conversation with the DOST personnel during his visit, Engr. Paras said that if the project becomes successful the device will be available for reproduction since the materials are readily available. (Turn to page 2)



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(From page 1) of the equipment through ent cycle the masks will be swabbed to detect the presence of the incorporated E. coli bacteria. This will take three (3) days to accomplish desired results. Absence of the incorporated microorganism after exposure to the UV-C chamber would mean that the device is effective. Despite the availability of established methods, the laboratory has conducted further research to maximize the use and evaluation of the device.

This local innovation (Turn to page 3)

Municipality Naic, Cavite

Kanina po ay ginanap ang orientation para sa mga kasapi ng Sangguniang Kabataan, Iskolar ng Bayan ng Carmona, Cavite (IBCC), at Inspection Team ukol sa Carmona COVID-19 Tracker (CCT) App at ang data privacy policy nito.



City Government of Bacoor

Strict protocols implemenyed at Wet and Dry Market Molino 3

Mahigpit na pinapatupad ang mga public health safety protocols sa ating mga palengke at supermarket tulad nalang sa Wet and Dry Market at San Roque Supermarket sa Molino 3. Sinusunod ng ating mga kababayan ang social distancing measures sa pamamagitan ng pagpila gamit ang Circle of Life. Bago makapasok sa palengke, dadaan sila sa thermal scanner at sinisiguro na may face mask at Quarantine Pass ang lahat.



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(From page 1) limited supply. "Gusto natin na pagtayo ay nagtetest ay yung may malaki-laking tsansa na magpa-positive sila or di kaya kung mag-positive man ang tinstest natin ay napakalaki yung pakinabang nung positive test na yun sa paggagamot o sa pagsusuporta sa kanilang kalusugan," Ong-Lim emphasized.

"So alin po yung mga gusto nating tukuyin? Unang-una ay yung mga walang sintomas pero nagkaroon ng close contacts sa mga nagkasakit," Ong-Lim explained. "Kasama dito ang mga kapamilya ng maysakit, mga kasamahan sa trabaho ng mga may sakit o di kaya ang mga health care workers na nagaalaga sa mga may sakit."

While testing is a vital part of the country's overall strategy against the pandemic, expanded targeted testing together with other strategies such as prevention through increasing resilience, contact tracing, isolation, and treatment and management remains to be the ideal approach to quell the spread of the disease.

Co, an infectious diseases and clinical pharmacology expert, reported that the Philippines' COVID-19 positivity rate of 7.2 percent is below the World Health Organization's 10 percent benchmark, is a good indicator that the country is sufficiently testing. The positivity rate shows what percentage of the population that has been tested turns out positive for the disease.

"There is a limit wherein yung value ng test maa-affect yung resources, yung kapasidad ng bansa. There is a certain number we can do, but as of now, we are testing enough," said Co. "Sa mga bansa na gumagawa ng extensive tests, na less than 12 percent of their tests are positive, are doing fine. Sa datos natin, 7.2 percent lang ang positivity rate natin sa mga tests."

Co also noted that the case fatality rate is within 4.8 percent, which will likely decrease further once testing is expanded.

It is also important to distinguish the difference between the positivity rate and the infectivity rate, explained Ong-Lim. "Hindi naman lahat nang na-positive, ay ibig sabihin nakakahawa na," She further that some individuals who recovered from COVID-19 may continue to test positive with Reverse-Transcription Polymerase-Chain-Reaction due to the sensitivity of the test towards the virus.

Ong-Lim further explained that tests may sometimes detect fragments or remnants of the virus that remain but this does not mean that the individual is still infectious. Moreover, testing negative does not guarantee immunity, and people should remain cautious even after being screened. According to Co, "Hindi ibig sabihin 'pag natest na tayo at lumabas nang negative hindi na tayo magkaroon ng COVID-19. One test does not mean we are immune for life."

The Health Spokesperson also noted that it's the first weekend since Metro Manila transitioned into a General Community Quarantine, and reiterated the importance of observing proper prevention measures. "Alam naman natin Source: DOH

City Government of Imus

REMINDER: Imus Tricycle Guidelines

Despite the city clustering removal the implementation of GCQ guidelines will remain on tricycle travel.

BODY ENDING NUMBER:
123 - Monday, Tuesday
456 - Wednesday, Thursday
7890 - Friday, Saturday

Every terminal will be visited by the City Health Office to inspect if social distancing and health monitoring guidelines are followed. If the Health Office can certify terminals and tricycles. TRU will outline new guidelines about it.



General Community Quarantine Imus Tricycle Guidelines



Sa kabila ng pagtanggap ng clustering sa lungsod ay mananatili ang pagpapatupad ng GCQ guidelines sa pagbyahe ng tricycle.

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Ang bawat terminal ay bibisitahin ng City Health Office upang inspeksyonin kung nasusunod ang guidelines sa social distancing at health monitoring. Kung macertify ng Health Office na compliant ang terminal at mga tricycle, ang TRU ay magbabalangkas ng bagong guidelines tungkol dito.

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(From page 1) in overcoming the health initiative is an example of patriotism that gives hope not only to the heroes in the frontline but to all residents of Northern Mindanao.

It shows that every one is able to contribute in overcoming the health crisis, whatever sector we belong in society. Source: DOST-X/ Contact: Ms. Julie Anne H. Baculio, Science Research Specialist I (stpromotions@region10.dost.gov.ph, 0917-709-3706)