

# DOST-SEI EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR INDIE-SIYENSYA FILMMAKING PLUM



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DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> INDIE-SIYENSYA IS EXTENDED UNTIL

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Science filmmaking competition, Indie-Siyensya, is extending the deadline for submission of film entries to October 30, 2021.

The contest, organized by the Department of Science and Technology Education Institute (DOST-SEI), is open to all Filipinos who may join as individuals or in groups.

There are two categories: the "Youth Category" for high school, tertiary school and out-of-school youth aged 13-20, and the "Open category" for college students, teachers, amateur filmmakers, and

even science professionals. Entries must be short documentaries which should have a running time of up to ten (10) minutes. The films must be relevant to the theme "The Scientist in Me," which can be a documentation of personal experiments or explainers of scientific phenomena relevant to communities.

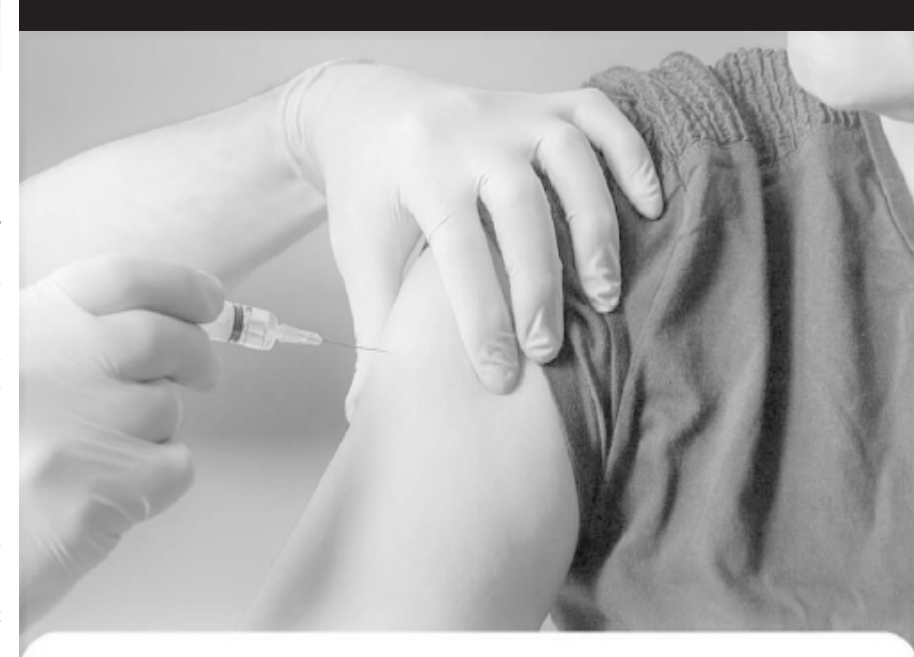
"We want to give more time to our aspiring filmmakers and science communicators to craft their masterpieces. We also realize the challenge presented by the pandemic in doing films, that's why we extended the deadline," said DOST-SEI Director,

Dr. Josette T. Biyo.

Films will be judged based on scientific content, execution of idea, and film techniques. At stake for each category are trophies and cash prizes worth Php 100,000 for the Best Film, Php 50,000 pesos for the second prize, and Php 30,000 for the third prize. Two entries (one per category) will also win the Viewers' Choice award with a prize of Php 20,000.

For contest mechanics and other information, interested participants may visit [www.sei.dost.gov.ph](http://www.sei.dost.gov.ph) or <https://www.facebook.com/dostseindiiesiyensya>. Source: DOST

## City Government of Tagaytay



### LUNGSOD NG TAGAYTAY, BUBUKSAN SA LAHAT NG CAVITENO ANG KANILANG VACCINATION PROGRAM

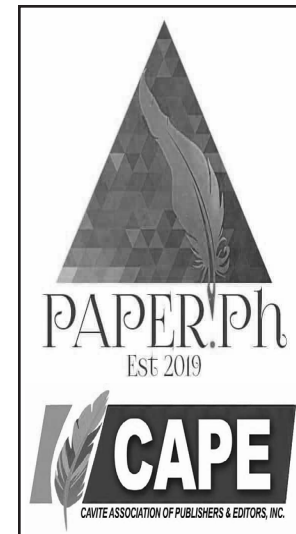
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# Manila Bay Dolomite Beach reopening earns approval from public

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) expressed elation over the strong public reception of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach when it reopened to the public on Saturday, October 16, as Metro Manila was eased into Alert Level 3 status.

"We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the public which made the reopening of the Manila Bay Dolomite Beach truly successful," said Secretary Roy A. Cimatu.

Crowds flocked to the dolomite beach— the newest tourist attraction along the Manila Bay-

walk area—with DENR personnel and security marshals making sure that health and safety protocols were strictly observed. The public got to experience the dolomite beach for the first time when it briefly opened from July 18 to 21. The 140-meter beach area comprises the Phase 1 of the Manila Bay Beach Nourishment Project of the DENR.

The reopening of the dolomite beach was a collective decision of the Manila Bay Inter-Agency Task Force headed by Ci-



## City Government of Imus

### PUBLIC ADVISORY

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Dahil sa patuloy na panganib ng COVID-19, pansamantalang isasara ang lahat ng pampubliko at pribadong sementeryo sa Imus ngayong paparating na Undas, Oktubre 29 hanggang Nobyembre 3, 2021.

Ang pagtalima ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus sa IATF ay pinagtibay ng Executive Order No. 86, Series of 2021, ngayong araw ng Oktubre 15, 2021.

## Schools and communities to foster handwashing culture under DepEd-DOH program

The Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Health (DOH) renewed their commitment to promote handwashing in schools and communities, together with other health measures, to ensure safe school reopening and reduce disease transmission in public settings.

To mark this renewal, DepEd and DOH, in collaboration with UNICEF and WHO, co-convened the 2021 Global Handwashing Day Symposium: "Malinis na Kamay para sa

Kinabukasan ng Bayan" to feature good practices on promoting handwashing across schools, communities and workplace settings amid the pandemic. This year's joint celebration of the GHD follows the issuance of the first Joint Memorandum Circular between the DepEd and DOH on the "Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of Limited face-to-Face Learning Modality" in support of the piloting of school reopening in 120 schools.

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DEPED, DOH COMMIT TO CREATE CULTURE OF HANDWASHING IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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(From page 1) Hygiene report shows that the simple act of handwashing with soap. We call on our partners in the local government and private sector to support improvement of facilities and sustainability of supplies in schools," DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones says.

Aside from helping prevent COVID-19 transmission, handwashing with soap also prevents other diseases.

Studies have shown that handwashing can reduce diarrheal diseases by 30% [i] and acute respiratory infections by up to 20% [ii].

A recently released State of the World Hand

Hygiene report shows that an estimated half a million people globally die each year from diarrhea or acute respiratory infections which could have been prevented with good hand hygiene [iii].

In the context of the Philippines, handwashing supports the reduction, prevention and elimination of stunting among 30% of children under five [iv].

"DOH recognizes the importance of handwashing, not just in the context of the pandemic but in reducing other infections.

There is much to gain health-wise in doing

the simple act of handwashing with soap. We at the DOH are committed to promoting proper handwashing behaviors to make it a sustained habit amongst Filipinos.

We call on other government agencies, local government units, civil society and private sector partners to also encourage proper handwashing practice across different settings," DOH Secretary Francisco Duque III says.

One of the ways that both DOH and DepEd are encouraging handwashing behavior is through the use of behavioral nudges or simple cues in the envi-

ronment that can encourage healthy behaviors. In a collaborative study led by DepEd and UNICEF in Zamboanga del Norte, handwashing practice of students increased by 17.3 percentage points due to nudges that lead to handwashing stations.

Nudges used include footprints leading to handwashing stations, posters, eye stickers and arrows pointing to soap [v].

Building on the results of that study as well as global evidence on nudges, DOH, in partnership with UNICEF, launched the WASH o'clock campaign

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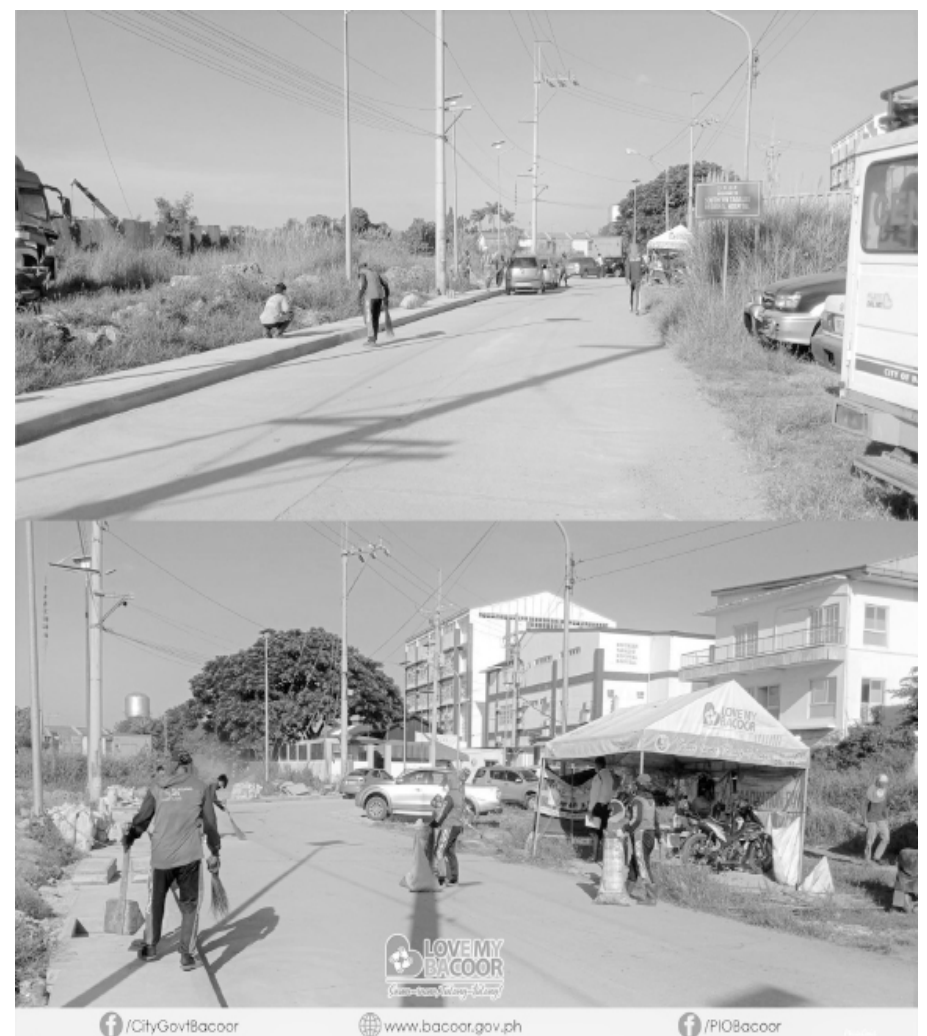
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## City Government of Bacoor

Patuloy ang mga kawani ng CENRO sa kanilang cleaning and clearing operations sa iba't ibang bahagi ng lungsod. Kamakailan ay nagtungo sila sa kahabaan ng Revilla Business Park hangga't sa Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital.



# Online rice dealer gets aid from Sampung Libong Pag-asa

Marivic Azote is one of the thousands who have joined the ranks of entrepreneurs who have taken to the internet to sell their products. But in a sea of vendors selling clothes and shoes online, she stands out because her online product is decidedly different from the rest: sacks of rice.

Azote, a resident of Batong Kawayan 2 in General Trias, Cavite, started her business as a way to augment her family's income amid the pandemic. She collects orders for sacks of rice online, buys them in bulk from her supplier, and delivers them personally to her buyers.

"Kinikita ko po sa pag-o-online po ng bigas po, tumutubo po sa isang sako ay P200, kapag may umorder sa akin ng limang sako, may tubo po ako na P1,000," Azote said in a prerecorded video shown during the Sampung Libong Pag-asa program on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Back program has set up a drop-off center called "My Basurero Eco-Community Center" at the DENR-NCR in partnership with the Basic Environmental Systems & Technologies Inc. will bring the recently-launched Trash to CashBack program to the DENR-NCR field offices in Metro Manila. The Trash to Cash-

(From selling rice online, I make P200 for every sack of rice ordered; if there are five orders, then I make P1,000.)

A rice-dealing business, however, can have a lot of overhead costs as the grain's price could move depending on the impact of the country's notoriously destructive typhoon season, oil price movements affecting the cost of shipping, as well as changes in rice import policies, among other factors.

When Azote was chosen as one of the beneficiaries of former House Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano's Sampung Libong Pag-asa COVID-19 financial relief program on June 4, 2021, she immediately put in a large chunk of the P10,000 cash grant as capital for her online rice dealership.

"Yung nakuha ko po na 10k ayuda, kay Senator Alan Cayetano, hinati ko po ang P4,000, pinuhunan ko po sa bigas, P6,000 ang binayad ko po sa bahay,"

Azote said.

(From the cash aid we received from Senator Alan Cayetano, I used P4,000 as capital for my rice business, while I used the remaining P6,000 for our household needs.)

Azote recognized the kind of lifeline something like Sampung Libong Pag-asa represents for her and others like her -- ordinary Filipinos trying to make ends meet amid the extraordinary challenges brought by the pandemic.

"Malaking tulong sa ating mga kababayan po dito, lalong lalo na sa iba't ibang mga lugar. Kahit papaano po naka-survive naman po ang aking pamilya," she said.

(This is a big help for our people, especially in different parts of the country. At least my family has been able to survive despite our current situation.

Upang mas mapabilis ang pagsasagawa ng contact tracing at makatulong sa pagbaba ng kaso ng COVID-19 sa Bayan ng Carmona, ipinatupad ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Carmona ang Municipal Ordinance No. 09-2020.

Nakasaad dito na lahat ay kinakailangang gumamit ng Digital Contact Tracer (DCT) app at i-scan ang QR codes o i-manual log ang bawat lugar na pupuntahan at mga taong makakasalamuha.

Para sa impormasyon hinggil sa inyong data privacy rights sa paggamit ng DCT app, basahin lamang ito: [https://carmona.gov.ph/covid\\_tracker/privacy.html](https://carmona.gov.ph/covid_tracker/privacy.html) #DCTApp #CarmonaDCT

## City Government of Carmona

**MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES**  
(October 16 - 31, 2021)

- Curfew:** 8 PM to 5 AM
- Allowed:** APOR and persons 18 to 65 years old (Quarantine Pass needed when going outside)
- Essential stores:** 5AM to 7PM
- No Liquor Ban:** Drinking is allowed within households and with immediate family members only
- Indoor dining:** Allowed at 50% venue capacity. All fresco dining. Allowed at 50% of venue capacity
- Food: 5AM to 5PM:** Indoor dining. Allowed at 10% of venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals. All fresco dining. 11AM to 7PM only
- Outdoor non-contact sports venues:** Allowed at 50% of venue capacity
- Personal care services:** Allowed at 30% of venue capacity
- Individual outdoor exercises:** Allowed within the barangay from 5AM to 9AM
- Indoor sports venues:** Closed
- Recreational, entertainment, and gaming venues:** Closed
- Religious gatherings:** Allowed at 10% of venue capacity
- Tricycle:** 1 passenger inside
- Jeepney:** 50% capacity (1 seat apart)
- Motorcycle:** 1 backside allowed (APOR only)
- Car:** 50% capacity
- Accommodations and events place:** Closed
- Funerals for non-COVID related deaths:** Allowed at 10% venue capacity for immediate family members

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## DENR engages kids, youth in solid waste management activities

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## How to wear fabric mask

**How to put on and wear a fabric mask:** cover your mouth, nose, and chin, leaving no gaps on the sides. Place the straps behind your head or ears. Do not cross the straps because this can cause gaps on the side of your face. Avoid touching the mask while wearing it. If you touch it, clean your hands.

**How to take off and store a fabric mask:** Change your mask if it gets dirty or wet. Place the straps behind your head or ears. Do not cross the straps because this can cause gaps on the side of your face. Avoid touching the mask while wearing it. If you touch it, clean your hands.

**How to reuse it:** If you plan to reuse it, put it in a clean plastic, resealable bag. If you need to use it again, hold the mask at the elastic loops when removing it from the bag. Clean your mask once a day. Clean your hands after removing the mask. Source: World Health Org.

## DENR engages kids, youth in solid waste management activities



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) launched Friday its nationwide Solid Waste Management Advocacy Campaign to spur behavioral change towards the environment and mobilize the public, especially children and young people, on the proper handling and disposal of solid waste.

Through the DENR's Strategic Communication Initiatives Service (SCIS), the campaign was developed to fast track its collective and ultimate objective of a healthier, greener, and cleaner Philippines amid the growing environmental threats in the country and the world.

"Creating a better and healthier environment through efficient solid waste management is one of the biggest challenges that we, at the DENR, are faced today," Secretary Roy A. Cimatu said during the campaign launch on Oct. 15 at the DENR Central Office.

"We really need the support of the people, especially our youth sector. It is important, therefore, to impress to them that unless we do something right today by diligently practicing sound solid waste management, the future will be bleak," he added.

To spread awareness and encourage public support to the campaign, the DENR will strengthen partnerships and collaborations, technology, as well as information, education and communication.

"While this program is intended to be a whole-of-nation approach, we designed this to be more focused on the youth who would later serve as our environmental champions," said Undersecretary for Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units (LGUs) Concerns and SCIS Supervising Undersecretary Benny D. Antiporda.

Included in the DENR's solid waste management campaign is the

Basura Buster, a free, web-based game application for children ages 5 to 8 years old.

The application, which can be downloaded on Android devices through the Google Play Store, allows players to earn points by properly segregating different kinds of trash in an educational and entertaining way.

Through its social media accounts, the DENR also hopes to influence behavioral change through a series of videos that show proper solid waste management practices in day-to-day situations.

These include segregating garbage, bringing of own eating utensils in restaurants, and selling trash for cash or "Pera sa Basura."

The SWM Advocacy campaign was launched via a blended platform with officials and personnel of the DENR Central Office, regional and field offices, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources

## City Government of Imus

### ALERT LEVEL 3 SA CAVITE

Isinailalim na sa **mas pinaluwag** na alert level system ang lalawigan ng Cavite simula ngayong araw hanggang **Oktubre 31**, alinsunod sa kautusan ng Malacañang.

Sa ilalim ng **alert level 3**, ang pinapayagang kapasidad para sa mga establisimento ay nasa **30%** na para sa mga indoor utilities habang **50%** naman sa outdoor services. Balik-operasyon na rin ang mga sinehan at mga teatro para sa mga fully vaccinated individuals.

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to remind people to wash their hands during critical moments and as they move about in their communities.

The campaign includes installation of signs and public handwashing stations to nudge people to wash their hands in markets, malls, transport hubs, government offices, churches and health centers.

Among child health Offices, Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices, bureaus and attached agencies.

Department of the Interior and Local Government Assistant Secretary for Special Concerns—Local Government Sector Atty. Odilon L. Pasaraba and Mother Earth Foundation chairperson and National Solid Waste Management Commission

"Prompting and reminding people to wash their hands is an effective strategy to improve hygiene practice.

We are happy seeing this approach applied not just in healthcare settings but in schools and communities to better integrate the habit in people's daily lives," says WHO Philippines Representative Dr. Rabindra Abeyasinghe.

Among child health (NSWMC) Alternate Representative of non-government organizations Sonia Mendoza have also expressed their support through video messages.

Also present were representatives from the NSWMC, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, LGUs, and other stakeholders.

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interventions, handwashing programmes have similar cost-effectiveness to that of immunization and oral rehydration therapy [vi].

However, only 4% of countries reported that they have sufficient funding to reach their national hygiene targets[vii].

"Having a costed national hygiene plan would pave the way for other sectors and partners to join efforts in accelerating our progress and creating a safer future for children in the Philippines.

We commend the collaboration between DepEd and DOH for being the driving force in promoting the practice of hand hygiene and help ensure that children grow in healthy environments," UNICEF Philippines Representative Oyunsai Khan Dendevnorov says. Source: DepEd

## Over 20 million COVID-19 vaccine doses procured by ADB Loan Heal Project

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recognized the Department of Health's (DOH) remarkable accomplishment on the utilization of its loan under ADB's financing project, Health System Enhancement to Address and Limit (HEAL) COVID-19 Project.

With a record of over 70% obligation rate of its USD 825 million total loan budget intended for COVID-19 vaccine procurement and its ancillaries, equipment, infrastructure, and training, DOH was rated with excellent progress in the recently concluded HEAL 1 Review Mission and HEAL 2 Inception Mission.

"Within the implementation of the ADB

Health System Enhancement to Address and Limit COVID-19 (HEAL) project, approximately 21.58 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been financed through ADB and delivered to the Philippines, and of this, 6.3 million doses have been given to priority populations as of August 2021.

Other achievements of the project include procurement and delivery of 70 Patient Transport Vehicles for contact tracing, 90 mechanical ventilators, and 85 portable x-ray machines to aid patient recovery in target Local Government Units (LGUs) and DOH-owned hospitals. Despite the challenges, civil works, and procurement of other medical supplies and

laboratory equipment are moving forward and will be completed as planned", said Sakiko Tanaka, ADB Principal Social Sector Specialist. "I would like to thank the ADB and the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank for guiding us in this journey of a very big loan. This is the first time that we have handled this big loan with this short time frame, but I'm happy that most of the activities are already on going and our disbursements are quite high, and much ahead of most of the original timeframe that we have committed. I would also like to thank DOF with Assistant Secretary Didith Tan here, who has always been a very good help to us, and of course NEDA

and DBM. My colleagues by providing medical vaccine procurement and equipment and supplies to health facilities that treat COVID-19 cases, "Design and Construction of Isolation Ward Facilities under ADB HEAL COVID-19 Project, Utilization of Equipment under ADB HEAL COVID-19 Project, and Logistics Management" received

HEAL will assist the Philippines in scaling up its COVID-19 response,

to health facilities that

Program Management Office," said Undersecretary Mario C. Villaverde.

is to provide timely financial for safe and effective

logistics.

Note: The AVPs "Design and Construction of Isolation Ward Facilities under ADB HEAL COVID-19 Project, Utilization of Equipment under ADB HEAL COVID-19 Project, and Logistics Management" received recognition from the Principal Social Sector Specialist. Source: DOH

## Local Government of Cavite City



### CAVITE CITY RESBAKUNA NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION

#### CITY GOVERNMENT OF CAVITE

ResBakuna update 2.0: Maari na pong mag online registration ang mga kasama sa grupong C-1- rest of population 18 yrs. and above. - Siguraduhin lamang mga datos at tama. -Alamin mabuti kung saan kayong kategorya nabibilang: A-1 Medical frontliners A-2 Senior Citizens A-3 With comorbidities o mayroong iniinom na maintenance nang gamot o mayroong malalang sakit o karamdaman. A-4 Economic frontliners- mga workers, minimum wage earners, at iba pang namamasukan o empleyado sa mga iba't-ibang kumpanya, establisimient, opisina, gobyerno man o pribado. A-5 - mga maralitang nagtatrabaho sa labas ng bahay, below minimum wage earners, vendors, PUV drivers, jeepney, tricycle, side car, yaya, kasambahay, labandera, peddlers, at iba pa. C-1 - rest of population 18yrs. and above. (magdala ng kahit anong ID with Cavite City Address or barangay certificate of residency. Magpa rehistro lamang sa online link <https://bit.ly/CaviteCityRegistration>

## Manila Bay Dolomite Beach reopening earns approval from public

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matu, following the downgrading of COVID-19 alert level in Metro Manila.

Aside from promoting positive mental health, Cimatu said the dolomite beach offers another option to view the scenic Manila Bay sunset aside from the customary sunset view at the Baywalk portion near Remedios Street in Malate, Manila.

"We will gradually expand the area accessible to the public for viewing in the coming weeks as we progress on with the completion of the project," Cimatu said.

During the soft opening of the dolomite beach in July, only 120 visitors per batch were allowed to stay for 5 minutes from 9

a.m to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

This time around, Cimatu said visitors may stay as long as they want to while the limit of 300 individuals will have to be observed during the adjusted open hours from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

There is no need for people to be vaccinated to enter the premises, but wearing of face masks is mandatory, Cimatu said.

The DENR official said the use of face shield is optional.

Cimatu said that while the rehabilitation efforts "have already made a significant improvement in its water quality," bathing is still prohibited as the waters still haven't reached

the standard level acceptable for swimming.

According to DENR Administrative Order 2016-08 on Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards of 2016, fecal coliform level for marine water bodies should be at 100 most probable number per 100 milliliters to be classified as Class SB or fit for swimming and other contact recreation. Visitors are also not allowed to bring food, drinks and pets; pick up dolomite sand; spit; and litter.

"We appeal to the public not to litter at all times while in the vicinity. Leave nothing but good memories behind after your visit to the beachfront," Cimatu appealed. Source: DENR