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**Department of Health**  
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## UPDATES ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

*Information may change at any time due to the evolving situation.*

### Laboratory Status of Patients in the Philippines (as of 17 March 2020; 4:00 pm)

Confirmed cases	187
Cases tested negative	655
Cases pending test results	184



## Latest Updates

DATE	TIME	UPDATE
March 17, 2020	9:00 PM	<b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH launches COVID-19 hotlines 1555, 02-894-COVID</b> DOH launched the DOH COVID-19 emergency hotlines 02-894-COVID (02-894-26843) and 1555 in partnership with the National Emergency Hotline of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and PLDT and its wireless subsidiary Smart Communications Inc...
March 16, 2020	8:00 PM	<b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH reports 1st recovered COVID-19 Filipino case; brings total to 3</b> The Department of Health confirmed reports of the recovery and subsequent discharge of a Filipino COVID-19 case. This brings the total of recovered patients in the Philippines to 3 ...
March 16, 2020	6:00 PM	<b>DOH issues Press Release: DFA bring home Filipinos from M/V Grand Princess</b> The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Department of Health (DOH) repatriated 444 Overseas Filipinos (OFs) from the M/V Grand Princess cruise ship docked in the Port of Oakland in California, USA early morning of March 16, 2020...
March 14, 2020	5:00 PM	<b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH reports 34 new COVID-19 cases; seeks public cooperation</b> The Department of Health (DOH) reported 34 new COVID-19 cases (PH65-PH98) bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 98...
March 13, 2020	8:00 PM	<b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH backs 11th IATF resolutions; reports 12 new COVID-19 cases in PH</b> The Department of Health today expressed support over President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's proclamation to immediately activate Code Red Level 2...

## DAILY GLOBAL SITUATION (DATA AS OF 16 MARCH 2020)

<b>Global</b>	167,511 confirmed (13,903 new)
<b>China</b>	81,077 confirmed (29 new)
<b>Outside China</b>	86,434 confirmed (13,874 new)

Source: [World Health Organization](#)

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