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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 24 March 2020; 04:00 PM)

Confirmed cases	552
Cases tested negative	704
Cases pending test results	535



Latest Updates

DATE	TIME	UPDATE
March 21, 2020	11:30 AM	DOH issues Press Release: More COVID-19 test kits arriving, 5 sub-national labs now operational <i>In line with its strategy to #BeatCovid19, DOH is accelerating its COVID-19 testing capacity. In addition to the current 1,300 available kits and recently delivered kits (2,050) from China and South Korea, DOH is anticipating additional 120,500 units from different countries, such as China, Korea, and Brunei ...</i>
March 17, 2020	9:00 PM	DOH issues Press Release: DOH launches COVID-19 hotlines 1555, 02-894-COVID <i>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...</i>
March 16, 2020	8:00 PM	DOH issues Press Release: DOH reports 1st recovered COVID-19 Filipino case; brings total to 3 <i>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 ...</i>
March 16, 2020	6:00 PM	DOH issues Press Release: DFA bring home Filipinos from M/V Grand Princess <i>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...</i>
March 16, 2020		Suggested Retail Price of N-88 Face Mask

DAILY GLOBAL SITUATION (DATA AS OF 23 MARCH 2020)

Global	372,757 confirmed (39,827 new)
South-East Asia	1,990 confirmed (214 new)

Source: [World Health Organization](#)

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