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UPDATES ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

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April 14, 2020	5:00 PM	<p>DOH issues Press Release: DOH: Test labs without certification will expose public to undue harm</p> <p>The Department of Health (DOH) today warns the public that test laboratories without appropriate certifications will expose more people to undue harm. Health OIC-Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire explained during the DOH's daily Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser that the COVID-19 virus is highly contagious. That is the reason why we need a Biosafety Level 2 facility, laboratory technologists trained on biosafety and PCR procedures, regularly calibrated equipment and instruments, and a well-established protocol on the quality assurance of test results, if we are to conduct tests...</p>
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April 14, 2020	5:00 PM	<p>DOH issues Press Release: DOH explains COVID-testing protocol</p> <p>The Department of Health (DOH) today clarified that assessment by a licensed health professional remains a prerequisite before one could get tested for COVID-19. Health OIC-Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire explained during the DOH's daily Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser that those who think they are infected will still need to be assessed by a health professional. They can do this in the comforts of your home through Telemedicine consultations...</p>
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April 13, 2020		<p>Interim Guidelines on the Manufacture of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Ventilators, and Respirators in Light of the COVID-19 Situation</p> <p>The Department of Health reiterates the interim guidelines as specified by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Circular No. 2020-014 in order to facilitate the manufacture of local PPE and other innovations...</p>
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April 13, 2020	5:00 PM	<p>DOH issues Press Release: DOH launches new covid-19 tracker and DOH Datacollect App</p> <p>The Department of Health (DOH) launched yesterday its new COVID-19 Tracker in line with its commitment to promote transparency and accountability. The revamped tracker features additional information on the epidemiology of COVID-19 in the country, COVID-19 testing, health facilities, and availability of personal protective equipment (PPEs). The public can now view data on the laboratory testing capacities of the DOH accredited laboratories including the total number of tests and unique individuals tested. Likewise, the public can now have a snapshot of our health system's capacity in responding to the pandemic based on data collected from the DOH DataCollect application...</p>
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April 12, 2020	5:00 PM	<p>DOH issues Press Release: DOH releases interim guidelines for emergency hiring of health personnel</p> <p>The Department of Health has released Department Memorandum No. 2020-0153 which prescribes interim guidelines for emergency hiring of health personnel in select hospitals and other health facilities to expand the country's response to the COVID-19 health emergency...</p>
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DAILY GLOBAL SITUATION (DATA AS OF 14 APRIL 2020)

Global	1,844,863 confirmed (71,779 new)
South-East Asia	18,663 confirmed (1,780 new)

Source: [World Health Organization](#)

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