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## UPDATES ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

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### COVID-19 Case Tracker [\[view in Full Screen\]](#)

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UPDATE

April 15, 2020	5:00 PM	<p><b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH: Every Filipino is covered by PhilHealth’s COVID-19 case rates</b></p> <p>The Department of Health (DOH) today announced that PhilHealth has issued guidelines on “case-based payment of benefits” (PhilHealth Circular 2020-0009- Benefit Packages for Inpatient Care of Probable and Confirmed COVID-19 Developing Severe Illnesses/Outcomes) for COVID-19 patients. “This is part of PhilHealth’s mandate to ensure that all Filipinos have equitable access to quality, affordable and accessible health care services,” Health OIC-Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said during the Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser that featured Dr. Shirley Domingo, PhilHealth Vice President for the Corporate Affairs Group as its guest...</p>
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April 14, 2020	5:00 PM	<p><b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH: Test labs without certification will expose public to undue harm</b></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><b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH explains COVID-testing protocol</b></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><b>Interim Guidelines on the Manufacture of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Ventilators, and Respirators in Light of the COVID-19 Situation</b></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><b>DOH issues Press Release: DOH launches new covid-19 tracker and DOH Datacollect App</b></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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DAILY GLOBAL SITUATION (DATA AS OF 17 APRIL 2020)

<b>Global</b>	2,074,529 confirmed (82,967 new)
<b>South-East Asia</b>	23,560 confirmed (1,770 new)

Source: [World Health Organization](#)

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