

# UPDATES ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

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

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



Note: Provincial and regional totals may slightly change daily because by default, the current address as reported in the case investigation form is used, whenever available. Continuing follow-up of the patient after public announcement ascertains their region, usually the region where they are admitted or quarantined, and this may be different from the region of their current residence.

# 13,434

TOTAL CASES (NATIONWIDE)

RT-PCR Positive by DOH-RITM certified lab as of May 21, 2020

213

New Cases



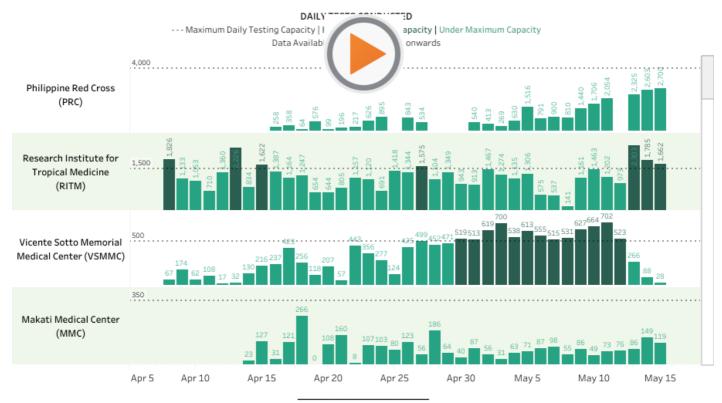
### TESTING CAPACITY

#### CUMULATIVE TESTS

No newly submitted report as of yesterday, May 20, 2020. Latest testing data available is from May 15, 2020.

	Unique Individuals Tested	Positive Individuals	% positive / unique individuals	Negative Individuals	% negative /unique individuals	Equivocal	% equivocal/ unique individuals	Invalid	% invalid / unique individuals	Total Tests Conducted	Remaining Available Tests
Grand Total	207,823	16,822	8.1%	171,202	82.4%	103	0.0%	489	0.2%	224,673	829,982
Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM)	59,986	7,582	12.6%	52,378	87.3%	20	0.0%	6	0.0%	70,031	585,848
Philippine Red Cross (PRC)	27,674	1,235	4.5%	26,439	95.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	27,667	70,000
Philippine Red Cross Logistics & Multipurpose	19,229									19,250	
Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC)	13,521	1,981	14.7%	11,525	85.2%	15	0.1%	0	0.0%	14,354	10,500
Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP)	11,973	587	4.9%	11,383	95.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%	11,987	2,200

Note : Total positive tests may be higher than total confirmed cases for the day because test results are undergoing case validation and processing. The DOH is currently improving the reporting mechanisms of COVID-19 testing laboratories. At present, the Department publishes both daily and cumulative total tests that are self-reported by the testing labs. We acknowledge there are inconsistencies in the data and will pause further updates until these issues are clarified with the laboratories as soon as possible.



#### FACILITY CAPACITY

Region	Province	City/Muni	Facility
All	All	All	None

#### AVAILABILITY OF BEDS & MECHANICAL VENTILATORS IN DIFFERENT FACILITIES

Reported Daily by Facilities

Status: Occupied | Available

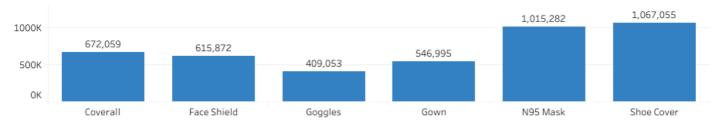




Note: These are beds dedicated exclusively for COVID-19 patients. 100% of facilities (1,816 out of 1,816) have reported bed availability on the DOH DataCollect app. Disclaimer: As of May 19, 2020, there are 12,602 total dedicated beds for COVID-19 in facilities, and 1,914 mechanical ventilators. The graph above shows utilisation in facilities that have submitted to the DOHDataCollect App only. Please interpret with caution as we improve data submission of all hospitals through the app.

AVAILABILITY OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPEs) IN DIFFERENT FACILITIES

Reported Weekly by Facilities



Available head covers: 4,698,158 Available surgical masks: 10,629,573 Note: 99% of facilities (1,890 out of 1,917) have reported PPE availability on the DOH DataCollect app. For PPE distributions, kindly refer to the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) data.

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Confirmed case data from the Epidemiology Bureau (EB). Health System capacity data from the DataCollect app as of today. Tableau Public visualization designed in collaboration with Nel Jason Haw and Thinking Machines.

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## **Latest Updates**

DATE	TIME	UPDATE
May 21, 2020	5:00 PM	<b>DOH issues Press Release: DTI, DOLE: Testing not required for workers to return to work</b> In yesterday's media forum hosted by the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) reminded employers that COVID-19 testing is not a requisite before workers can return to work, following the Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19 issued on April 30, 2020
May 21, 2020	12:00 NN	DOH issues Press Release: Experts weigh in on testing: an overview of the process and causes of backlog. With 244,800 tests conducted to date, the Department of Health (DOH) in its May 18 Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser went point by point in discussing the complexities of COVID-19 testing, the wide range of factors affecting its speed and accuracy, as well as the health and safety of the healthcare workers facilitating the testing process. Health Undersecretary Dr. Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire was joined by ThinkWell's Senior Policy Advisor Dr. Maria Eufemia Yap and the Executive Director of the University of the Philippines Manila - National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) Dr. Eva Maria Cutiongco-Dela Paz, who detailed the entire testing process— from specimen collection to data validation and analysis
May 21, 2020	12:00 NN	<b>DOH issues Press Release: Testing not required for workers to return to work - DOH</b> With the easing of community quarantine, employers are encouraged to follow the Department Memorandum No. 2020-0220 on Interim Guidelines on Return to Work, the Department of Health (DOH) reiterates that it is not an official requirement for employees to get tested prior to working. According to the DOH, employers are not officially required to get their employees tested for COVID-19, and neither is it expected that employers require their employees to get tested. The Department mandates the screening and monitoring of employees to promptly address those showing symptoms
May 18, 2020	5:00 PM	DOH issues Press Release: DOH to deputize med grads to assist in nat'l COVID-19 response Consistent with the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) 11469 or the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" and R.A. 2382 or the "Medical Act of 1959," the Department of Health (DOH) issued the Department Memorandum No. 2020-0169 last Saturday, which allows medical graduates to engage in limited practice of medicine as deputized physicians, without need of any certificate of registration from the Professional Regulation Commission

DATE	TIME	UPDATE
May 16, 2020	5:00 PM	DOH issues Press Release: Malasakit: panlaban natin sa COVID-19; former UP Chancellor contextualizes pandemic for Filipinos
		The easing of the community quarantine across the Philippines is a huge breath of relief for many Filipinos whose lives and livelihoods have been displaced, but experts from the academic community caution that day-to-day behavior has to change until a vaccine is found. In the May 16 media forum, medical anthropologist and University of the Philippines (UP) professor, Dr. Michael Tan, appealed to both the government and the public to practice healthy behaviors while the virus continues to pose risks. The former UP Chancellor also called on all Filipinos to be kinder and more understanding, highlighting the importance of social



### DAILY GLOBAL SITUATION (DATA AS OF 21 MAY 2020)

solidarity in the fight against COVID-19...

Global	4,893,186 confirmed (103,981 new)
South-East Asia	164,225 confirmed (8,014 new)

Source: World Health Organization

#### RESOURCES

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