

Summary of Regulation and Activities of Civilian compare to Military Related to Dynamic of COVID-19

Country: Philippines

Date	COVID-19 Report		Regulations & Activities		Remarks
	Confirmed	Dead	Civilian	Military	
31 Dec 2019			<p>The World Health Organization (WHO) reported clustering of pneumonia cases in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China</p> <p>The Department of Health (DOH), in close coordination with WHO Country Office, began to carefully monitor the development of these events</p>		
6 Jan 2020			DOH ordered strict screening of incoming travellers		
11 Jan 2020			With China identifying the new type of coronavirus as the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD), the DOH urged the public with a history of travel to China to seek immediate medical consultation		
12 Jan 2020			DOH investigated the report of a 5-yr-old pneumonia case in Cebu City		
17 Jan 2020			<p>DOH implemented the mandatory accomplishment of Health Declaration Cards for all port arrivals</p> <p>DOH coordinated with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to inform the Chinese Embassy on the number of persons under investigation (PUIs)</p>		
20 Jan 2020			DOH established the nCoV Task Force (NTF) in line with the human to human transmission reported in China		
21 Jan 2020			DOH released Health Advisories and issued the Interim Guidelines on the Preparedness and Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ARD		

23 Jan 2020			<p>DOH issued Memorandum on Strengthening of Hospital Infection Prevention and Control Measures to prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV ARD</p> <p>Airports and seaports were on tight watch</p> <p>Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) indefinitely suspended all operations from Wuhan to the Philippines (PH)</p> <p>Maritime Industry Authority (MIA) advised ship owners and operators regarding the 2019-nCoV ARD</p>		
24 Jan 2020			<p>A 5-year-old boy in Cebu tested negative for 2019-nCoV</p>		
27 Jan 2020			<p>DOH coordinated with the DFA and discussed foreign concerns on the 2019-nCoV ARD</p>		
28 Jan 2020			<p>DOH levelled up communications of the 2019-nCoV Health Event and developed a Daily Case Tracker</p> <p>Regular Press Briefings are held to inform the public</p> <p>The DOH website was updated through doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV</p> <p>DOH convened the first Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) meeting</p> <p>Repatriation of Filipinos was processed A travel ban was set for individuals coming from Hubei, China</p>		

			The Bureau of Immigration (BOI) ordered the suspension of the issuance of Visas upon arrival to passport holders from China		
29 Jan 2020			DOH convened all Centers for Health Development Directors and concerned Chiefs of Hospitals to attend to all persons under investigation and monitoring (PUI/PUM) for 2019-nCoV ARD		
30 Jan 2020	1		DOH initiated contact tracing for the first case reported in the PH DFA issued a public advisory calling for the voluntary repatriation of Filipinos in Hubei Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) mandated all drivers and conductors of public utility vehicles to wear face masks		
31 Jan 2020			PRRD issued a travel ban to foreigners coming from Hubei and anywhere in China where there is spread of the disease DOH convened the second IATF-EID meeting The Department of Interior Local Government (DILG) released Memorandum Circular Nr 2020-018 indicating guides to action against Coronavirus Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) established capability in confirming 2019-nCoV ARD infection The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) issued guidelines on 2019-nCoV ARD prevention and control at the workplace		

			The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) ordered the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) to start sourcing P5-million masks to augment the local supply		
1 Feb 2020			Education officials created a Task Force for the Management of the Department of Education (DepEd) Response to 2019-nCoV ARD LTFRB issued a memorandum to govern all public utility drivers and conductors and terminal operators in ensuring a safe public land transportation in view of 2019-nCoV ARD		
2 Feb 2020	2 (1-new)	1	PRRD approved the temporary ban of entry of any person, not only those who were directly from China and its Special Administrative Regions (SARs), but also those who were in China or any SARs within 14 days before arrival (Exceptions: Filipinos and those Permanent Resident visa holders issued in the PH)		
3 Feb 2020			DOH held a consultative meeting with professional medical societies to come up with 2019-nCoV ARD Decision Tool and Other Essential Guidelines PRRD presided over a situation briefing on the 2019-nCoV ARD in Malacanang Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) banned disembarkation of vessel crews from China, cancelled visitation privileges of relatives of Filipinos and NGOs while docked at any PPA-controlled ports DOLE instructed Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) to provide P10,000 cash assistance to each stranded overseas Filipino worker (OFW) due to travel ban	Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), through the Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG), disseminated precautionary measures to all AFP units regarding the novel corona virus	

4 Feb 2020			DOH discussed government's response to the 2019-nCoV ARD during the 46 th Cabinet Meeting A Senate Committee hearing on the 2019-nCoV was conducted		
5 Feb 2020	3 (1-new)	1	A House Committee hearing on the 2019-nCoV was held		
9 Feb 2020		2 (1-new)	Government utilized the Athlete's Village in New Clark City (NCC) as national quarantine facility DFA reported 30 OFWs from Wuhan, China returned to the PH and sent for quarantine in NCC		
11 Feb 2020			WHO renamed the 2019-nCoV ARD as Coronavirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 Philippine Health Insurance (Phil-Health) issued a Circular enhancing the packages related to COVID-19		
12 Feb 2020			DFA reported a total of 290 OFWs from Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Baghdad, and Riyadh returned to the PH and sent for quarantine		
14 Feb 2020			IATF-EID lifted the travel restrictions imposed on Taiwan.		
18 Feb 2020			IATF-EID lifted the departure travel ban for OFWs, student visa holders, and permanent residents of Hong Kong and Macau. DFA reported 35 Filipinos infected with COVID-19 on board the Diamond Princess docked at Yokohama, Japan		
19 Feb 2020			DepEd issued Memorandum 23 to resume the conduct of national, regional, and off-campus activities starting 24 Feb 2020		

20 Feb 2020			<p>OWWA released a total of P81.6-million Benefits Availment Program NCOV Relief Assistance to 8,106 OFWs stranded in China, Hong Kong and Macau, each receiving P10,000</p> <p>Civil Service Commission (CSC) released Memorandum re Interim Guidelines on the Use of Leave Credits for Absences due to COVID-19</p>		
22 Feb 2020			DOH and DFA held a send-off ceremony for all the 49 quarantined repatriates at NCC after not showing any symptoms of COVID-19		
23 Feb 2020			DFA confirmed one Filipino tested positive for COVID-19 in Singapore		
25 Feb 2020			DFA welcomed a total of 445 seafarers from MV Diamond Princess and sent for quarantine		
26 Feb 2020			<p>IATF-EID implemented a travel ban from South Korea exempting OFWs</p> <p>DFA reported three OFWs from Baghdad returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>		
27 Feb 2020			<p>DFA reported a 29-y/o Filipina tested positive for COVID-19 in Hong Kong</p> <p>DFA reported 62 OFWs from Beirut returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>		
28 Feb 2020			DFA reported 14 OFWs from Dubai returned to PH and sent for quarantine		
29 Feb 2020			<p>Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) Secretary advised the public to stay safe and careful as cases of COVID-19 continue to rise around the world</p> <p>DFA reported 8 OFWs from Beirut returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>		

3 Mar 2020			<p>IATF-EID released Resolution Nr 9 on Recommendations for the Management of COVID-19 Situation</p> <p>The Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) issued guidelines at all seaports for prevention and spread of COVID-19</p>		
4 Mar 2020			<p>The IATF-EID partially lifted the travel restrictions to South Korea</p> <p>DOLE released guidelines on the Implementation of Flexible Work Arrangements as Remedial Measure due to on-going COVID-19 outbreak</p>		
5 Mar 2020			<p>DepEd issued Memorandum Nr 031-2020 informing the fourth set of policy directives of DepEd Task Force COVID-19</p>	<p>AFP issued operational directive to support operations to prevent the spread of COVID-19</p>	
6 Mar 2020	5 (2-new)		<p>DOH released WHO interim guidelines for health workers' exposure risk assessment and management in the context of COVID-19</p>		
7 Mar 2020	6 (1-new)		<p>DOH reported the first case of local transmission for the country's sixth positive case</p> <p>DOH released Public Advisory Nr 14 informing Clarifications on Management and Referral of Close Contacts of Confirmed COVID-19 cases</p> <p>DOH released Public Advisory Nr 13 updating the guidelines for the Management and Referral of Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 cases under Code Red</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 163 OFWs from Macau returned to the PH</p>		

8 Mar 2020	10 (4-new)		<p>PRRD called for a whole-of- government response on mandatory reporting, intensified measures, quarantine enforcement, and disease control and prevention measures</p> <p>DFA reported 27 OFWs from Tehran returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>		
9 Mar 2020	24 (14-new)		<p>PCCO reiterated its commitment to continue to be the leading communication arm of the government in addressing public health emergency and disseminating information on the COVID-19</p> <p>IATF-EID released Resolution Nr 10 on Recommendations for the Management of COVID-19 Situation</p> <p>DepEd issued Memorandum Nr 034-2020 regarding the fifth set of policy directives of DepEd Task Force COVID-19</p> <p>DOH released advisory on Algorithm for Triage in managing Persons under Investigation</p> <p>Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allowed use of COVID-19 test kits developed by local scientists</p>		
10 Mar 2020	33 (9-new)		<p>PRRD enjoined village executives nationwide to intensify the fight against COVID-19</p> <p>National Privacy Commission (NPC) reminded DOH to be very careful in releasing COVID-19 patient information to the public</p>	AFP issued advisory for the temporary suspension of International Defense Security Engagements	

11 Mar 2020	49 (16-new)		<p>CSC issued Memorandum Circular adopting the interim guidelines for alternative work schemes in government amid the threat posed by COVID-19</p> <p>Phil-Health announced shouldering COVID-19 testing costs as well as quarantine and isolation costs</p> <p>DOH issued Public Advisory Nr 16 re Guidelines for Institutions with detected PUI at the workplace</p> <p>DOH issued Public Advisory Nr 15 re Guidance on Gatherings for the Public and Event Organizers</p> <p>DOH released guidelines for management of patients with possible and confirmed COVID-19</p>	<p>AFP issued directed for all AFP personnel, to include their dependents, who had travel history to report to the nearest military treatment facilities</p>	
12 Mar 2020	52 (3-new)	5 (3-new)	<p>PRRD ordered strict community quarantine in the National Capital Region (NCR) from 15 Mar until 12 Apr, suspending all classes and government work</p> <p>DOH issued Public Advisory Nr 17 re Guidance in the Conduct of Daily Prayer (Salah) for Filipinos with Islamic Faith</p> <p>DOH reiterated the price freeze on essential emergency medicines and medical devices due to COVID-19</p> <p>FDA declared prohibition on the online selling of essential emergency medical supplies beyond the price ceiling, as well the selling of COVID-19 testing kit without authorization</p>	<p>AFP suspended the conduct of mass gatherings (e.g. formations, large meetings, ceremonies, team building activities, sports-related activities), and imposed community quarantine inside camps</p>	

			<p>IATF-EID released Resolution Nr 11 on Recommendations for the Management of the COVID-19 Situation</p> <p>Dep Ed issued a Memorandum authorizing the use of local funds to implement measures in preparing and responding to COVID-19</p> <p>Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued guidelines on the attendance and participation of directors, trustees, stockholders, members, and other persons of corporations in regular and special meetings through teleconferencing, video conferencing and other remote or electronic means of communication</p>		
13 Mar 2020	64 (12-new)		<p>PRRD assured NCR residents of enough essential supplies and food in the metropolis markets for the entire period of community quarantine</p> <p>DepEd released guidelines in computing the final grades of the students in Metro Manila and other areas affected by the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>DepEd issued a Memorandum adopting video conferencing systems to continue operations</p> <p>IATF-EID released Resolution Nr 12 on Recommendations for the Management of COVID-19 Situation</p> <p>DOTr released guidelines for the management of emerging infectious diseases</p> <p>FDA issued advisory on the conduct of foreign inspections</p>	Department of National Defense (DND) and all its Bureau adopted the implementation of community quarantine and skeletal force among the civilian workers in all military camps under NCR	

			Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) issued Circular for the management measures of COVID-19 situation		
14 Mar 2020	111 (47-new)	8 (3-new)	<p>PRRD announced all land, domestic air, domestic sea travel to and from manila is prohibited until 14 April</p> <p>DOLE released flexible work arrangement guidelines following stricter community quarantine and social distancing</p> <p>Commission on Higher Education (CHED) issued guidelines for the prevention, control, and mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 in Higher Education Institutions</p> <p>Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) issued guidelines for the prevention, control and mitigation of the spread of COVID-19 in DSWD Central Offices, Field Offices and other facilities, attached and supervised agencies</p> <p>NCR Police Office identified checkpoints in line with NCR-wide quarantine</p>	AFP declared Red Alert Status for all military units	
15 Mar 2020	140 (29-new)	12 (4-new)	<p>PRRD assured DOH, DOST and UP National Institute of Health of enough funding for the production of COVID-19 test kits</p> <p>Department of Transportation (DOT) released social distancing guidelines on mass transport</p> <p>PCOO called for state department to establish a safe house for media practitioners covering the COVID-19 outbreak</p>		

			DepEd issued Memorandum Nr 043-2020 re guidelines on the alternative work arrangements in light of the COVID-19 stringent social distancing measures		
16 Mar 2020	142 (2-new)		<p>PRRD declared a State of Calamity in the country for the next six months; as well as, a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the PH</p> <p>DOH released Public Advisory Nr 18 on the suggested retail price of N-88 face mask</p> <p>Bureau of Customs (BOC) assured the speedy release of medical supplies and relief goods</p> <p>DFA issued advisory on the list of notified hand sanitizers</p> <p>DFA welcomed a total of 444 seafarers from MV Grand Princess and sent for quarantine</p> <p>SEC issued guidelines on preventing measures against COVID-19 in handling of records</p>	DND directed the adoption of alternative work arrangement for civilian employees	1- Recovery (first patient)
17 Mar 2020	187 (45-new)	14 (2-new)	<p>PRRD ordered government agencies and LGUs to ensure strict observance of price control on medicine and essential supplies</p> <p>Palace issued Memorandum on Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon and further Guidelines for the Management of COVID-19 Situation</p> <p>IATF-EID issued guidelines for the inclusion of COVID-19 in the List of Notifiable Disease for mandatory reporting</p>	<p>AFP augmented troops in checkpoints around Metro Manila</p> <p>AFP augmented military medical teams tp JTF-NCR-IATF medical units</p> <p>AFP extended medical support services to DOH and other government agencies</p>	2 Recovery (1-new)

			<p>DOH launched hotline numbers 02-894-COVID (02-894-26843) and 1555 free for PLDT and Smart subscribers</p> <p>Government rolled out P27.1-billion to help front-liners fight the COVID-19 and assist the sectors most affected by the pandemic</p> <p>DOLE allocated P1.4-billion to help over 260,000 workers in the private sector affected by the COVID-19</p> <p>FDA issued guidelines for the use of electronic means in prescribing medications to individuals vulnerable to COVID-19</p> <p>FDA issued guidance for applications and transactions in light of the ECQ</p>	<p>Philippine Army, Philippine Navy and Philippine Air Force activated medical teams from reservists and support personnel doing admin works that are graduates of medical allied courses (Nursing, Nursing Aide, Midwifery, Medical Technologist, Nutritionist) to augment RJTF EMTs</p>	
18 Mar 2020	202 (15-new)	17 (3-new)	<p>DOLE announced the TUPAD #BKBK Program for the underemployed, self-employed and displaced marginalized workers</p> <p>DOLE issued clarificatory guidelines on COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP)</p> <p>Dangerous Drug Board (DDB) issued advisory on the Usage of Electronic Prescription for Dangerous Drugs during the duration of the State of Calamity</p> <p>DFA reported 87 OFWs from Abu Dhabi, Dubai returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>	<p>AFP activated the AFP Health Service Contingency Planning for COVID-19</p>	
19 Mar 2020	217 (15-new)		<p>SEC extended the deadline for company reports to give time to those affected by the outbreak</p> <p>DFA suspended the issuance of visas and visa-free entry privileges among foreign nationals</p>		

			<p>Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) extended the deadline for filing of Annual Income Tax Returns until 15 May</p> <p>DOTr put up COVID-19 hotlines for transport concerns</p> <p>DOH issued implementing guidelines on RA10754, extending provisions of medical and health-related discounts and special privileges to Persons with Disability</p> <p>FDA released implementing guidelines on the identification, notification, evaluation, regulatory enforcement action, and review and monitoring of donated health products intended to address COVID-19 public health emergencies</p> <p>FDA issued interim guidelines for the Issuance of Provisional License to Operate and Certificate of Product Notification for manufacturing of rubbing alcohol products under the Center for Cosmetics Regulations and Research</p> <p>FDA issued advisory on the list of approved COVID-19 test kits for commercial use</p> <p>Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) released an advisory on the submission of CY 2019 Agency Procurement Compliance and Performance Indicator System (APCPI) results</p>		
20 Mar 2020	230 (13-new)	18 (1-new)	<p>PCOO launched a one-stop digital portal (covid19.gov.ph) where the public could easily access pertinent information</p> <p>Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Audit (COA) issued</p>		

			<p>interim guidelines governing the compensation for contractual government workers</p> <p>Philippine Consulate General (PCG) reported another Filipino has recovered from COVID-19 in Hong Kong</p> <p>DTI released Memorandum Circular Nr 20-04 implementing IATF Resolution Nr 12 on social distancing and business operations</p> <p>FDA released advisory on procedures for clearance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) prior customs release</p> <p>FDA issued advisory on hand sanitizers, antibacterial and antiseptic sold through online stores</p> <p>FDA released an updated list of notified hand sanitizers and registered topical antiseptics and antibacterial</p>		
21 Mar 2020	307 (77-new)	19 (1-new)	<p>PRD declared the 4th week of March 2020 as the “National Week of Prayer” amid the rising number of confirmed cases of COVID-19</p> <p>DTI released Memorandum to establish strict guidelines on the prevention of hoarding panic-buying of the public</p> <p>Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) announced 125 evacuation centers being prepared as exclusive facilities for COVID-19 patients</p> <p>TESDA produced 17,000 face masks for COVID-19 front-liners</p>		

22 Mar 2020	380 (73-new)	25 (6-new)	DSWD delivered food and non-food essentials to LGUs requesting for augmentation support		15 Recovery
23 Mar 2020	462 (82-new)	33 (8-new)	<p>PRRD signed AO 26 granting hazard pay not exceeding P500 per day among government employees reporting physically for work</p> <p>DOTr donated 100,000 face masks, bottled water to Metro Manila hospitals</p> <p>DOTr launched additional COVID-19 hotline numbers 8405-5517 to 5524 free for PLDT and Smart users</p>	<p>Philippine Army utilized its CBRN unit to decontaminate and disinfect troops manning the checkpoints throughout Luzon</p> <p>Philippine Navy provided ample assets and personnel to aid Coast Guard counterparts in ensuring no unauthorized water travel in the 30-day Luzon-wide quarantine</p> <p>Southern Luzon Command assured the public of efforts exhausted on communist terrorists attack and atrocities amid the COVID-19 outbreak</p>	16 Recovery (1-new)
24 Mar 2020	552 (90-new)	35 (2-new)	<p>PRRD addressed the nation on issues and concerns arising from the Luzon-wide ECQ</p> <p>Philippine National Police (PNP) advised LGUs to ensure smooth travel of cargoes and other deliveries of food products and basic needs</p> <p>DOLE-NCR suspended the processing of all Alien Employment Permits</p> <p>DFA reported 2 OFWs from Hanoi returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>PRRD signed RA 11469 or the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” authorizing him to exercise emergency measures to address the COVID-19 situation in the country</p>	AFP directed all units to exempt certain uniformed personnel from duty (pregnant women, senior citizen, person with existing illness) in line with the strict implementation of ECQ	18 Recovery (2-new)

			Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) simplified the government procurement process and issued guidelines on negotiated procurement under emergency cases		
25 Mar 2020	636 (84-new)	38 (3-new)	<p>DSWD extends P25,000 “funeral support fund” to indigents who died due to COVID-19</p> <p>Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) urged agencies to adopt a zero red-tape policy amid the COVID-19 crisis in the country</p> <p>IATF-EID released Resolution Nr 15 on Recommendations for the Management of COVID-19 Situation</p>	AFP expressed support for the United Nations (UN) appeal for global ceasefire so that countries can focus on efforts to contain the coronavirus disease	26 Recovery (8-new)
26 Mar 2020	707 (71-new)	45 (7-new)	<p>PRRD designated the Presidential Peace Adviser as Chief of the National Action Plan (PPA-NAP) against the COVID-19 outbreak</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 203 Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19</p> <p>DFA reported 7 OFWs from Moscow and 253 from Kuwait returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>PPA issued Memorandum prohibiting the collection of additional port charges and hazard fees in the delivery of port services following the Luzon-wide enforcement of ECQ</p> <p>Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) streamlined its operations by concentrating remaining flights in only one terminal as more airlines suspended scheduled flights due to COVID-19 outbreak</p>		28 Recovery (2-new)

			<p>MIAA launched its free bus service to ferry airport employees to and from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)</p> <p>CHED and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) have safely brought home 13 students from Vietnam, Japan and United Kingdom amid the lockdown</p> <p>Department of Agriculture (DA) requested for P32-billion supplemental budget to implement a food security program, entitled "ALPAS Kontra sa COVID-19"</p>		
27 Mar 2020	803 (96-new)	54 (9-new)	<p>DepEd expressed support to convert public schools into quarantine facilities should outbreak worsens in the country</p> <p>Over 1,000 formal sector workers in Metro Manila received P5,000 cash assistance under the CAMP of DOLE</p> <p>PNP sued 4 persons for allegedly spreading false reports and information</p> <p>Commission on Election (COMELEC) extended suspension of voter registration for another month</p>	Philippine Navy facilitated the transport of medical supplies and equipment donated to St Lukes Medical Center-Global City, San Lazaro Hospital in Manila and Philippine Red Cross-Malabon	31 Recovery (3-new)
28 Mar 2020	1,075 (272-new)	68 (14-new)	<p>IATF-EID ordered all LGUs to identify facilities that may be used as quarantine areas</p> <p>IATF-EID identified government agencies that will lead the NTF on COVID-19 as part of the organizational structure to implement the NAP</p>		35 Recovery (4-new)

30 Mar 2020	1,418 (343-new)	71 (3-new)	<p>Office of Civil Defense (OCD) distributed PPE, face masks and boxes of bottled water to various hospitals in Metro Manila</p> <p>CHED and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) continue to release funds to the scholars or grantees in state universities and colleges</p> <p>DSWD assured provision of social amelioration measures amounting to P5,000 to P8,000 for 2 months to families belonging to vulnerable sectors</p> <p>A total of P1-million will be given to all health workers who die while fighting the COVID-19 pandemic under RA 11469</p>		42 Recovery (7-new)
31 Mar 2020	2,084 (538)	88 (17-new)	<p>IATF reported that maritime vessels, hotels and other private establishments will be transformed into quarantine and isolation facilities</p> <p>PNP opened its Kiangan Billeting Center (KBC) for its quarantined personnel</p> <p>DA proposed the importation of 300,000 metric tons of rice to ensure food security</p> <p>Cabinet Secretary expressed that the government will be using own aircraft assets to help ferry medical supplies across the country</p> <p>DILG directed LGUs to come up with a master list of beneficiaries to fast track the distribution of SAP from DSWD</p>	AFP had been directed by government to manage certain DOH-approved quarantine areas	49 Recovery (7-new)

			<p>PGH launched COVID-19 hotline 155200 for home consultations and donations</p> <p>PCOO announced around 10 million low-income households affected by the COVID-19 outbreak will receive a two-time emergency subsidy from the national government</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 368 Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19</p>		
1 Apr 2020	2,311 (227-new)	96 (8-new)	<p>DFA welcomed 445 seafarers from Norwegian Cruises Star and Dawn, and 436 from Costa Magica and Costa Favolosa, and sent for quarantine</p> <p>First batch of PPE from China procured by DOH for health workers arrived at Villamor Airbase</p> <p>Philippine Embassy in Tokyo reported the 80 Filipino crew members of M/V Diamond Princess who earlier tested positive for COVID-19 in Japan have all recovered</p> <p>PPA-NAP announced the National Task Force (NTF) shall adopt the “detect-isolate-treat” operational methodology</p> <p>Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission (PACC) vows to go after abusive local chiefs amid the health crisis</p> <p>PNP escorted all health workers to their assigned hospitals and medical facilities to prevent incidents of violent attacks</p> <p>OFWs stranded at Clark International Airport were accorded with free comfortable stay</p>	AFP ordered all personnel to wear face masks, esp in Camp Aguinaldo to stop the spread of COVID-19	50 Recovery (1-new)

			<p>Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) announced to release financial assistance worth P447-million among 81 government hospitals</p> <p>Phil-Health announced to continue shouldering hospital expenses and treatment costs to all patients infected with COVID-19 until April 14</p> <p>DOH reported over 6,300 Filipinos expected to return to the PH amid growing fears over COVID-19 worldwide</p> <p>PRRD delegated to PPA-NAP the lead to distribute the relief efforts to individuals suffering due to health crisis</p> <p>PRRD warned the arrest of people esp those belonging to Left-leaning groups who will sow disorder amid the COVID-19 outbreak</p>		
2 Apr 2020	2,633 (332-new)	107 (11-new)	<p>DOTr granted fuel subsidy to bus companies and partners participating in the “Free Ride for Health Workers Program” to sustain the continued operation</p> <p>IATF-EID required the use of face masks in all areas under ECQ</p> <p>DOTr reported a total of 17,298 health workers and patients given with free rides since the program began in March</p> <p>TESDA urged Filipinos to avail of online courses while confined under the ECQ</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 448 Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19</p>	Philippine Army lauded government troops for an operation against the communist rebels while doing information campaign on COVID-19 in Malunay, Quezon	51 Recovery (1-new)

			<p>DFA welcomed the following seafarers and set for quarantine on designated places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -454 from Norwegian Cruises Star and Dawn -446 from MSC Cruises Armonia, Maraviglia, Divina and Seaside -72 from Carnival Cruises Pride, Panorama, Horizon and Breeze -64 from Marella Celebration -66 from MS World Odyssey <p>DPWH began the conversion of PICC tent into COVID-19 facility</p> <p>DBM released P100-billion for the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) of DSWD</p> <p>PNP-Women and Children Protection Center (PNP-WCPC) continued coordination with foreign partners to curb online sexual exploitation of children amid the ECQ</p> <p>OCD distributed sets of PPE to 4 hospitals tagged as COVID-19 referral/isolation centers</p>		
3 Apr 2020	3,018 (385-new)	136 (29-new)	<p>PNP-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG) was tapped in securing cargoes travelling along major roads in Luzon</p> <p>Poor families from Manila and Paranaque were first to receive the emergency subsidies from the national government</p> <p>Government launched the “Rapid Pass System” – a virtual identification system that makes use of QR code technology to ease the passage of front-liners and other exempted individuals at checkpoints</p>		52 Recovery (1-new)

		<p>IATF-EID reported 8 testing centers nationwide that can screen individuals suspected of being infected with COVID-19</p> <p>All expressways in Luzon offered free access for health workers for the duration of the ECQ</p> <p>Philippine Ambassador to Kuala Lumpur reported over 50 Filipinos who attended a mass Islamic gathering (Tabligh) in Malaysia have contracted the Coronavirus disease</p> <p>DSWD started release of cash assistance to Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries and low-income families</p> <p>Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) announced the conversion of two government buildings in New Clark City into "COVID Hospital"</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 466 Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19</p> <p>Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) released cash grants totalling P16.34-billion to 3.7 million conditional cash transfer household-beneficiaries nationwide as part of the SAP</p> <p>Cabinet Secretary announced the implementation of RapidPass in the NCR effective 9 April</p> <p>FDA approved the COVID-19 test kits developed by the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH)</p>		
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4 Apr 2020	3,049 (76-new)	144 (8-new)	<p>DFA welcomed seafarers as follows and sent for quarantine at designated places: -201 from Carnival Victory -307 from MSC Fantasia and Splendida -223 from Carnival Pride and Fascination</p> <p>DSWD distributed the SAP to NCR, Cordillera Autonomous Region, Regions 1, II and III</p> <p>IATF-EID approved a resolution urging LGUs to penalize discriminatory acts</p> <p>IATF-EID allowed 12 medical experts from China to assist the country in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Cabinet members donates 75% of their monthly salaries to boost the government efforts in curbing the spread of COVID-19</p>	<p>Philippine Army helped distribute some 6,000 family food packs donated by the Asian Development bank to residents of Malabon City</p> <p>Philippine Navy converted BRP Ang Pangulo (ACS-25), a presidential yacht into a floating facility for COVID-19 patients per order from PRRD</p>	57 Recovery (5-new)
5 Apr 2020	3,246 (152-new)	152 (8-new)	<p>DFA reported 83 OFWs from Kuala Lumpur returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA welcomed 322 seafarers from Costa Diadema and Victoria and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DOTr partnered with 2Go Shipping to turn passenger vessels into quarantine ships for returning seafarers and other OFWs</p> <p>IATF Technical Working Group for Anticipatory and Forward Planning (IATF-TWG-AFP) chaired by NEDA prepared policies for the Philippine economy to rebuild confidence and adjust to the “new normal”</p> <p>DOH reported the arrival of medical experts from China</p>		64 Recovery (7-new)

			<p>IATF-EID grants the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) authority to issue quarantine passes to farmers to continue the supply of agricultural products in areas affected by the ECQ</p> <p>PCSO released P420-million to Phil-Health to augment government efforts in battling the spread of COVID-19</p> <p>DA distributes P5,000 cash subsidy to 600,000 rice farmers to help augment their needs amid the ECQ</p> <p>PRRD donated his one-month salary to raise the national government's emergency funds allocated for the COVID-19 response</p>		
6 April 2020	3,660 (414-new)	163 (11-new)	<p>DFA reported 23 OFWs from Doha returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA welcomed 599 seafarers from Carnival Dream, Fantasy, Glory, Panorama, and Vista and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DOTr announced free transportation available for health workers and other frontline personnel nationwide</p> <p>Per Administrative Order Nr 28, PRRD ordered granting of special risk allowance to public health workers assigned on the frontline of the battle against COVID-19</p> <p>Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP) urged the public to be vigilant against phishing activities in online transactions with the imposition of ECQ</p>	Philippine Army helped to distribute assorted vegetables and other relief items from private organizations to residents of Makati City and Pasay City	73 Recovery (9-new)

			<p>PNP sued 32 individuals for allegedly spreading false reports and information on COVID-19</p> <p>Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) suspended overseas deployment of Filipino health workers</p> <p>Ninoy Aquino Stadium (NAS) has been converted to serve as quarantine area for COVID-19 asymptomatic and symptomatic patients</p> <p>PRRD in his second weekly public address urged Filipinos to unite and pray for the immediate resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>PRRD asked the Department of Finance (DOF) to look for more sources to fund the government's response against COVID-19</p>		
7 April 2020	3,764 (104-new)	177 (14-new)	<p>IATF-EID allowed resumption of limited work in 13 rail projects</p> <p>IATF-EID approved the P5-billion budget to help the displaced workers affected by COVID-19</p> <p>PRRD approved the extension of Luzon-wide ECQ until 30 Apr to curb the transmission of COVID-19</p> <p>LBP released cash aid totalling P33.408-million to 4,176 drivers affected by the suspension of mass public transportation in the NCR</p> <p>IATF-EID approved the establishment of Bayanihan One-Stop Shop for government agencies responding to COVID-19</p>		84 Recovery (11-new)

			<p>DA got additional P22.5-billion to finance its food security program</p> <p>JTF CV Shield set up a total of 107 Dedicated Control Points (DCPs) nationwide to ensure smooth cargo travel</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 644 OFWs from Kuwait returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 569 Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19</p> <p>DFA welcomed additional seafarers as follows and sent for quarantine in designated places: -179 from Carnival Conquest, Ecstasy, Fascination, Legend and Magic -278 from Carnival Horizon, Magic, Ecstasy, Conquest, and Sunshine -24 from Scenic Eclipse -58 from Carnival Panorama -23 shelter wards from Qatar on board QR932</p> <p>PCOO stressed to give media workers equal protection, security, and benefits amid the COVID-19 pandemic</p>		
8 Apr 2020	3,870 (106-new)	182 (5-new)	<p>DFA welcomed 139 seafarers from MS Amera and 152 from Carnival, Liberty, Magic and Sunshine, and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA reported a rise in the number of recoveries among Filipinos with COVID-19 abroad at 164</p> <p>DFA reported 9 OFWs from Osaka returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>	<p>Philippine Army delivered the third set of family food packs donated by the ADB to 4,100 indigent families in Malabon City</p> <p>AFP announced all Filipino soldiers to donate a portion of their salaries for COVID-19 fight, starting from CSAFP to lowest ranking soldier amounting to P16.9-million</p>	96 Recovery (12-new)

			<p>PRRD signed an Executive Order institutionalizing a comprehensive social benefits program (CBSP) that grants a “speedy, sustainable, and rationalized” social benefits and assistance to the police and the military</p> <p>DILG directed all LGUs to establish their own isolation centers to combat the spread of COVID-19</p> <p>PRRD advised landlords not to force tenants to pay for residential rent amid the health crisis</p>	<p>AFP issued orders to military medical personnel to compose the AFP Health Service Regional Joint Task Force – NCR CARE (RJTF-NCR CARE) to man and operationalize the NAS, WTC and PMC as isolation facilities for asymptomatic and symptomatic mild COVID-19 patients</p>	
9 Apr 2020	4,076 (206-new)	203 (21-new)	<p>PRRD urged recovered individuals to donate blood following studies that antibodies may help improve the condition of severely infected patients</p> <p>DILG urged all LGUs nationwide to pass and enforce anti-discrimination and anti-harassment ordinances to protect frontline workers</p> <p>DOH issued medical supplies and basic health commodities to PNP for use of police front-liners</p> <p>DAR mobilized individual farmers and various farmers’ organizations to help sustain the government’s food sufficiency program</p> <p>National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) urged Filipinos in the commemoration of Valor Day to exhibit the “Bayanihan” (Teamwork) spirit to curb the spread of COVID-19</p> <p>PRRD delivered his Lent message to the Filipino people expressing to have “renewed fervor and faith”</p>	<p>AFP and WTA Architecture and Design Studio formally inaugurated an emergency quarantine facility (EQF) in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City</p> <p>AFP directed the stoppage of spraying/ misting individuals with disinfectants following WHO report of its hazardous implications to health</p>	124 Recovery (28-new)

			<p>DepEd opens “DepEd Commons” as online learning delivery platform for public and private school students while in EQC</p> <p>OCD distributed 12,000 PPE to hospitals in Quezon City</p> <p>DFA reported 303 OFWs from Kuwait returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA welcomed 439 seafarers from Norwegian Joy and Regent Splendor, and 47 from Norwegian Jewel, and sent for quarantine</p>		
10 Apr 2020	4,195 (119-new)	221 (18-new)	<p>PH Government raised the need for stronger regional cooperation to ensure food security and access to medicine and essential medical supplies during the teleconference on the 25th meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council</p> <p>DFA reported a total of 1,430 seafarers in 6 batches returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p>	AFP Health Service Command (AFPHSC) took over the Ninoy Aquino Stadium (NAS), a 112-bed quarantine facility and provided military medical manpower and clinical management to COVID-19 asymptomatic patients	140 Recovery (16-new)
11 Apr 2020	4,428 (233-new)	247 (26-new)	<p>DFA welcomed 246 seafarers from MS Ventura and 208 from Norwegian Jade, and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DOTr commissioned 2 private passenger vessels to serve as temporary quarantine ships for returning seafarers and other OFWs</p>	AFPRIMS, VLMC under AFPHSC has been accredited and licensed by DOH to operate as Clinical Laboratory for COVID-19 by rRT-PCR up to 31 Dec 2020	157 Recovery (17-new)
12 Apr 2020	4,648 (220-new)	297 (50-new)	<p>DFA reported 33 OFWs from Indonesia returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA welcomed the following seafarers and sent for quarantine: -208 from Nautica, Norwegian Jade and Seven Seas Voyager -290 from Oceania Cruises MS Sirena, Virgin</p>		197 Recovery (40-new)

			Voyages Scarlet Lady, Norwegian Encore and Dawn		
13 Apr 2020	4,932 (284-new)	315 (18-new)	DILG issued guidelines for the conduct of Expanded Testing Procedures for COVID-19		242 Recovery (45-new)
14 April 2020	5,223 (291-new)	335 (20-new)	DFA reported 101 OFWs from Indonesia returned to the PH and sent for quarantine DFA welcomed the following seafarers and sent for quarantine: -301 from Carnival Legend, Pride, Fascination and Conquest -299 from MSC Sinfonia, Norwegian Jewel, Carnival Inspiration and Miracle		295 Recovery (53-new)
15 April 2020	5,453 (230-new)	349 (14-new)	DFA welcomed 354 seafarers from US Carnival Cruises MV Ecstasy, MV Dream, MV Glory and MV Sunshine		353 Recovery (58-new)
16 April 2020	5,660 (207-new)	362 (13-new)	DFA reported a total of 14,706 Filipinos abroad returned to the country composed of -3,127 land-based OFWs -11,579 seafarers from 70 cruise ships	AFP issued guidelines for the issuance of COVID-19 Hazard Pay to AFP personnel effective as of 17 Mar 2020	435 Recovery (82-new)
17 Apr 2020	5,878 (218-new)	387 (25-new)	DFA reported a total of 837 Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19 Government reported 2,780 quarantine facilities across the country that can accommodate about 167,000 patients, apart from ships allowed by private shipping companies as quarantine site		487 Recovery (52-new)
18 Apr 2020	6,087 (209-new)	397 (10-new)	DFA reported a total of 255 Filipinos infected with COVID-19 abroad have recovered DFA chartered a special flight to bring home 143 stranded and distressed Filipinos in Vietnam		516 Recovery (29-new)

19 Apr 2020	6,259 (172-new)	409 (12-new)	<p>DOH had performed a total of 52,837 tests for COVID-19</p> <p>DFA welcomed 571 seafarers from Norwegian Breakaway Cruise Ship, breaching the 16,000 mark of repatriated seafarers</p> <p>DFA reported 233 OFWs from Indonesia, Singapore and Kenya returned to PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA reported 116 new Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19, bringing to a total of 984 confirmed cases</p>		572 Recovery (56-new)
20 Apr 2020	6,459 (200-new)	428 (19-new)	<p>DFA welcomed 867 seafarers from Norwegian Pearl, Sky, Star, Sun, and Escape cruise ships and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA reported 6 new Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19, bringing to a total of 990 confirmed cases</p>		613 Recovery (41-new)
21 April	6,599 (140-new)	437 (9-new)	<p>DFA reported 93 OFWs from New Zealand and Singapore returned to the PH and sent for quarantine</p> <p>DFA reported 94 new Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19, bringing to a total of 1,084 confirmed cases</p> <p>IATF-EID assured the public of sufficient supply of essential food items amid the extension of ECQ until April 30</p> <p>DOH reported 75 confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the National Center for Mental Health</p> <p>DepEd reported the “DepEd Commons” online learning platform reached over 4 million users</p>	<p>Philippine Navy deployed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -BRP Bacolod City (LS-550) to pick up 23,385 boxes of PPE at Zhangzhou Port, Xiamen, China -BRP Ramon Alcaraz (PS-16) and BRP Davao Del Sur (LD-602) to pick up PPE at Port Cochin, India <p>Philippine Army expressed full support to LGUs and PNP in enforcing ECQ protocols</p>	654 Recovery (41-new)

			<p>DepEd announced the opening of next school year in August due to rising health concerns on COVID-19</p> <p>JTF CV Shield deployed Special Action Force (SAF) commandos in 10 areas in Metro Manila to mobilize physical distancing measures</p> <p>IATF-EID reported that more than 4,597,854 million low-income household out of the 18 million target beneficiary-families already received the cash relief granted by the national government</p> <p>PRRD announced that any Filipino who can develop a vaccine against COVID-19 will be rewarded with P10-million grant</p> <p>Department of Justice (DOJ) announced the mass testing of PDLs at the Correctional Institute for Women (CIW) in light of COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>OWWA reported 166 stranded/displaced OFWs in Central Luzon received cash assistance amounting to P1.6-million</p> <p>DOTr announced Eva Macapagal Super Terminal in Pier 15 already operational as COVID-19 treatment facility</p>		
22 Apr 2020	6,710 (111-new)	446 (9-new)	<p>DFA reported 30 new Filipinos abroad infected with COVID-19, bringing to a total of 1,114 confirmed cases</p> <p>DILG further urged LGUs to strictly implement the "Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate" (DITR) system in tracing virus carriers</p>	Philippine Air Force Lockheed C-130 "Hercules" cargo aircraft arrived to the PH carrying laboratory equipment from Beijing Genomics Institute	693 Recovery (39-new)

			<p>DOH conducted emergency hiring of health personnel for COVID-19 Response</p> <p>DOH announced the following “We Heal As One Centers” had begun welcoming COVID-19 patients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -World Trade Center in Pasay -ASEAN Convention Center in Pampanga -Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay -Philippine Sports Arena in Pasig <p>DOTr leased 2 ships owned by 2GO Group Inc for P35-million in 2 months for use as COVID-19 quarantine facilities</p> <p>A total of 10,000 locally manufactured PPE were turned over to UP-PGH</p>		
23 Apr 2020	6,981 (271-new)	462 (16-new)	<p>DOH-DILG issued Joint Administrative Order re Guidelines on Local Isolation and General Treatment Areas for COVID-19 cases and the Community-based Management of mild COVID-19 cases</p> <p>DILG issued Memorandum establishing DILG-OFW Desk and Officer at the Region, Province, Highly Urbanized City (HUC) and Independent Component City (ICC)</p>	AFPHSC took over the World Trade Center (WTC), a 500-bed quarantine facility and provided military medical manpower to manage Filipino repatriates	722 Recovery (29-new)
24 Apr 2020	7,192 (211-new)	477 (15-new)	<p>DOH issued Circular ensuring that people in GIDA, Indigenous Cultural Communities are well-informed on COVID-19 and have access to temporary treatment facilities/referral hospitals</p> <p>DILG issued Memorandum on rationalizing the establishment of a Local Government Unit Task Force against COVID-19</p>	AFPHSC continuously provide military medical personnel and clinical management at the NAS and WTC isolation facilities	762 Recovery (40-new)

25 Apr 2020	7,294 (102-new)	494 (17-new)		AFPHSC continuously provide military medical personnel and clinical management at the NAS and WTC isolation facilities	792 Recovery (30-new)
26 Apr 2020	7,579 (285-new)	501 (7-new)		AFPHSC continuously provide military medical personnel and clinical management at the NAS and WTC isolation facilities	862 Recovery (70-new)
27 Apr 2020	7,777 (198-new)	511 (10-new)	PRRD announces the imposition of General Community Quarantine (GCQ) nationwide once ECQ no longer extends after 15 May 2020	AFPHSC continuously provide military medical personnel and clinical management at the NAS and WTC isolation facilities	932 Recovery (70-new)

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