



Situation summary

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1,605,762
Cases



1,515,054
Recoveries



28,093
Deaths



11,840,504
Vaccinated

- Out of a total 1,605,762¹ confirmed cases reported in the Philippines as of 2 August 2021, 51.1% are male, with the most affected age group 25-34 years (26.8%).
- 34.7% of the total number of cases are from the National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (16.7%), Central Luzon (9%), Central Visayas (5.8%), Western Visayas (5.6%).
- Out of the total 28,093 confirmed deaths, 57.5% are male, with the most affected age group 65-74 (28%) followed by the age group 60-64 years (13.5%) and the age group 80+ (13.5%).
- 29.6% of the total number of deaths reported are from NCR, followed by Central Luzon (12.7%), CALABARZON (12.5%), Central Visayas (8.6%), Western Visayas (6.6%).
- Of the total 92,366 confirmed cases in the past two weeks, about 82% of the cases are from the regions, while about 18% of the cases are from NCR. In the two weeks prior to that, about 88% of the total 71,650 confirmed cases were from the regions, while about 12% of the cases were from NCR.
- The COVID-19 laboratory network continues to expand with eight additional DOH-licensed molecular laboratories, summing up a total of 268 public and private laboratories performing COVID-19 tests. The COVID-19 laboratory network has maintained an average of more than 50,000 tests per day with a daily average cumulative positivity rate of 12.6% in the past two weeks.
- Bed occupancy nationwide is at 53.5%, Ilocos Region (60.3%), Western Visayas (59.2%), Central Visayas (59.1%), CAR (58.1%), Northern Mindanao (57.7%), NCR (51.2%).
- As of 2 August, 11,840,504 individuals have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. 97.4% of Priority Group A1 (frontline HCW) have received their first dose and 84.7 % of Priority Group A1 have received their second dose. 35% of Priority Group A2 (senior citizens) have received their first dose and 32.6% of Priority Group A2 have received their second dose. Compared to the 19 July vaccination rate for Priority Group A2, the 2 August vaccination rate represents a 2.4% increase for the first dose and a 18.1% increase for the second dose.
- A total of 216 cases of variant of concern (VOC) Delta (B.1.617.2) have been detected in the Philippines.

¹ Data as of 2 August 2021 can be found in the following [DOH's BEAT COVID-19 report](#).



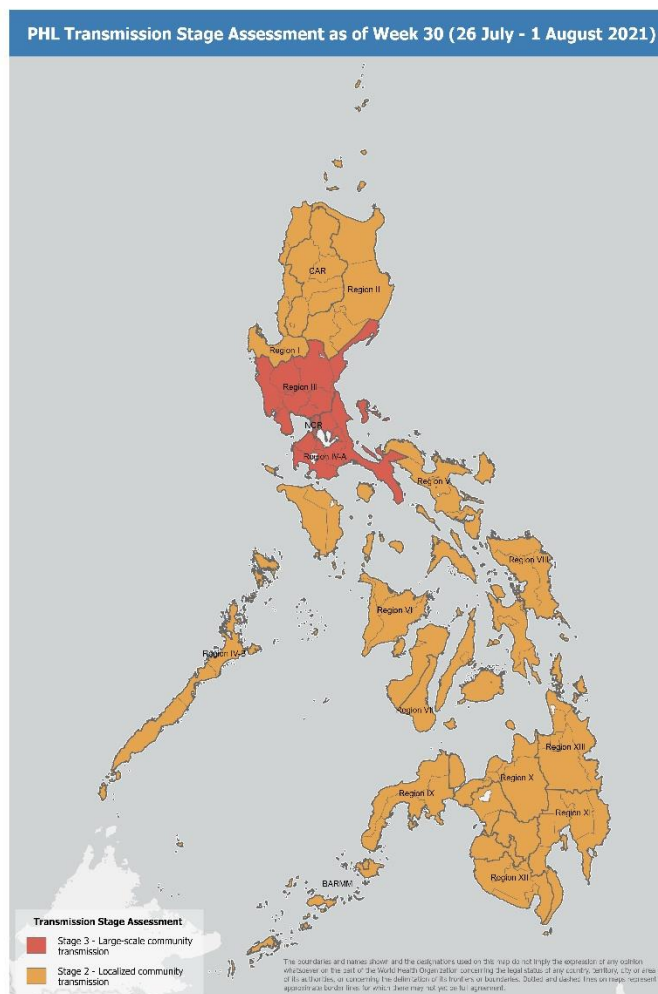
Transmission stage assessment

The Philippines remains in **Stage 2, localized community transmission** with some geographic areas showing higher transmission intensity and indications of widespread community transmission. There is ongoing evidence of higher transmission in Region III, Region IV-A and in the NCR which are at **Stage 3, large scale community transmission**.

Regional assessments

Among the different regions of the Philippines, a major increase in the number of cases was detected in Region I, Region II and Region X. High mobility trends are seen in Region III, Region IV-A, Region VIII and Region XIII. An increasing trend on ICU and total bed utilization is seen in certain areas of the Regions I, II, III, VI, VIII, XIII and NCR. Cases of Delta variant have been detected in NCR and in the Regions I, III, IV-A, X and XI.

The WHO Country Office is closely monitoring trends in areas where cases of Delta variant have been detected and continues to assess the surge capacity of ICU beds, total bed occupancy and oxygen supply at regional and local levels.



In terms of the overall situation of the Philippines, there were 49,237 new cases (44.7 cases per 100,000 population) reported in week 30, that is 22% higher than the previous week (40,482 new cases, 36.7 cases per 100,000 population).

A higher 7-day positivity rate (number of individuals that tested positive/number of individuals tested) was reported for week 30, 15.2% (51,886/342,046), compared to week 29 at 12.2% (39,239/321,291). There was an increase in the daily number (7-day average) of COVID-19 dedicated ICU beds occupied (2,095 beds this week compared to 1,932 beds last week). An increase in the use of COVID-19 dedicated mechanical ventilators (7-day average) for week 30 (1,090 ventilators compared to 1,048 ventilators last week) was also observed.

Data for analysis was extracted on 2 August 2021 from DOH COVID-19 Case Tracker wherein ROFs and records with no regions were excluded in the analysis. Projected 2021 population (national, n=110,198,654) was used as the denominator.



Updates from the last 14 days

Epidemiological updates

As of 2 August 2021, a total of **1,605,762** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **28,093** deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The case fatality ratio is 1.7%.

Epi Update COVID-19	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU Occupancy
	734,013	92,366	1,307	60.6%
	Tests past 14 days	Cases past 14 days	Deaths past 14 days	
	15,849,428	1,605,762	28,093	3,766
	Cumulative unique individuals tested	Cumulative cases	Cumulative deaths	ICU beds for COVID-19 cases
	10.8%			
	Cumul. Positivity rate			
Health service provision COVID-19	21,720	1,291	32,344	136,915
	Healthcare worker cases as of 2 August (cumulative)	Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	Non-ICU beds for COVID-19 patients	TTMF beds for COVID-19 cases (as of 2 August)
	21,303			
	HCW cases as of 26 July (cumulative)			

Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection and Control

Health Service Delivery

- With the advent of COVID-10 variants such as the Alpha and Delta variant that have higher transmissibility rates and pose a high risk to the health system, there is a need for local government units and health facilities to prepare beforehand and quickly respond in the event of an actual surge in COVID-19 cases. WHO Philippines continuously provides technical assistance to the Department of Health (DOH) as it guides the local government units and health facilities in strengthening their COVID-19 surge response plan considering several factors such as space/structure, staff, supplies and system. Strict adherence to the mandated facility bed allocation and COVID-19 care pathways is critical to ensure that adequate numbers of dedicated beds are available. WHO provides ongoing support to DOH in advising local health authorities on assessing the dynamically changing situation and making the sometimes difficult decisions to adapt the local health system to be able to respond to the urgent needs caused by the pandemic. To make best use of limited resources, it is critical to have patients at the right place based on the severity of illness – patients in critical condition can only receive appropriate life-sustaining support in ICU. Severely affected patients requiring oxygen treatment need to be admitted to hospitals, while asymptomatic or non-severe patients may be primarily treated outside of hospitals.



- As the One Hospital Command Center (OHCC) transitions as the National Patient Navigation and Referral System of the country, WHO continues to provide technical assistance to strengthen OHCC counterparts in the regions by emphasizing the importance of timely submission of accurate and up-to-date hospital data, including regular updating in the OHCC module and submission of inventories of supplies and medicines. Just recently, the National Telecommunication Commission has granted OHCC the requested hotline numbers to ease the communication as it aims to provide linkages to existing DOH health-related services through telemedicine consultation and financial support through the Malasakit Program Office.
- Collaboration with the different technical pillars in the Incident Management Team provided an opportunity to work with priority areas in the country and discuss their current concerns and the needed technical assistance on health systems strengthening.

Laboratory and Testing

- Eight recently licensed molecular laboratories have been added to the COVID-19 laboratory network. The network now has a total of 268 testing laboratories. Over the past two weeks, the laboratory network recorded a sustained daily average of more than 50,000 tests with a cumulative average positivity rate of 12.6%. More positive cases and samples were tested in the most recent week, showing an increase of 7% samples tested and a 2% increase in positivity rate compared to the previous week.
- In collaboration with the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), the guidance for the national quality assurance program for the COVID-19 laboratory network has been approved by DOH. The WHO Country Office will continue to support RITM in its implementation to ensure that all DOH-licensed COVID-19 PCR testing laboratories provide accurate and reliable results and reduce the risk of errors.
- DOH Epidemiology Bureau (EB) uses retrospective and targeted sampling for the selection of samples to be subjected to genome sequencing. The Philippine Genome Center (PGC) and UP National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) have announced the results in the latest batch of genome sequencing on 29 June 2021. There were new 97 Delta variant cases, 83 Alpha variant cases, 127 Beta variant cases, and 22 P.3 variant cases detected.
- The total number of Delta variant cases is now 216. Out of the total 97 newly detected Delta variant cases, 88 or about 91% are local cases. Despite 3 fatalities, all newly detected cases have recovered. More than two-thirds of the additional Alpha and Beta variant cases detected were verified to be of local cases. The total Alpha and Beta variant cases are now at 1,858 and 2,146, respectively.

Surveillance and Contact Tracing

Event-based Surveillance

- The Philippine travel ban was extended to travelers from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal United Arab Emirates and Oman. Travel restrictions were also imposed on all travelers coming from Malaysia and Thailand or those with travel history in Malaysia and Thailand in the fourteen days prior to their arrival in the Philippines.
- From 15 May to 7 July, 84 out of more than 2,700 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) arriving from the United Arab Emirates in the Philippines tested positive onboard repatriation flights. Additional repatriation flights were and are scheduled for 17, 27 and 30 July, as well as all Sundays of August.

Contact Tracing Management

- The WHO Country has provided support to the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) in familiarizing the Baguio City team with the TKC platform and in testing the CTM Digital Solutions in Baguio City.



- The WHO Country Office held follow-up discussions with the public-private T3 (test, trace and treat) coalition on the support for scaling up COVID-19 digital solutions for CTM in the workplace.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- The WHO Country Office has increased media engagement around vaccinating senior citizens (Priority Group A2), including the nation-wide dissemination of a [press release](#), which resulted in strong media coverage. As part of the advocacy efforts to increase the vaccination coverage among Priority Group A2, WHO participated in an NCR town hall meeting on 30 July 2021 to discuss vaccination of senior citizens.
- Given the spread of Delta variant in the Philippines, the WHO Country Office disseminated talking points, a messaging matrix and a Q&A guide to DOH and local health promotion offices on the Delta variant and best practices for vaccinating A2s.



The best ways to stop the spread of all #COVID19 variants are what we are already doing: wearing a mask, avoiding crowds and physically distancing, and washing our hands often.

Continue to protect your family and your community. We can all #HaltTheSpread of COVID-19.

Vaccines

- As of 2 August 2021, a total of 21,210,129 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered either as first or second dose. Out of these, 11,840,504 eligible individuals have received their 1st dose, of which 9,369,625 eligible individuals have received their 2nd dose.
- There were 1,597,315 frontline healthcare workers, or 97.4% of the 1,639,714 masterlisted eligible Priority Group A1 population, who were partially vaccinated and 1,389,449 health care workers, or 84.7% of the Priority Group A1 population, who were fully vaccinated.



Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A1)					
REGION	Masterlisted (Priority Group A1)	Total Vaccinated (Partially)	Over-all Coverage (Partially)	Total Fully Vaccinated	Over-all Coverage Fully Vaccinated
NCR	301,749	291,110	96.5%	256,610	85.0%
CAR	45,349	39,786	87.7%	35,195	77.6%
1	87,409	87,409	100.0%	75,936	86.9%
2	64,390	62,323	96.8%	48,341	75.1%
3	151,402	151,402	100.0%	125,517	82.9%
4A	136,169	136,169	100.0%	125,044	91.8%
Mimaropa	46,120	46,120	100.0%	36,309	78.7%
5	85,506	85,506	100.0%	75,437	88.2%
6	129,459	127,847	98.8%	107,699	83.2%
7	131,781	125,009	94.9%	105,396	80.0%
8	82,047	82,047	100.0%	77,079	93.9%
9	56,773	53,988	95.1%	43,448	76.5%
10	84,733	84,733	100.0%	72,937	86.1%
11	84,692	84,692	100.0%	83,609	98.7%
12	75,357	65,557	87.0%	58,160	77.2%
CARAGA	55,327	52,166	94.3%	45,183	81.7%
BARMM	21,451	21,451	100.0%	17,549	81.8%
PHIL	1,639,714	1,597,315	97.4%	1,389,449	84.7%

Percentage of Vaccination Coverage – First Dose and 2nd Completed Dose, per region for Masterlisted Eligible Populations Priority A1 as of 2 August 2021.

- As of 2 August, a total of 2,891,718 senior citizens, or 35% of the 8,268,897 masterlisted eligible Priority Group A2 population, were partially and a total of 2,693,046 senior citizens, or 32.6% of the Priority Group A2 population, were fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A2)					
REGION	Masterlisted (Priority Group A2)	Total Vaccinated (Partially)	Over-all Coverage (Partially)	Total Fully Vaccinated	Over-all Coverage Fully Vaccinated
NCR	1,050,589	714,386	68%	671,064	63.9%
CAR	150,507	54,323	36%	61,839	41.1%
1	536,376	145,161	27%	151,407	28.2%
2	350,464	103,404	30%	114,494	32.7%
3	1,145,288	366,813	32%	345,926	30.2%
4A	1,117,556	487,332	44%	423,063	37.9%
Mimaropa	261,592	61,130	23%	42,456	16.2%
5	473,075	64,952	14%	110,008	23.3%
6	655,860	164,519	25%	176,699	26.9%
7	567,177	136,257	24%	108,598	19.1%
8	300,197	89,794	30%	93,987	31.3%
9	251,958	63,907	25%	69,915	27.7%
10	316,557	120,161	38%	127,846	40.4%
11	458,573	150,360	33%	54,154	11.8%
12	320,577	77,031	24%	63,851	19.9%
CARAGA	200,240	72,418	36%	65,552	32.7%
BARMM	112,311	19,770	18%	12,187	10.9%
PHIL	8,268,897	2,891,718	35.0%	2,693,046	32.6%

Percentage of Vaccination Coverage – First Dose and 2nd Completed Dose, per region for Masterlisted Eligible Population Priority A2 as of 2 August 2021.

Operations Support Logistics

In support of DOH's COVID-19 response activities, one million WHO-donated FFP2 masks were delivered to the DOH warehouse on 30 July 2021.



Partner Coordination

On 19 July 2021, a joint BARMM Mindanao Humanitarian Team (MHT) meeting took place, where an update on the COVID-19 situation in BARMM was provided by MOH Director General Dr Amirel Usman. Given the spread of the more transmissible Delta variant in the country, WHO Country Representative, Dr Rabindra Abeyasinghe, stressed that the health care system should be prepared for a new surge especially regarding sufficient access to oxygen. To increase the vaccination coverage among the elderly, 150,000 doses of J&J Janssen single-dose COVID-19 vaccine are available for BARMM, including BaSulTa islands.

Updates from UNICEF

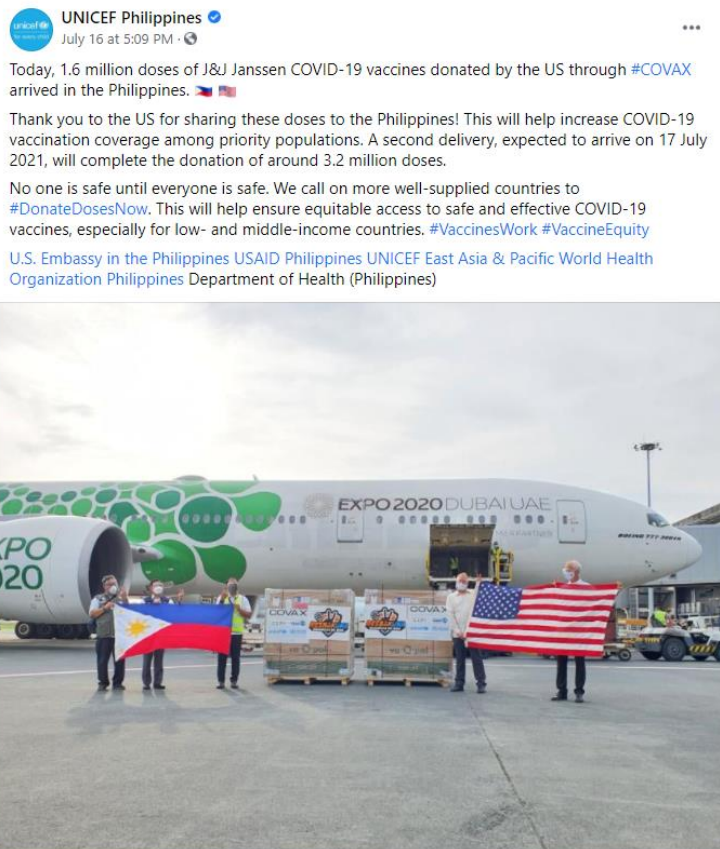
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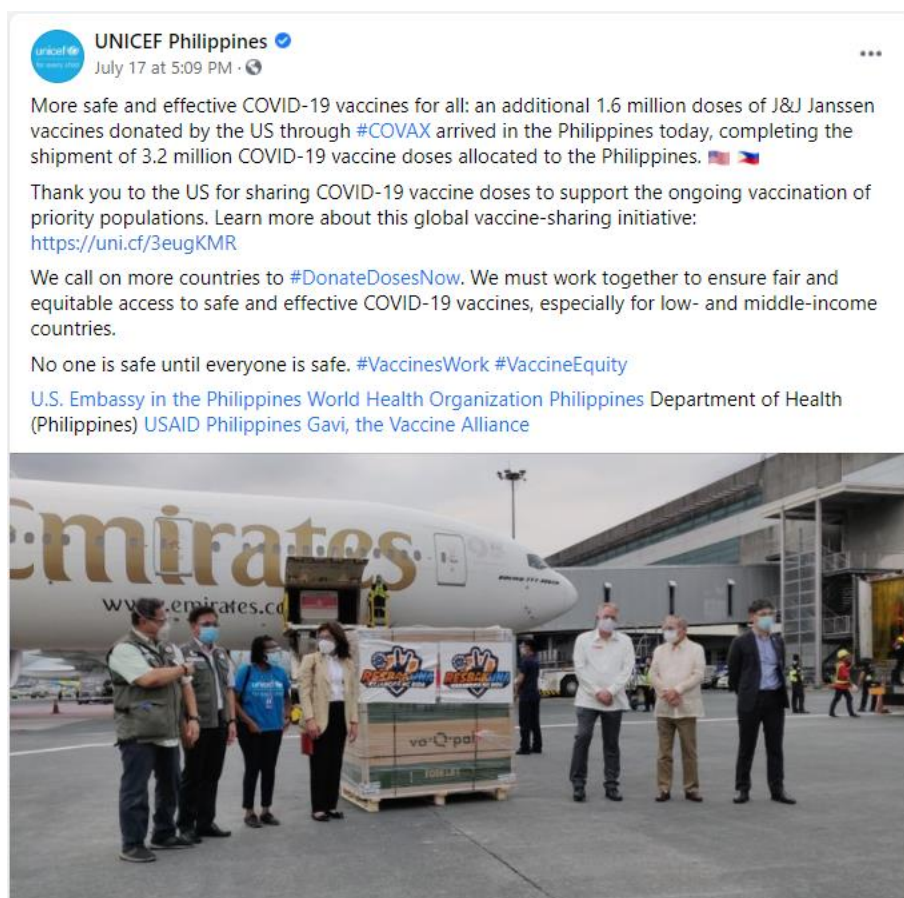
- In celebration of Eid al-Adha, UNICEF released a message on enjoying a blessed holiday, with reminders to celebrate safely by observing minimum public health standards. This [Facebook post](#) reached 107,152 users.



- UNICEF shared updates on vaccines received by the Philippines through the COVAX Facility. Posts in July reached a total of 3,324,766 users.







- UNICEF Philippines continues to publish key messages around COVID-19 through its Facebook page. Total reach of digital risk communication and community engagement through Facebook to date is 92,418,830 users.