

Philippines

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Situation Report #107

1 August 2022

Data reported by the Department of Health on 31 July 2022



3,776,627 Cases	3,682,278 Recoveries	60,727 Deaths	71,694,486 (64.3%)¹ Vaccinated with last dose of primary series

Please see the Philippines Department of Health (DOH) [Daily Case Bulletins](#) and [COVID-19 Tracker](#) for further information.

Summary of the epidemiological situation in Philippines²

Key numbers

24,100 cases (25 - 31 July 2022)	0 death* (25 - 31 July 2022)	165,690 tests (25 - 31 July 2022)	17.0% Test Positivity Rate (25 - 31 July 2022)
960 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	23.3% ICU bed occupancy for COVID-19 patients	2,583 ICU beds for COVID-19 cases	29.5% Non-ICU bed occupancy for COVID-19 patients
			22,051 Non-ICU beds for COVID-19 patients

*Obtained from FASSSTER COVID-19 death tally as of 1 August 2022

COVID-19 cases

As of 31 July 2022, a total of 3,776,627 COVID-19 cases had been recorded in the Philippines since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 24,100 new cases (21.60 cases per 100,000 population³) reported in week 30 (25 - 31 July 2022), that is 24.1% higher than the previous week (18 - 24 July 2022: 19,430 new cases, 17.4 cases per 100,000 population³). In week 30, the following regions recorded the highest case counts: National Capital Region (8,162 cases), Region IV-A: CALABARZON (5,660 cases), and Region III: Central Luzon (2,742 cases).

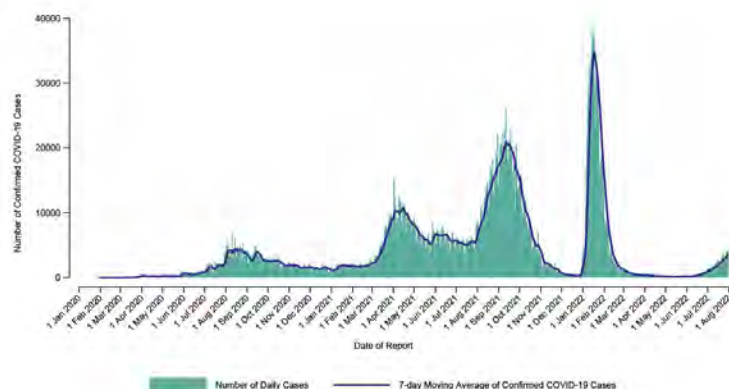


Figure 1. Daily reported COVID-19 cases in the Philippines (30 January 2020 – 31 July 2022)



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Footnotes

¹ Percent of total population (n = 111,572,254)

² Weekly case counts were obtained from FASSSTER COVID-19 PROJECT

³ Total population (n=111,572,254)

Note: Previous sitreps (#106 and earlier editions) used (1) Percent of total eligible population (5 years and older) for the vaccinated with last dose of primary series and (2) National population size (n=110,278,979 Epidemiology Bureau of the Department of Health, 2022) for the weekly COVID-19 incidence rates.

Healthcare utilization

As of 31 July 2022, the COVID-19 hospital bed and ICU bed utilization are low but have been increasing for three weeks [weeks 28 - 30 (Figure 2)]. The daily number (7-day average) of COVID-19 occupied ICU beds reported in week 30 (625 beds) increased by 16.2% from week 29 (538 beds), while the utilization of COVID-19 dedicated mechanical ventilators (7-day average) increased by 11.6%: 280 ventilators used in week 30, compared to 251 ventilators in the previous week.



Figure 2. Total bed and ICU bed distribution over time stratified by occupancy (as of 31 July 2022)

COVID-19 deaths

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 60,641 COVID-19 related deaths have been reported in Philippines as of 17 July 2022 (Figure 3). Between 1 May and 31 July, there were 20 deaths reported; of these 16 were in May, 4 were reported in June, and 0 were in July. Delayed reporting of COVID-19 related deaths may occur due to ongoing verifications of cause of death.

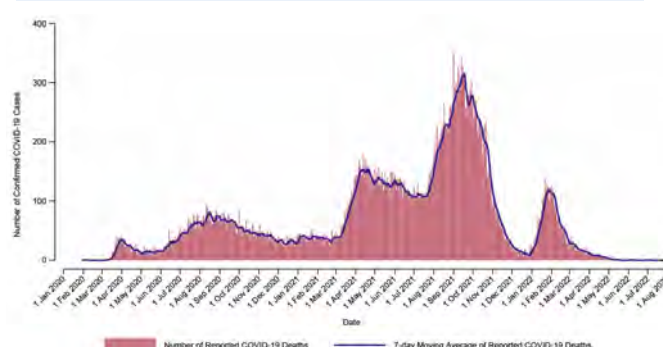


Figure 3. Daily number of COVID-19 deaths in the Philippines by date of death since 2020 (as of 31 July 2022)

Laboratory: testing rates, positivity rates and genomic surveillance

The testing rate (number of tests per 1,000 population) has decreased by 3.2% in the Philippines - 1.50 tests per 1,000 population for week 30 (165,690 tests); previously at 1.55 tests per 1,000 population in week 29 (170,772 tests). The positivity rate (number of individuals that tested positive/number of individuals tested) increased by 18.9%; 17% (26,619/156,447) in week 30 compared to 14.3% (23,077/161,773) in week 29.

On 28 July 2022, Department of Health Officer-in-Charge Undersecretary of Public Health Services Team Dr Beverly Ho said that from the latest Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS), 923 were confirmed to be Omicron Variant of Concern (VOC). The Omicron sublineages detected were: 890 BA.5, 18 BA.4, and 15 BA.2.12.1.

Of the 890 BA.5 cases, nine are Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and 881 cases were detected across 15 of the 17 regions (Table 1). Eight hundred twenty three have recovered, 31 were still in isolation and the status of 36 was still being verified. Of those with known vaccination history (n=668), 650 were fully vaccinated and 18 were partially vaccinated.

The 18 BA.4 cases came from six regions in the (Table 1). Of which, 17 have recovered and the other one was still in isolation. Thirteen of the BA.4 cases were fully vaccinated while the vaccination status of the remaining five cases was being verified.

Of the 15 BA.2.12.1 cases, one is a Returning Overseas Filipino, while 14 came from five Regions - with NCR recording the most number of cases (Table 1). Fourteen have recovered and one case was under isolation. Eight of the cases were fully vaccinated, one was partially vaccinated, and the vaccination status of the remaining cases was still being verified.

Overall, 1,997 cases of BA.5, 71 BA.4 cases, and 154 BA.2.12.1 cases have been confirmed from WGS in the Philippines. ^[4,5,6]

⁴ DOH detects 890 more COVID-19 BA.5 Omicron subvariant cases | Inquirer News

⁵ PH detects 923 more cases of omicron subvariants | ABS-CBN News

⁶ DOH detects 923 new Omicron subvariant cases (cnnphilippines.com)

Region	BA.5	BA.4	BA.2.12.1
NCR	232	7	5
Region V	13	6	0
Cordillera Administrative Region	63	2	4
Region I	29	1	1
Region II	59	1	0
Region III	46	0	0
Region IV-A	136	1	3
Region IV-B	37	0	1
Region VI	252	0	0
Region VII	5	0	0
Region VIII	1	0	0
Region IX	5	0	0
Region X	1	0	0
Region XI	1	0	0
Region XIII	1	0	0
TOTAL	890	18	14

Table 1. Number of BA.5, BA.4 and BA.2.12.1 cases detected per region in Philippines, 28 July 2022

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A2)									
REGION	Projected Pop (Priority Group A2)	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%	2nd Booster Shot	%
2	323,017	299,915	92.8%	10,142	3.1%	93,167	28.8%	9,251	2.9%
CAR	135,093	122,572	90.7%	6,071	4.5%	52,582	38.9%	8,014	5.9%
NCR	1,154,257	1,045,405	90.6%	20,349	1.8%	597,270	51.7%	209,926	18.2%
1	501,412	443,713	88.5%	16,135	3.2%	159,908	31.9%	17,858	3.6%
CARAGA	207,153	175,042	84.5%	(5,409)	-2.6%	32,929	15.9%	2,244	1.1%
4A	1,273,740	1,043,795	81.9%	49,666	3.9%	394,454	31.0%	78,577	6.2%
3	1,064,045	839,227	78.9%	31,149	2.9%	366,024	34.4%	66,054	6.2%
6	735,157	566,342	77.0%	(5,473)	-0.7%	133,162	18.1%	7,769	1.1%
5	466,893	359,173	76.9%	13,562	2.9%	77,270	16.5%	5,816	1.2%
9	273,362	202,606	74.1%	7,518	2.8%	44,452	16.3%	3,221	1.2%
10	384,311	280,714	73.0%	13,916	3.6%	71,855	18.7%	7,136	1.9%
Mimaropa	235,283	164,721	70.0%	9,898	4.2%	36,674	15.9%	3,225	1.4%
12	306,824	214,763	70.0%	10,523	3.4%	45,562	14.8%	2,727	0.9%
8	389,645	271,459	69.7%	14,098	3.6%	51,151	13.1%	2,951	0.8%
11	407,116	263,764	64.8%	31,374	7.7%	63,863	15.7%	9,810	2.4%
7	677,107	408,958	60.4%	10,345	1.5%	92,631	13.7%	10,960	1.6%
BARMM	186,876	89,417	47.8%	14,134	7.6%	10,735	5.7%	193	0.1%
PHIL	8,721,291	6,791,626	77.9%	247,998	2.8%	2,326,689	26.7%	445,762	5.1%

Table 2. Overview of vaccination of A2 population per region in Philippines (31 July 2022)

Vaccination

As of 31 July 2022, 64.3% of the total population were vaccinated with the last dose of primary series. Among healthcare workers (A1 priority group), the coverage is 96.3%, with 56.7% having received the first booster dose and 15.5% with the second booster dose. The Philippine government continues to prioritize COVID-19 vaccination of the vulnerable sectors of the population - elderly population (A2 priority group), persons with comorbidities (A3) and poor population (A5); their respective vaccination coverage (vaccinated with last dose of primary series) is 77.9%, 94.4%, and 72.7% (Figure 4). On 26 July 2022, DOH launched the "PinasLakas" campaign which aims to administer booster shots to 50% of the country's eligible population within the first 100 days of the Marcos administration⁷.

⁷ DOH launches COVID-19 booster program targeting 23 million Filipinos | Inquirer News

In addition, this campaign seeks to immunize 90% of the target senior citizen population. As of 31 July 2022, 20.8% of the eligible population for 1st booster shot received the jab. The vaccination coverage of first booster dose for A2, A3, and A5 priority groups are 26.7%, 27.4%, and 11.6%, respectively.

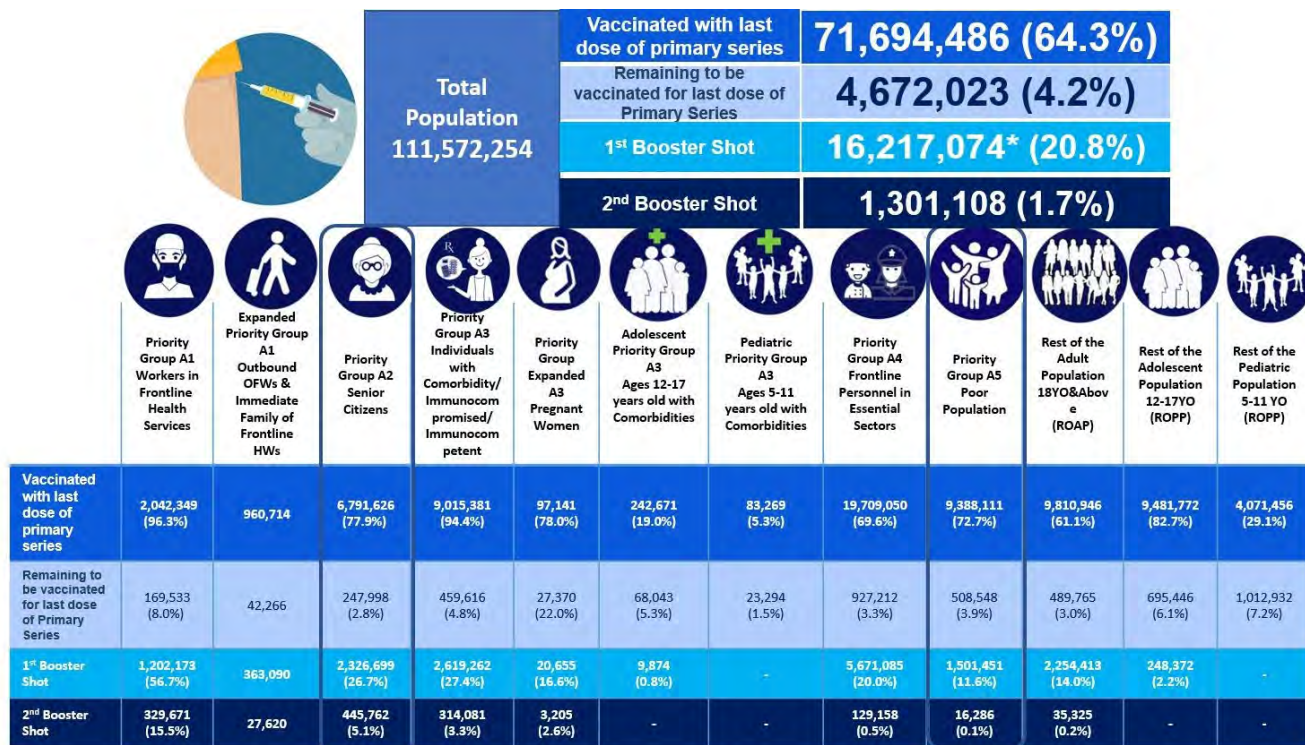
Sub-nationally, the vaccination coverage (last dose of primary series) of A2 population is less than 70% in four regions (Table 2), and the vaccination coverage of the A5 group is below 50% in seven of the seventeen regions (Table 3). All of the 17 regions have a vaccination coverage of 70% and above in A3 population (Table 4).

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A5)									
REGION	Projected Priority Group A5	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%	2nd Booster Shot	%
NCR	663,588	2,167,655	326.7%	62,680	9.4%	594,134	89.5%	3,562	0.5%
4A	955,143	1,214,058	127.1%	48,121	5.0%	228,980	24.0%	4,393	0.5%
6	967,299	973,495	100.6%	(101,770)	-10.5%	107,405	11.1%	2,992	0.3%
CAR	179,565	150,311	83.7%	7,098	4.0%	24,559	13.7%	84	0.0%
2	315,918	232,632	73.6%	19,827	6.3%	31,960	10.0%	319	0.1%
3	882,423	635,963	72.1%	51,148	5.8%	130,977	14.9%	779	0.1%
1	618,150	405,757	65.6%	34,666	5.6%	71,159	11.5%	453	0.1%
7	654,691	508,880	77.7%	22,976	3.5%	51,392	7.8%	780	0.1%
11	771,534	433,961	56.2%	38,133	4.9%	34,738	4.5%	832	0.1%
9	896,151	450,950	50.3%	30,739	3.4%	52,966	5.9%	219	0.0%
5	1,111,587	463,131	41.6%	49,638	4.5%	31,681	2.9%	776	0.1%
8	839,772	338,440	40.3%	41,942	5.0%	26,575	3.2%	579	0.1%
CARAGA	566,586	220,507	38.9%	24,535	4.3%	18,007	3.2%	141	0.0%
10	798,837	304,427	38.1%	28,048	3.5%	32,414	4.1%	125	0.0%
BARMM	1,163,412	439,077	37.7%	103,866	8.9%	33,819	2.9%	136	0.0%
Mimaropa	563,926	210,287	37.3%	16,861	2.9%	17,616	3.0%	68	0.0%
12	743,914	248,590	33.4%	30,040	4.0%	13,369	1.8%	45	0.0%
PHIL	12,911,183	9,388,111	72.7%	508,548	3.9%	1,501,451	11.6%	16,286	0.13%

Table 3. Overview of vaccination of A5 population per region in Philippines (31 July 2022)

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A3 w/ Comorbidities, Immunocompromised or Immunocompetent)									
REGION	Projected Priority Group	Vaccinated with last dose of primary series	%	Vaccinated with first dose of primary series	%	1st Booster Shot	%	2nd Booster Shot	%
CARAGA	205,086	213,966	104.3%	(3,081)	-1.5%	51,927	25.3%	1,967	1.0%
CAR	187,289	198,558	106.0%	5,238	2.8%	83,624	44.6%	2,093	1.1%
9	281,047	281,798	100.3%	8,818	3.1%	79,320	28.2%	1,396	0.5%
11	455,020	404,157	88.8%	7,454	1.6%	77,990	18.2%	7,197	1.6%
1	467,742	463,295	99.0%	21,138	4.5%	156,865	33.5%	12,775	2.7%
12	364,278	359,504	98.7%	16,475	4.5%	83,080	22.8%	1,089	0.3%
3	1,043,182	1,028,872	98.6%	47,553	4.6%	354,303	34.0%	43,099	4.1%
10	356,812	351,717	98.6%	12,919	3.6%	110,659	31.0%	2,092	0.6%
NCR	2,301,372	2,281,232	98.3%	126,158	5.5%	810,086	35.2%	182,848	7.9%
6	638,715	618,295	96.8%	41,345	6.5%	96,407	15.1%	4,886	0.8%
2	289,165	288,143	99.3%	15,960	5.3%	101,141	33.8%	3,292	1.1%
7	563,834	520,749	92.4%	19,196	3.4%	115,949	20.0%	7,084	1.3%
4A	1,145,277	1,026,181	89.6%	59,328	5.2%	310,902	27.1%	38,367	3.3%
Mimaropa	224,805	195,777	87.1%	9,760	4.3%	47,680	21.2%	2,794	1.2%
BARMM	298,914	240,803	80.6%	23,141	7.7%	40,628	13.6%	741	0.2%
5	433,505	326,986	75.4%	36,841	8.3%	97,495	13.3%	1,960	0.4%
8	326,254	245,348	75.0%	12,593	3.7%	41,257	12.3%	1,113	0.3%
PHIL	9,582,337	9,015,381	94.4%	499,616	4.9%	2,619,262	27.4%	314,981	3.3%

Table 4. Overview of vaccination of A3 population per region in Philippines (31 July 2022)



*eligible population for booster

Figure 4. Overview of COVID-19 vaccination status of Philippines' population as of 31 July 2022

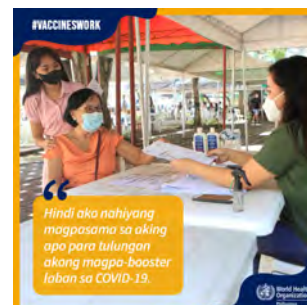
Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection, and Control

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

Risk Communications

On 26 July, Dr Graham Harrison, Officer-in-Charge at WHO Philippines, attended the launch of DOH's new vaccination campaign, PinasLakas. Photos from the launch and WHO's message of commitment were published on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

WHO Philippines released the next set of cards for its ongoing campaign highlighting the personal and social benefits of getting the primary series and booster shots against COVID-19.



On 20-21 July 2022, the RCCE team supported the Health Education and Promotion Unit of Region VI (Western Visayas) in conducting its training on Social Marketing and Partnership Building for *Resbakuna* Champions. Communication Officer and RCCE Pillar Lead, Rocel Ann Junio-Balbutin, shared challenges and opportunities in developing and sharing messages on COVID-19 vaccination, and how strategic communication and the principles of Communication for Health (C4H) can help in developing a content strategy for different audiences.



Partner Coordination

Updates from USAID *USAID strengthens support to Laguna Medical Center*

USAID's Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) COVID-19 and HIV projects and USAID's Infectious Disease Detection and Surveillance (IDDS) project, all implemented by Family Health International (FHI) 360, facilitated a field monitoring visit at Laguna Medical Center with both provincial health office and hospital staff.

Ms Kate Killberg, Associate Director for EpiC Programs in Asia, attended this activity along with FHI 360 Philippines Country Representative Dr Soliman Guirgis and EpiC Project Director Ms Teresita Bagasao. EpiC and IDDS shared their ongoing support for the provincial hospital which includes capacity building on COVID-19 case triaging, management, and referral; infection prevention and control; COVID-19 therapeutics; and medical oxygen delivery and systems.



USAID's EpiC project handing over another set of ventilator consumables and supplies to Laguna Medical Center and Laguna Provincial Health Office, which includes patient breathing circuits and heat and moisture exchange filters.



Laguna Medical Center's Chief Respiratory Therapist, Mr Gerdine David, sharing how the U.S. Government-donated mechanical ventilators saved lives as part of their hospital's COVID-19 response. With technical assistance and procurement support from USAID's EpiC, Laguna Medical Center sustained and maximized the use of its ventilators.



USAID intensifies communication campaigns to support Philippines' COVID-19 response

USAID's Breakthrough ACTION project continues to provide support to the Philippines' Department of Health in promoting COVID-19 prevention and vaccine confidence through its social and behavior change communication campaigns. Reaching 69 million users to date, the Get Vaxxed for Good Vibes campaign has released three new six-second videos that target audiences from [teens and young adults](#), [working professionals](#), and the [elderly](#) segments.

At the recent three-day Philippine Youth Convergence event in Palawan, USAID's Breakthrough ACTION and ReachHealth projects promoted BIDA Kid teen materials to more than 17 regional Department of Education (DepEd) Offices and reached nearly 2,000 delegates who are senior high school students, youth leaders, and education stakeholders nationwide. BIDA Kid is a joint communication campaign of the DepEd, DOH, and USAID to remind everyone to continue practicing key preventive behaviors to help keep our communities safe, especially as kids go back to school and people go back to work and other day-to-day activities.

Updates from UNICEF Support to COVID-19 vaccination

UNICEF supported the various DOH PinasLakas ceremonial launching in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) on 21 July 2022; and at the national level in Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange, in Region IV-A at the EMI-Yazaki Gymnasium in Imus, Cavite, and Region V held at Daraga North Central School Daraga, Albay on 26 July 2022.

Among the participants and attendees were the national government – Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Tourism, Department of Transportation, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Export Processing Zones Authority, and local chief executives; private companies; medical societies; associations of colleges and universities; media; and international development partners such as UNICEF, WHO, Relief International, and USAID.

The campaign aims to accelerate the uptake of booster shots to more than 55.1 million fully vaccinated Filipinos, and reach the remaining 20% of the unvaccinated senior citizens.



UNICEF Philippines Deputy Representative Mr Behzad Noubary affirms UNICEF's support to the PinasLakas campaign of the DOH by signing the commitment wall during the ceremonial launching held at Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange. ©UNICEF/2022/Anna Paras



UNICEF Immunization Specialist Dr Carla Orozco delivers a message of support and commitment during the launching of PinasLakas at DOH CHD4A held at EMI-Yazaki Gymnasium in Imus, Cavite on 26 July 2022. ©DOHCHD4A/2022/John Leo Bayron



A resident of Daraga, Albay receives her COVID-19 booster dose during the PinasLakas launching of DOH CHD 5 in Albay. ©UNICEF Philippines/2022/Nancy Pastrana



During the PinasLakas launching at DOH-CHD 4A, a representative of EMI-Yazaki EDS Manufacturing, Inc. in Imus Cavite presents the COVID-19 measures and assistance provided by the company and its partnership with the local government in fully immunizing their employees. ©DOH-CHD4A/2022/John Leo Bayron