



Situation summary

(Highlights of the current report) Please see the Philippines Department of Health (DOH) daily [Situation Update](#) for further information.



1,513,396
Cases



1,439,049
Recoveries



26,786
Deaths



10,464,767
Vaccinated

- Out of a total 1,513,396¹ confirmed cases reported in the Philippines as of 19 July 2021, 51.2% are male, with the most affected age group 25-34 years (26.9%).
- 35.6% of the total number of cases are from the National Capital Region (NCR), followed by CALABARZON (16.9%), Central Luzon (8.9%), Central Visayas (5.5%), Western Visayas (5.4%).
- Out of the total 26,786 confirmed deaths, 57.6% are male, with the most affected age group 65-74 (28%) followed by the age group 60-64 years (13.4%) and the age group 80+ (13.4%).
- 30.6% of the total number of deaths reported are from NCR, followed by CALABARZON (12.5%), Central Luzon (12.5%), Central Visayas (8.5%), Western Visayas (6.4%).
- Of the total 71,650 confirmed cases in the past two weeks, about 88% of the cases are from the regions, while about 12% of the cases are from NCR. In the two weeks prior to that, about 90% of the total 77,507 confirmed cases were from the regions, while about 10% of the cases were from NCR.
- The number of laboratories performing tests for COVID-19 using RT-PCR or GenXpert increased to 260. In the past 2 weeks, the laboratory network sustained an average of almost 50,000 tests per day with a daily average cumulative positivity rate of 10.6%.
- Bed occupancy nationwide is at 46.5%, Davao Region (60.6%), Western Visayas (58.8%), CAR (58.4%), Eastern Visayas (57.5%), Central Visayas (54.3%), NCR (37.7%).
- As of 19 July, 10,464,767 individuals have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. 97.4% of Priority Group A1 (frontline HCW) have received their first dose and 76.7% of Priority Group A1 have received their second dose. 32.6% of Priority Group A2 (senior citizens) have received their first dose and 14.5% of Priority Group A2 have received their second dose. Compared to the 5 July vaccination rate for Priority Group A2, the 19 July vaccination rate represents a 2.3% increase for the first dose and a 5% increase for the second dose.
- 16 additional cases of Variant of concern (VOC) Delta (B.1.617.2) have been detected in the Philippines including first local cases. This brings the total number of Delta cases detected in the Philippines to 35.
- 5.25 million more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine donated by the COVAX Facility arrived in the Philippines.

¹ Data as of 19 July 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**.

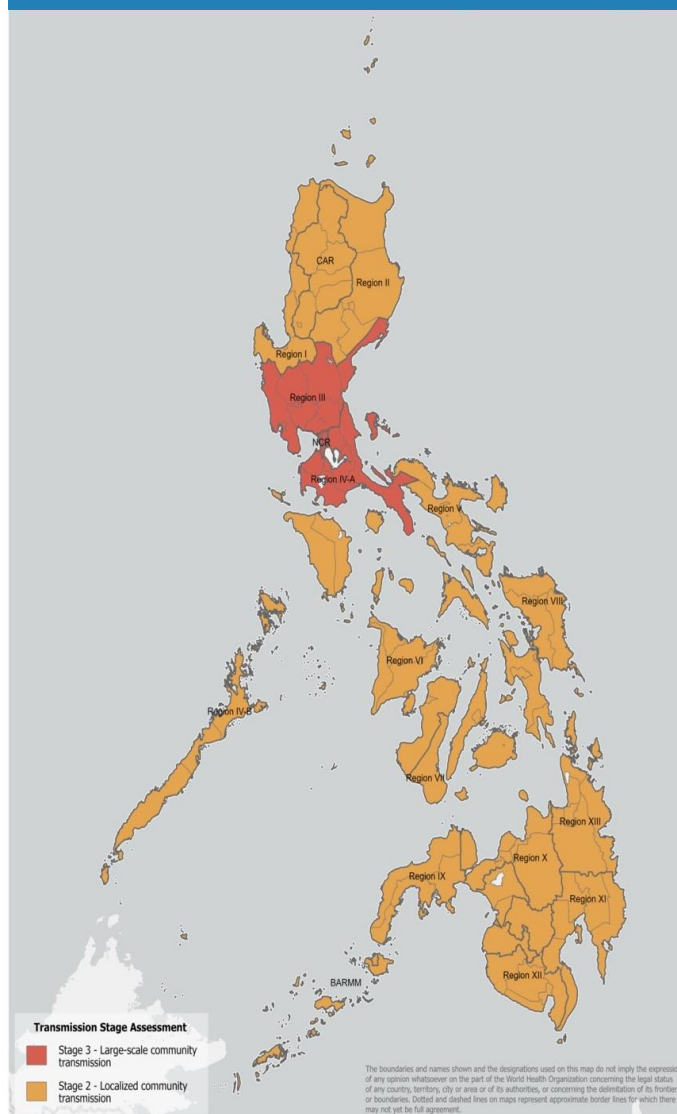
Regional assessments

Among the different regions of the Philippines, a major increase in the number of cases was detected in Region I and Region X. High mobility trends are seen across Region III, Region IV-A, Region V, Region VIII, Region IX, Region XI and Region XIII. Cities that are experiencing a high increase in cases are Cebu City in Region VII and Ilocos Norte in Region I. An increasing trend on ICU and total bed utilization is seen in certain areas of Region I, Region V, Region VI, Region VII and Region XI.

Risk assessment activities

- The WHO Country Office is monitoring a possible increase in cases in areas where evacuations have been carried out due to military operations, flooding and the increased activity of Taal volcano.
- By closely monitoring the health care utilization, the WHO Country Office is identifying possible dates when ICU bed occupancy will reach critical levels in major cities in the Mindanao and Visayas region.
- The WHO Country Office conducts continuous background checks on laboratory test performance for regions and areas with high positivity rates: Regions XI, VI, I, III and IV-A.

PHL Transmission Stage Assessment as of Week 28 (12 July – 18 July 2021)





Updates from the last 14 days

Epidemiological updates

As of 19 July 2021, a total of **1,513,396** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **26,786** deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The case fatality ratio is 1.8%.

| Epi Update COVID-19 | Tests | Cases | Deaths | ICU Occupancy |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | 797,762 | 71,650 | 1,594 | 54.6% |
| | Tests past 14 days | Cases past 14 days | Deaths past 14 days | |
| | 15,115,415 | 1,513,396 | 26,786 | 3,562 |
| | Cumulative unique individuals tested | Cumulative cases | Cumulative deaths | ICU beds for COVID-19 cases |
| | 10.6% | | | |
| | Cumul. Positivity rate | | | |
| Health service provision COVID-19 | | | | |
| | 21,245 | 1,294 | 31,937 | 135,452 |
| | Healthcare worker cases as of 19 July (cumulative) | Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients | Non-ICU beds for COVID-19 patients | TTMF beds for COVID-19 cases (as of 18 July) |
| | 20,918 | | | |
| | HCW cases as of 12 July (cumulative) | | | |

Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection and Control

Health Service Delivery

- The WHO Country Office in the Philippines continues to provide technical assistance to the DOH and Philhealth in the development of communication materials for the home care benefit package. This will serve as an overall guide to both the recipients and providers of the benefit package.
- With the current surge of cases in the country, especially in regions of Visayas and Mindanao, a meeting with the office of Dr. Abdullah B. Dumama Jr, Undersecretary of Health, was held to discuss the current COVID-19 response in the affected areas. The WHO Country Office continues to advise the regions on the importance of adherence to healthcare pathways and proper utilization of COVID-19 beds.
- As the One Hospital Command Center (OHCC) continues to optimize the use of critical care services in the hospitals and strengthen the health system's capacity, the WHO Country Office continues to provide technical assistance by regularly conducting analysis of the health facilities' care utilization rate and supporting the orientation of the OHCC module and bed management dashboard to the regions.



On 12 July 2021, the One Hospital Command Center was inaugurated as the National Patient Navigation and Referral Center.

Laboratory and Testing

- The DOH-licensed laboratories comprising the COVID-19 laboratory network in the country now have 260 operational laboratories, using RT-PCR and cartridge-based PCR testing. In the past two weeks, the laboratory network sustained a daily average of more than 50,000 tests with a daily average cumulative positivity rate of 10.6%. The WHO Country Office has donated and installed automated extraction machines in Butuan Medical Center and Cotabato Regional and Medical Center to help expand the testing capacity in the provinces of Mindanao.
- DOH, Philippine Genome Center (PGC) and University of the Philippines National Institute of Health (UP-NIH) have reported 16 additional Delta variant cases in the latest genome sequencing report. Five of the 16 cases were identified as returning overseas Filipinos. Eleven were classified as local cases, of which six cases were from a large cluster of cases in Northern Mindanao, three cases from NCR and two cases from Western Visayas. With the entry of the Delta variant in the country, the DOH's Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration Strategies are being strengthened along with healthcare capacity. All COVID-19 testing laboratories are required to prepare and ensure that laboratory supplies and logistics are being secured for a possible surge. The WHO Country Office is also keen on supporting the DOH Epidemiology Bureau in directing biosurveillance activities to better manage the country's response to outbreaks.

Surveillance and Contact Tracing

Event-based Surveillance

- National Capital Region:
 - Children 5 years and older are allowed to go out again in selected areas.
 - IATF authorized the conduct of special commercial flights to bring home stranded Filipinos from currently banned countries.
- Region IV-B: Puerto Galera will no longer require travelers, who are fully vaccinated, to present a negative RT-PCR result and to undergo a health check upon entry/exit.
- SOCCSKSARGEN: Detainees from police stations are now required to have a negative antigen test result before being transferred to the city jail.
- Evacuations in different regions:



- Evacuations were carried out in Northern Samar due to clashes between the military and the New People's Army (NPA).
- 71 families have been evacuated in three districts in Barangay Bunawan Proper in Davao City due to floods and landslides.
- Given the activity of Taal Volcano and to prepare for future disasters, the government is planning on building three additional evacuation sites in Batangas province.

Contact Tracing Management

- The WHO Country Office continues to coordinate with Contact Tracing and Management Stakeholders (i.e. NTF CT Czar, DOH, DILG, DICT) on the updates and action points for the digital contact tracing agenda.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- The WHO Country office organized media engagement around the arrival of COVAX vaccines, including the creation of a [press release](#) co-authored with partners including UNICEF.
- The WHO Country Office participated in several Information sessions, including a Town Hall for senior Citizens that was organized by the DOH. Another speaking engagement was with the University UN Youth Group at a UNHCR event on vaccine acceptance among refugees and asylum seekers.



The DOH, UNICEF, and WHO released the [Usapang Bakuna booklet](#) — a communications guide for community-based healthcare workers, frontliners and other social mobilizers to help them talk about the COVID-19 vaccine in the community.

Vaccines

- As of 19 July 2021, a total of 15,332,127 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered either as first or second dose.
- On the said date, 10,464,767 eligible individuals have received their 1st dose, of which 4,867,360 individuals have received their 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

| Coverage Rate % (A1) 1ST & 2ND DOSE | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| REGION | Masterlisted (Priority Group A1) | Total Vaccinated COMPLETED FIRST DOSE | Over-all Coverage FIRST DOSE | Total Vaccinated COMPLETED 2 DOSES | Over-all Coverage COMPLETED 2 DOSES |
| NCR | 301,749 | 290,324 | 96.2% | 250,864 | 83.1% |
| CAR | 45,349 | 45,349 | 100.0% | 34,330 | 75.7% |
| 1 | 87,409 | 87,409 | 100.0% | 71,999 | 82.4% |
| 2 | 65,040 | 60,886 | 93.6% | 45,484 | 69.9% |
| 3 | 150,916 | 150,916 | 100.0% | 108,559 | 71.9% |
| 4A | 136,169 | 136,169 | 100.0% | 118,763 | 87.2% |
| Mimaropa | 46,120 | 45,393 | 98.4% | 32,454 | 70.4% |
| 5 | 85,506 | 85,506 | 100.0% | 60,354 | 70.6% |
| 6 | 129,459 | 122,655 | 94.7% | 81,852 | 63.2% |
| 7 | 131,781 | 122,364 | 92.9% | 89,701 | 68.1% |
| 8 | 82,047 | 82,047 | 100.0% | 61,895 | 75.4% |
| 9 | 56,773 | 51,898 | 91.4% | 41,500 | 73.1% |
| 10 | 84,733 | 84,733 | 100.0% | 65,626 | 77.5% |
| 11 | 84,692 | 84,692 | 100.0% | 73,310 | 86.6% |
| 12 | 60,333 | 60,333 | 100.0% | 51,116 | 84.7% |
| CARAGA | 56,968 | 51,868 | 91.0% | 43,304 | 76.0% |
| BARMM | 21,451 | 21,451 | 100.0% | 15,733 | 73.3% |
| PHIL | 1,626,495 | 1,583,993 | 97.4% | 1,246,844 | 76.7% |

Percentage of Vaccination Coverage – First Dose and 2nd Completed Dose, per region for Masterlisted Eligible Populations Priority A1 as of 19 July 2021.

| Coverage Rate % (A2) 1ST & 2ND DOSE | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| REGION | Masterlisted (Priority Group A2) | Total Vaccinated COMPLETED FIRST DOSE | Over-all Coverage FIRST DOSE | Total Vaccinated COMPLETED 2 DOSES | Over-all Coverage COMPLETED 2 DOSES |
| NCR | 1,133,317 | 691,592 | 61.0% | 451,448 | 39.8% |
| CAR | 145,441 | 50,384 | 34.6% | 25,891 | 17.8% |
| 1 | 547,788 | 129,772 | 23.7% | 42,326 | 7.7% |
| 2 | 347,638 | 88,297 | 25.4% | 33,720 | 9.7% |
| 3 | 1,145,288 | 352,448 | 30.8% | 123,630 | 10.8% |
| 4A | 1,117,556 | 485,920 | 43.5% | 195,048 | 17.5% |
| Mimaropa | 270,797 | 56,857 | 21.0% | 24,602 | 9.1% |
| 5 | 472,205 | 59,291 | 12.6% | 20,419 | 4.3% |
| 6 | 793,421 | 153,481 | 19.3% | 53,485 | 6.7% |
| 7 | 549,444 | 131,646 | 24.0% | 52,974 | 9.6% |
| 8 | 300,197 | 83,303 | 27.7% | 34,579 | 11.5% |
| 9 | 251,958 | 61,811 | 24.5% | 26,224 | 10.4% |
| 10 | 316,557 | 117,393 | 37.1% | 42,511 | 13.4% |
| 11 | 458,573 | 146,491 | 31.9% | 30,512 | 6.7% |
| 12 | 320,577 | 70,851 | 22.1% | 35,688 | 11.1% |
| CARAGA | 210,595 | 71,503 | 34.0% | 28,332 | 13.5% |
| BARMM | 112,311 | 19,400 | 17.3% | 7,532 | 6.7% |
| PHIL | 8,493,663 | 2,770,440 | 32.6% | 1,228,921 | 14.5% |

Percentage of Vaccination Coverage – First Dose and 2nd Completed Dose, per region for Masterlisted Eligible Population Priority A2 as of 19 July 2021.

Operations Support Logistics

- The WHO Country Office has dispatched cold chain equipment to three health facilities in Metro Manila in preparation for the Solidarity Vaccine Trials in country. The OSL team conducted an infrastructure and technical assessment prior to the installations.
- The WHO Country Office finalized its assessment of Philippines' medical oxygen production capacity and consumption, concluding limited access to adequate oxygen stocks in the Visayas and Mindanao areas. To prepare for possible surges in case numbers and to ensure sufficient oxygen supply, the WHO Country Office supports the Food and Drug Authority (FDA) to expedite approval of mobile PSA plants for Mindanao.
- The OSL Team is partnering with DOH Supply Chain Management Service to continually monitor the surge capacity of the health system for PPE availability in national warehouses.
- The WHO Country Office has been providing technical assistance to the National Vaccine Operations Center (NVOC) in conducting trainings for end-users on the proper storage and handling of COVID-19 vaccines.

Updates from UNICEF

From 9 to 17 July 2021, 5.2 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine from the COVAX Facility arrived in the Philippines. These will support the ongoing vaccination of priority populations in the country. To date, 10.2 million doses from COVAX have been delivered to the Philippines, with logistics support from UNICEF.



Arrival of COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX Facility on 9 July 2021 ©UNICEF Philippines/2021/Francia



Arrival of COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX Facility on 16 July 2021 ©UNICEF Philippines/2021/Forbes



Arrival of COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX Facility on 17 July 2021 ©UNICEF Philippines/2021/Forbes

Strategic Approach

- At the request of the Department of Health (DOH) Center for Health Development Calabarzon, UNICEF provided 4,700 N95 masks and 1,000 face shields to the Batangas Provincial DOH Office (PDOHO). These will help communities affected by the unrest of Taal volcano in adhering to minimum public health standards and protect children and families from the spread of COVID-19.



Preparation of N95 masks and face shields at Batangas PDOHO for distribution to target LGUs and evacuation centers (Photo courtesy of Batangas PDOHO)



Batangas PDOHO distributing N95 masks and face shields in Agoncillo, Batangas (Photo courtesy of Batangas PDOHO)