



Situation summary

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2,666,562
Cases



2,536,011
Recoveries



39,624
Deaths



19,597,787
Vaccinated

- DOH recorded 90,927¹ active cases as of 10 October 2021, with the breakdown of active cases (based on disposition upon accomplishing case investigation forms) as follows:
 - Asymptomatic: 14,705 (16.2%)
 - Mild: 65,694 (72.2%)
 - Moderate: 6,090 (6.7%)
 - Severe: 3,135 (3.4%)
 - Critical: 1,303 (1.4%)

- Top regions by Active Cases:

1	National Capital Region (NCR)	18,905
2	Region IV-A: CALABARZON	12,444
3	Region III: Central Luzon	9,516
4	Region II: Cagayan Valley	6,484
5	Region VI: Western Visayas	5,619
6	Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)	5,559
7	Region I: Ilocos Region	5,199
8	Region VIII: Eastern Visayas	5,037
9	Region XI: Davao Region	4,226
10	Region VII: Central Visayas	3,709

- Out of the total 39,624 confirmed deaths, the most affected age group is 60-69 years old at 27% followed by 70-79 years old age group (22%) and 50-59 years old age group (19%).
- 25% of the total number of deaths reported are from NCR, followed by Central Luzon (13%), CALABARZON (12%), Central Visayas (10%), Western Visayas (7%).
- DOH recorded a total of 26,192 healthcare workers that tested positive for COVID-19 as of 10 October 2021. Of these, 25,860 (98.7%) have recovered, 105 (0.4%) have died and 227 (0.8%) were active cases. Out of the 227 active cases, 63 (27.8%) were asymptomatic, 111 (48.9%) were mild cases, 22 (9.7%) in moderate condition, 22 (9.7%) in severe condition, and 9 (4.0%) in critical condition.

¹ Data as of 11 October 2021 can be found in [DOH's BEAT COVID-19 report](#).

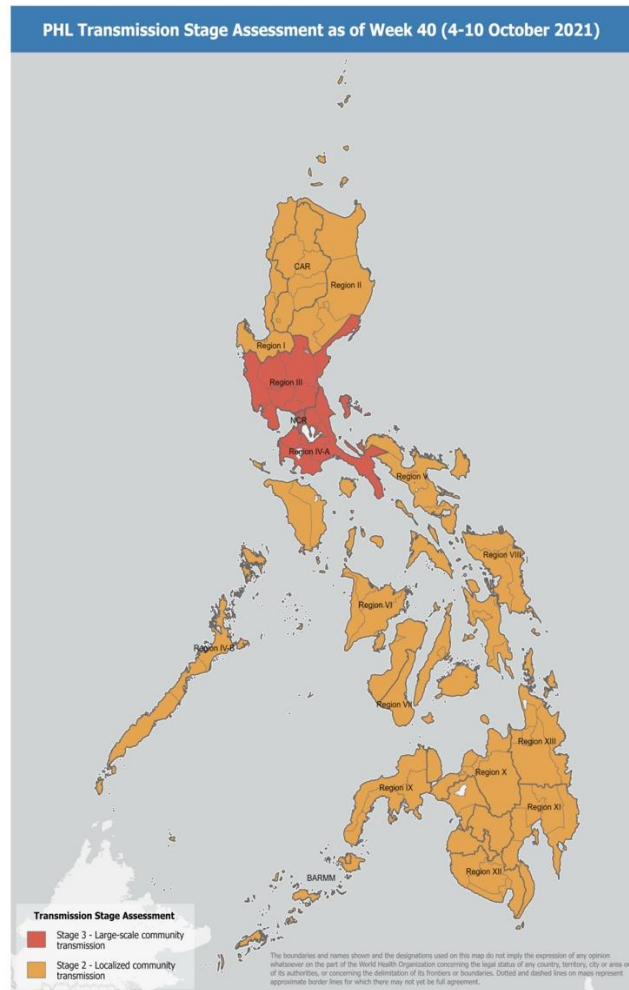


Transmission stage assessment

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 NCR which are at **Stage 3, large scale community transmission**.

In terms of the overall situation of the Philippines, there were 73,303 new cases (67 cases per 100,000 population) reported in week 40, that is 29% lower than the previous week (102,569 new cases, 93 cases per 100,000 population).

A lower 7-day positivity rate (number of individuals that tested positive/number of individuals tested) was reported for week 40 at 16.8% (62,513/372,266), compared to week 39 at 20.9% (92,787/443,699). There was also a reported decrease in the daily number (7-day average) of COVID-19 dedicated ICU beds occupied (3,153 beds this week compared to 3,244 beds last week), and a downtrend in the utilization of COVID-19 dedicated mechanical ventilators (7-day average) for week 38 (1,726 ventilators compared to 1,806 ventilators last week) was observed.



Data for analysis was extracted on 11 October 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.



Epidemiological updates

As of 10 October 2021, a total of **2,666,562** confirmed COVID-19 cases and **39,624** deaths have been reported in the Philippines. The case fatality ratio is 1.5%.

Epi Update COVID-19	Tests	Cases	Deaths	ICU Occupancy
	398,465 Tests past 7 days	73,459 Cases past 7 days	254 Deaths past 7 days	69%
	20,507,811 Cumulative unique individuals tested	2,666,562 Cumulative cases	39,624 Cumulative deaths	4,384 ICU beds for COVID-19 cases
	13.77% Cumul. Positivity rate			
Health service provision COVID-19	26,192 Healthcare worker cases as of 10 October 2021 (cumulative)	1,257 Hospitals admitting COVID-19 patients	40,640 Total hospital beds for COVID-19 patients	148,983 TTMF beds for COVID-19 cases (as of 10 October)
	227 HCW active cases		69% hospital beds for COVID-19 occupied	

Strategic approach to COVID-19 Prevention, Detection and Control

Health Service Delivery

- WHO Philippines coordinated with Cagayan Valley Center for Health Development (CHD) on strategies to strengthen COVID-19 care pathways as it links to home isolation implementation and the increasing number of COVID-19 deaths in the region.
- WHO also organized and conducted #HealthyPrisons, an online learning session for COVID-19 prevention in detention centers and communities in prisons. Over 200 participants joined among the personnel of Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) National Capital Region Office (NCRO).



WHO presents to Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) staff during the #HealthyPrisons learning session



Surveillance

- WHO Philippines is continuously validating information on the ground through regional operations. Current focus and action points in the regions/LGUs are as follows: a) risk assessment indicators b) health care capacity including logistics and supplies, and c) COVID-related and all-cause mortality analysis, and d) minimum public health standards strict implementation.
- WHO maintains continuous engagement with the DOH Epidemiology Bureau – COVID-19 Surveillance and Quick Action Unit (CSQAU), on the salient points on the proposed improvement on surveillance data management and analysis, guidance on of Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Testing, Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) methodology, and other risk assessment initiatives.

Contact Tracing Management

- DOH - Tanod Kontra COVID (TKC) project with Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI) for The Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism is underway.
- WHO maintains continuous coordination between the national stakeholders for contact tracing and management on the Interoperability of Contact Tracing Applications and the Centralized Warehouse for CT data.
- WHO connected with stakeholders related to the Exposure Notification (GAEN) feature of StaySafe.ph of the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

- In partnership with the Department of Health, WHO Philippines hosted a 2-hour webinar on suicide prevention entitled, “Creating Hope Through Action”. The webinar included interactive breakout sessions for leaders in promoting suicide-safer communities, as well as the role of youth and families in suicide prevention.



Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- The coverage of COVAX arrival was published on the front page of [WHO HQ’s Weekly Operational Update](#) released globally.
- WHO joined the ceremonial signing and launch of the pilot run of limited in-person schooling in low-risk areas. The Message of Support delivered by Dr Rabindra Abeyasinghe, on behalf of WHO and other UN agencies, was quoted widely by national media.
- WHO delivered an information session on vaccines to over 60 participants from civil society organizations (CSOs) supported by the [American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative](#) (ABA ROLI) in the Philippines.
- WHO also conducted an online learning session with over 60 key pastoral leaders and members of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches from at least ten regions nationwide on A2 vaccine uptake and home care management and referral. WHO also conducted a lecture-workshop as part of the risk communication training of Program Managers and Development Management Officers in Central Visayas Center for Health Development.
- WHO published a video under the #SapatNaIngat campaign featuring four Filipinos and how they continue to practice the



Learning session with the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches



minimum public health standards while working for their families and staying in touch with loved ones. This was co-branded with the Department of Health.

- The #AskAnExpert series was launched, where experts from the WHO Philippines Country Office answer the questions of Filipinos from different ages and backgrounds about COVID-19 and how to stay healthy during the pandemic. The first video was launched in time for World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2021. It features Dr Jasmine Vergara, Technical Officer for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, who talked to Shane Batete, Grade 11 student, who shares that her friends are in need of advice to overcome mental distress.



WHO's #AskAnExpert series

Vaccines

- As of 10 October 2021, a total of 49,673,491 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. Out of these, 30,075,704 eligible individuals received their 1st dose, and 19,597,787 eligible individuals received their 2nd dose.
- There were 1,508,630 frontline healthcare workers (A1) fully vaccinated and 125,628 partially vaccinated. Collectively, these amount to 99.8% of the master list.

Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A1)					
REGION	Masterlisted (Priority Group A1)	Fully Vaccinated	%	Partially Vaccinated	%
NCR	301,749	301,749	100.0%	-	0.0%
5	85,506	85,506	100.0%	-	0.0%
4A	136,169	134,651	98.9%	1,518	1.1%
1	87,409	85,667	98.0%	1,742	2.0%
10	84,733	82,792	97.7%	1,941	2.3%
BARMM	21,451	20,346	94.8%	1,105	5.2%
8	82,047	77,539	94.5%	4,508	5.5%
Mimaropa	46,120	43,342	94.0%	2,778	6.0%
2	64,390	60,367	93.8%	3,235	5.0%
9	56,773	53,179	93.7%	2,462	4.3%
CAR	44,552	40,657	91.3%	3,265	7.3%
CARAGA	55,327	49,047	88.6%	4,171	7.5%
3	151,402	134,122	88.6%	17,280	11.4%
12	75,357	65,217	86.5%	10,140	13.5%
7	131,781	113,121	85.8%	18,660	14.2%
6	129,459	102,056	78.8%	27,403	21.2%
11	84,692	59,272	70.0%	25,420	30.0%
PHIL	1,638,917	1,508,630	92.1%	125,628	7.7%

Vaccination Coverage per region for Priority Group A1 as of 10 October 2021.

- A total of 4,495,772 senior citizens, or 54.5% of the masterlisted eligible A2 population, were fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and a total of 415,014 senior citizens, or 5.0% of the Priority Group A2 population, were partially vaccinated.



Cumulative Coverage Rate % (A2)

REGION	Masterlisted (Priority Group A2)	Fully Vaccinated	%	Partially Vaccinated	%
NCR	1,050,589	912,959	86.9%	51,520	4.9%
4A	1,117,556	701,507	62.8%	63,364	5.7%
CAR	150,507	93,994	62.5%	10,160	6.8%
2	350,464	214,250	61.1%	20,282	5.8%
10	316,557	174,850	55.2%	16,505	5.2%
1	536,376	276,879	51.6%	33,491	6.2%
CARAGA	198,874	101,890	51.2%	9,360	4.7%
3	1,145,288	583,575	51.0%	62,533	5.5%
8	300,197	152,621	50.8%	18,269	6.1%
6	655,860	314,396	47.9%	32,245	4.9%
5	473,075	219,482	46.4%	13,680	2.9%
9	237,311	108,352	45.7%	7,904	3.3%
12	322,224	127,106	39.4%	11,334	3.5%
7	567,177	222,533	39.2%	20,156	3.6%
11	458,573	166,680	36.3%	25,513	5.6%
Mimaropa	261,592	92,218	35.3%	12,157	4.6%
BARMM	112,311	32,480	28.9%	6,541	5.8%
PHIL	8,254,531	4,495,772	54.5%	415,014	5.0%

Vaccination Coverage per region for Priority Group A2 as of 10 October 2021.

Operations Support Logistics

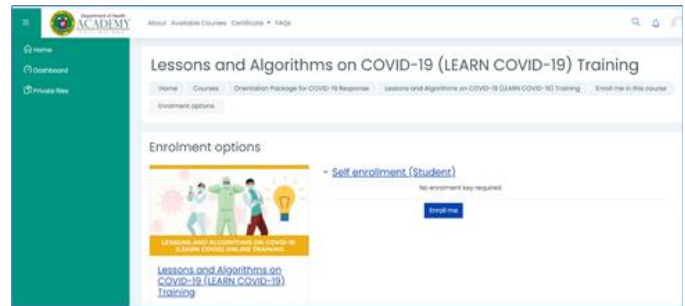
- WHO Philippines provided technical advice and support to the Health Facility Enhancement Program (HFEP) in the development of the oxygen dashboard.
- WHO continues to provide technical assistance to the National Vaccine Operations Center (NVOC) on the conduct of trainings in relation to the proper storage and handling of COVID-19 vaccines, including cold chain management. WHO also provides ongoing support to NVOC in assessing vaccine storage capacity at the national and regional levels, and how many doses they can accommodate in preparation for the delivery of a large volume of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.



Partner Coordination

Updates from USAID

- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project led by FHI 360, and University of California San Francisco in partnership with DOH-One Hospital Command (OHC), Disease Prevention and Control Bureau (DPCB), and Health Human Resource Development Bureau (HHRDB) has developed the Lessons and Algorithms on COVID-19 (LEARN COVID) eLearning course accessible via the Department of Health (DOH) Academy. This course intends to capacitate frontline healthcare workers in providing clinical care management for patients with COVID-19 based on the Philippines' latest unified COVID-19 algorithms and focuses on the core theories and their applications in the following clinical areas: personal protective equipment (PPE) basics, approach to hypoxemia, ventilator management, and COVID-19 therapeutics.



Updates from UNICEF

Support to the COVID vaccination roll-out

- UNICEF continues to support the Department of Health by providing monitoring and technical assistance to COVID-19 vaccination sites/posts, Provincial Health Offices (PHOs), City Health Offices (CHOs), Rural Health Units (RHUs) and health centers in NCR, Regions III, IV-A, VI, VIII, IX and BARMM. UNICEF recommended improvements in vaccine delivery and roll-out strategies; on-site vaccine, cold chain and logistics management and supportive supervision to ensure vaccine quality and potency; uptake of vaccination on site; and the recording and reporting of coverage data.



Health staff encode data of vaccinated clients at a vaccination post in Lope de Vega, Northern Samar.
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Uniformed personnel assisting LGU staff in the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out at Rizal Triangle, Olongapo City, Zambales.
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- UNICEF provided technical assistance to ensure that the walk-in cold rooms in Regions III and IV-A and provinces of Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Laguna, Rizal and Quezon are ready for installation and will continue to follow up on the recommendations shared.



Health workers participate in a planning session in Barangay Don DOH, UNICEF and partners visit Barangay San Isidro, Bosco, Parañaque City. ©Relief International 2021



UNICEF and partners visit Barangay San Isidro, Parañaque City in a Bandillo vehicle. ©Relief International/2021



Nurses and midwives conduct client screening at the COVID-19 vaccination post in Tiaong, Quezon. ©Relief International/2021



Provincial Employees are Accommodated at the Jordan Covered Gym Vaccination Post in Guimaras Province ©Relief International/2021



Coordination meeting with the barangay health workers in Nueva Valencia, Guimaras. ©Relief International/2021



Training session for barangay health workers in Pavia, Iloilo. ©Relief International/2021



- UNICEF facilitated the delivery of additional doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines co-procured by the US Government through the COVAX Facility. These donations from well-supplied countries help ensure fair and equitable access to safe and effective COVID-19 in the country.



The Philippine Government, through DOH, receives the Pfizer vaccines donated by the United States at NAIA. Representatives from UNICEF, the U.S. Embassy and USAID attended the reception. ©UNICEF/RDalumpines/2021

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

- UNICEF, in collaboration with the DOH-HPB and USAID, commissioned a rapid qualitative assessment of issues and barriers related to COVID-19 vaccination uptake, specifically among the marginalized and vulnerable populations in Regions IV-A, VI, and NCR, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, religious minorities, those isolated or living in hard-to-reach areas, those in conflict-affected areas, homeless people, mobile populations, and those living in crowded urban communities. The report is expected to be completed and ready for dissemination by the end of October 2021.
- UNICEF distributed 60,000 copies of the latest COVID-19 communication guide for health workers and other frontline workers to the regional offices of DOH. The guide, *Usapang Bakuna: Gabay sa Epektibong Komunikasyon tungkol sa Pagbabakuna kontra COVID-19*, offers practical tips and techniques on how and what to communicate with vaccine-eligible populations pre-, during, and post-vaccination, and how to handle difficult conversations and respond to vaccine hesitancy, misinformation, and adverse effects following immunization.
- UNICEF, through its implementing partner Relief International, is supporting COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) activities in Regions VI (Iloilo and Guimaras, IV-A



(Laguna and Quezon), and NCR (Parañaque and Navotas) through stakeholder engagement, capacity-building, social listening and awareness-raising on various platforms.



Social mobilizer Gamela Septo shares the DOH Feedback Survey in Barangay Bangculasi Health Center, Navotas City. ©Relief International/2021



Student organizations and councils of the Medical Support Coalition in Region 6 participate in an online meeting. ©Relief International/2021



Healthcare workers in Balubagan Este BHS participate in a training session. To ensure physical distancing and proper ventilation, the training was conducted inside a chapel. ©Relief International/2021



- As of October 4, UNICEF Philippines has reached 5.9 million users on Facebook for the [#SaferTogether social media campaign](#) promoting continued COVID-19 preventive actions and vaccine confidence which was launched on UNICEF’s channels in August 2021. To join the campaign and learn more, visit
- In support of the government’s effort to re-open schools safely, UNICEF launched a [global campaign](#) calling for the schools to re-open after 18 months of closure – affecting 325 million children in the region, including the Philippines. The campaign reached 1.3 million in the Philippines.
- UNICEF continues to support the Department of Health in reminding parents and guardians about the importance of routine immunization for children amid the pandemic. As of October 7, UNICEF reached 2.2 million on Facebook with this [important message](#).



Support to BARMM

UNICEF continues to support the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) in partnership with the BARMM Government and other organizations.

- UNICEF delivered key messages on COVID-19 vaccination and lifesaving behaviours through social media platforms and local radio stations in BARMM to an estimated 2.8 million individuals in August and September. Printed IEC materials reached 150,776 in Basilan and Tawi-Tawi.
- UNICEF reached 26,487 individuals who participated in community engagement actions (for social and behavioral change) through social mobilization activities, open discussions and interaction during counselling and Resbakuna vaccination sessions, sharing information and passing on information in their communities and to local women’s groups.
- UNICEF trained 134 community health workers in Basilan and Tawi-Tawi provinces on COVID-19 vaccination updates, reviewed COVID-19 micro plans, inter-personal communication, and RCCE.
- Technical support is being provided on a full-time basis to the Bangsamoro Information Office and Ministry of Health for COVID-19 vaccination awareness, promotion of vaccine acceptance and to counter misinformation.
- UNICEF engaged representatives of the COVID-19 vaccine categories A1 to A4 in focus group discussions in Basilan and Tawi-Tawi to understand the reasons behind the low coverage, and the vaccination perception and acceptance among (marginalized) eligible populations in the island provinces of BARMM.



Health workers actively participate during the COVID-19 RCCE and immunization training in Basilan. ©Health Organization of Mindanao/2021



Representatives from the A1 to A4 priority groups share their knowledge on COVID-19 and the vaccine during the focus group discussion in the Rural Health Unit of Tandubas in Tawi-Tawi. ©UNICEF/2021



- The results of the August 14 follow-up U-Report poll on the *Perception of adolescents and youth on Covid-19 Vaccination rollout in the Philippines* were released recently. As of September 30, over 7,379 adolescents aged 15-24 (60% females and 40% males), with the majority coming from BARMM, responded to the poll. The majority of the respondents (87%) stated that they would agree to accept the vaccination if their names were included in the eligibility list. This is a significant increase from the previous poll in 2020 with only 47 per cent agreeing to get vaccinated.

Nutrition

- UNICEF released an additional 960 cartons of ready-to-use therapeutic food across UNICEF-supported provinces and other provinces with urgent commodity needs. Approximately 960 to 1,200 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition will benefit from the supplies. UNICEF continues to support DOH and the National Nutrition Council in the continuity of nutrition services such as the Philippine Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition supply and program priorities.

Education

- Under the COVID-19 Recovery Programme for Children in Multigrade Schools in the Philippines, a virtual capacity-building workshop was conducted for teachers in multigrade schools in Northern Samar and Samar from September 30 to October 6. In total, about 300 multigrade school teachers participated in the training and learned about the Department of Education’s mental health and psychosocial support services as well as the use of digitalized Learning Activity Sheets and Learning Action Cell under the blended distance modality. This training is expected to benefit around 5,000 multigrade learners in the said provinces.



Participants from Northern Samar and Samar school divisions attend a virtual capacity-building workshop for multigrade teachers. ©UNICEF Philippines/AOsawa/2021