

CONCEPCION: CAVITE MAYORS BACK LOCALIZED GRANULAR LOCKDOWNS



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PA Joey Concepcion was joined by City Mayors Lani Mercado-Revilla (Bacoor), Emmanuel Maliksi (Imus), Antonio Ferrer (General Trias), Dasmariñas Head of Tourism Office Red Alano, Trece Martires Lead MD Dra. Lorelie Escario, and ARK LGU Lead Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar, on a virtual presser last August 13.

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A number of Cavite mayors are increasingly using a localized and granular approach to lockdowns in their respective cities in tandem with targeted testing as a way to contain COVID-19 infection rates in local clusters. This was shared during a virtual presser with City Mayors Lani Mercado-Revilla, Antonio Ferrer, Emmanuel Maliksi, and representatives from other partner cities.

“Bringing innovation into testing is very important for us because this is the only weapon we have to create visibility. By creating visibility, then we know what areas or barangays to lockdown and that’s very important. I believe our mayors are the most capable people in determining where to lockdown,” said Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship and Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion.

He also stressed that a balance needs to be achieved between public health and

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The World Health Index 2020 in the A.S. Watson Global Survey shows the Philippines as the fourth healthiest market

The Philippines ranked 4th in the World Health Index, a ranking of healthiest and least healthy markets across the globe that was revealed during the recent global health survey commissioned by the A.S. Watson Group, the world’s largest international health and beauty retailer. Over 5,500 consumers across 10 markets in Asia and Europe aged 15-60 participated in the survey from November to December last year to share their thoughts on a wide range of health topics.

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EDITORIAL:

Making history

"Electing a principled, intelligent, articulate and competent person—male or female, it would not matter -- would be a landmark development."

The Democratic candidate for president Joe Biden has picked Senator Kamala Harris as his running mate, making history by selecting the first woman of color to be on the presidential ticket of a major political party.

In choosing Harris, Biden is embracing a former rival from the Democratic primary who is familiar with the rigors of a national campaign. Harris, a 55-year-old first-term senator from California, is also one of the party's most prominent figures and quickly became a top contender for the No. 2 spot after her own White House campaign ended.

A woman has never served as president or vice president in the United States. Two women have been nominated as running mates on major party tickets: Democrat Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 and Republican Sarah Palin in 2008. Their party lost in the general

election.

Former secretary of state Hilary Clinton ran for the presidency in 2016 and won the popular vote but lost out in the Electoral College that gave Donald Trump the victory.

The vice presidential pick carries increased significance this year. If elected, Biden would be 78 when he's inaugurated in January, the oldest man to ever assume the presidency. He's spoken of himself as a transitional figure and hasn't fully committed to seeking a second term in 2024. If he declines to do so, his running mate would likely become a front-runner for the nomination that year.

Born in Oakland to a Jamaican father and Indian mother, Harris won her first election in 2003 when she became San Francisco's district attorney. In the role, she created a reentry program for low-level drug offenders and cracked down on student truants by threatening to jail their parents.

She was elected California's attorney general in 2010, the first woman and Black person to hold the

job.

As her national profile grew, Harris built a reputation around her work as a prosecutor. After being elected to the Senate in 2016, she quickly gained attention for her assertive questioning of Trump administration officials during congressional hearings.

Harris launched her presidential campaign in early 2019 and was one of the highest-profile contenders in a crowded Democratic primary. But the early promise of her campaign eventually faded and she withdrew from the race in December 2019, and subsequently endorsed Biden.

Biden, of course, was himself part of a major historic event when he became the running mate of Barack Obama, the first Black president of the United States in 2009.

In the Philippines, we have already overcome the gender barrier by electing two female presidents. This does not mean, however, that there is no more history to be made. Here is a radical notion: would we not make history by electing a principled, intelligent, articulate and competent person—male or female, it would not matter—to the highest office in the land? What a landmark development that would be.

BIKE-FRIENDLY PARKING AT SM SUPERMALLS



SM By the BAY's conveniently located wave bicycle racks offer secure and efficient parking for cyclists.

With more and more of us turning to biking as a mode of transportation during the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), SM Supermalls has created bike parking facilities across its malls.

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convenience of street-level parking, Mall of Asia, SM By the BAY, SM Megamall, SM BF Paranaque, and SM Olongapo Central are among the malls that offer bike parking areas near the mall's entrance.

Customers have one less thing to worry about when it comes to bike parking safety with on-duty guards manning and securing bike parking areas at all SM malls. Other security measures such as at SM City North Edsa require customers to register in a logbook and submit ID in exchange for a bike parking pass as an

added layer of security.

With SM's bike-friendly facilities, customers can look forward to a safe, convenient, and enjoyable biking experience. Importantly, SM aims to support inclusive mobility especially during the MECQ, and hopes to encourage more people to take up biking as a healthy and environment-friendly alternative means of transportation beyond the pandemic, which is part of SM's Green Movement campaign promoting clean, green, sustainable communities.

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the economy although the task is challenging. "What is important is we have to save both. It is not a choice of either but it is saving lives, jobs, and livelihoods. Saving all three to the best we can. My focus is on a granular lockdown and avoid [broad] locking down which disrupts the economy much more. Massive targeted testing plus a granular approach is the best way forward."

"Karamihan pong mga cases ay empleyado mula sa NCR. Nakakalungkot na may transmission kami locally so nilockdown ang Zapote 1 Barangay, Hall of Justice at temporarily close ang arming public market para mapigilan ang local transmission... We agree on the usage of both [RTKs and RT-PCR]. We will continue to use both just to monitor and help us isolate, treat, and do minimum lockdowns" said Mayor Lani.

In the partial results of the City of Bacoor, a total of 2,133 individuals were tested. Of this number, 17 tested asymptomatic IgM positive, 20 were asymptomatic IgG positive which means they had the virus but were able to recover and build antibodies, three were asymptomatic IgG/IgM while 2,087 were asymptomatic negative. One tested symptomatic IgM positive, four tested symptomatic IgG/IgM, and one symptomatic negative.

ARK Medical Team Lead Dra. Minguita Padilla emphasized the importance of quality, high-specificity rapid test kits (RTKs) in creating a level of visibility against the virus. She cautions that RTKs should be used in compliance with strict medical protocols along with knowledge of its limitations.

"As medical head, I have access to a lot of data from companies. As long as the company structured the medical protocols, RTKs have helped them open and stay open. Like any weapon, the key is to use it properly," she said. "At the beginning, there was nothing so we used RTKs but [they should be used] always in strategic combination

with RT-PCR when necessary and always following DOH guidelines. [Our] knowledge about the virus has evolved and is continuing to evolve. What we know today is different from what we know tomorrow. That's the nature of medicine. There's no absolutes. We started with RTKs, we have RT-PCR, now we're going to pooled PCR then perhaps there's also rapid antigen testing. We have to keep our minds open and make the most of what we have - technology-wise."

The local chief executives echoed the statement, affirming the validity of RTKs in supporting their surveillance efforts, augmenting limited testing capacity, and guiding the implementation of localized lockdown, when necessary.

In General Trias, a total of 856 individuals were tested. Of this partial number, seven tested asymptomatic IgM positive, 2 were asymptomatic IgG positive, 840 asymptomatic negative, and two symptomatic negatives. Mayor Ferrer expressed gratitude for the RTKs donated by Project ARK which they used to promptly test their medical frontliners and barangay personnel.

"By making these [rapid] test kits available, we were able to address the need and obtain information that can guide us to our way forward. Testing helps us to identify probable areas that we need to strengthen protection, especially for our people and where and how to rally our resources to respond appropriately. Rapid testing keeps the morale of your workers up," he said. "We welcome pooled testing whenever it becomes available. For pooled testing, mas mapapabilis at any given time kasi mas madami yung ma-test. Kung ma-detect man sa isang pool, okay lang i-test lahat individually. Kung walang positive, it saves time and mas economical."

Meanwhile, the partial results of 175 tests conducted in Dasmariñas all tested negative. "Nakakalungkot na 90-95% of our cases actually come from [indi-

viduals that work in] Metro Manila but have to come back [to their respective provinces] for isolation. Merong situations where we have had local transmission pero we're trying to control it. In fact, nagkakaroon na kami ng mga localized lockdown in the past month," said Red Alano, tourism representative who was speaking on behalf of the city mayor.

For Imus, a total of 1,315 individuals were tested. Of this number, only two tested asymptomatic IgM positive while 1,313 asymptomatic individuals tested negative. Mayor Maliksi said that they used nearly all of the 3,500 RTKs turned over by Project ARK to screen workers at two public health markets. Like his fellow mayors, Maliksi highlighted the importance of RTKs due to its affordability and ability to offer a good insight into infection levels as long as confirmatory tests were done through swab tests.

"Kahit kami na may sariling molecular lab, we push na gamitin pa rin ang rapid test kasi mas affordable yun sa tao. Pag naibababa yung cost ng tests, mas magiging maganda yung surveillance natin. Kaya maganda yung pag-aaral on pooled testing na malaking tulong sa mga LGUs tulad namin," he said.

Concepcion also shared that Go Negosyo,

togetherwith the Philippine Society of Pathologists Inc., Philippine Children's Medical Center, and partner laboratories, will formally announce the results of the Pooled Testing Research on August 17. The study results will be applied in the implementation of Pooled Testing in NCR, particularly the size of the pool per location and/or area. Once approved, this strategy can be immediately implemented throughout NCR and progressively rolled out to all participating companies across the country.

Present in the virtual presser were ARK LGU Lead Ginggay Honteros-Malvar, Barangay Pilot Donor and Branding Adviser George Royeca, Trece Martires Lead MD Dra. Lorelie Escario, and rapid test kit donors William Belo, Founding Chairman of Wilcon Depot; Emma Imperial, President & CEO of Imperial Homes Corporation; Brian Cu, President of Grab Philippines; Chris Guidotti, VP for Admin/Safety of LBC Express; Irene Labitad, Assistant Executive Director of GT Foundation Inc.; Reinaldo Bautista Jr., President of Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc. and Christine De La Cruz, Contributions and Sustainability Head of PMFT-Cl. (PR)

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Coping with COVID Through Microinsurance

By the Microinsurance MBA Association of the Philippines, Inc. (MiMAP)

Since March 2020 when the Philippines was placed on lockdown associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, food-based microentrepreneurs have been hard at work as frontliners, without much fanfare or support, to provide Filipino communities with access to food and other essential household supplies. Celia was one of these microentrepreneurs who woke up at dawn, opened her store daily to be of service to her community in Caloocan. But while the sales for her business increased, she was also weakened by the long hours of work and constant interaction with buyers. She got sick back in May from COVID-like symptoms and died at 55 years of age. Celia, a member of a Microinsurance Mutual Benefit Association (Mi-MBA), had microinsurance. When informed of her passing, the Mi-MBA staff promptly processed her insurance claim. Despite operational challenges during the lockdown, the Mi-MBA was able to settle Celia's family's claim within a week.

Celia's case is one of 428 other COVID-related deaths among members and beneficiaries that was promptly settled from 16 March- 15 July 2020 by Mi-MBAs connected with the Microinsurance MBA Association of the Philippines Inc. (MiMAP). These claims under MiMAP account for 2% of the total 20,540 microinsurance claims involving PhP 462.81 million that Mi-MBAs settled and paid for within the 4-month lockdown period.



Microinsurance Just Around the Corner

MiMAP, also known as RIMANSI, is composed of 18 Mi-MBAs and institutional partners spread all over the country. This network is united by a shared vision to bring microinsurance access and benefits to 48 million poor and low-income Filipinos by 2024. MiMAP has a collective outreach of 7 million individual members majority of whom are microentrepreneurs, small farmers and fishermen. As microinsurance coverage is likewise extended to members' families, insurance coverage is given to nearly 25 million Filipinos. MiMAP Mi-MBA members account for a substantial 62% share in the country's total microinsurance coverage of 40 million individuals in 2019.

The Mi-MBAs provide basic life microinsurance plans and a range of optional life plans that include coverage for health and retirement. For example, one Mi-MBA extends a microinsurance coverage of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP 50,000) for basic life insurance for only Sixty Pesos (PhP60) a month. More than having access to an affordable and good set of risk-protection products, the MBA is structured to be owned and governed by its members drawing on the power of mutual care and support.

During the first month of the lockdown, Mi-MBAs extended the grace period of 45 days to add 30 more days on premium collections while

managing to sustain the processing and settlement of microinsurance claims. This move has helped ease the financial burden of members and their families.

MiMAP has successfully lobbied with the Insurance Commission (IC) for MBA operations to be categorized as a frontline essential health service. This has paved the way for mobilization of staff to validate claims and to arrange for money transfer of approved claims. To further support members, MiMAP has also filed a proposal to allow Mi-MBAs to draw on the accumulated refundable equity value of members for premium payment when the prescribed grace period expires. If this proposal gets the nod of IC, members will be given more time to generate income and save up for the next premium payment.

Microinsurance At Your Fingertips

With a growing membership base, Mi-MBAs have turned to technology to increase efficiency. This enabled Mi-MBAs to settle claims and release the insurance benefits within a day. The submission of claim documents has been made easy through electronic copies shared via email or other mobile phone applications such as FB messenger. MBA staff resorted to teaching members or their beneficiaries on use of phone camera or relevant software applications to ensure the timely sub-

mission of documents. A strong culture of mutual support keeps Mi-MBA staff flexible and committed to deliver responsible and efficient services.

Amidst the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic to the operations of the Mi-MBAs, Citi Foundation continues to support the growth of the microinsurance industry through a grant partnership with MiMAP (RIMANSI). The program aims to build capacities of Mi-MBAs by developing innovative mobile technology solutions and a member-education strategy that will help them adapt with the new normal conditions. Citi Foundation works to promote economic progress and improve the lives of people in low-income communities around the world.

In 2019, MiMAP Mi-MBAs mobilized a total of PhP 4.81 billion in contributions and premiums, paid PhP 1.43 billion in claims benefits, and reserved PhP 956.10 million in refundable equity value to members. Also positioned as a regional microinsurance resource center through RIMANSI, MiMAP has provided technical support to promote, build and strengthen microinsurance in Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia and Vietnam involving eight (8) microfinance institution partners. These efforts have helped establish the Philippines the reputation of being the microinsurance capital of the world. // for more mi-

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About MiMAP (RIMANSI):

The Microinsurance MBA Association of the Philippines Inc. (MiMAP) or RIMANSI helps professionalize the management of microinsurance mutual benefit associations (Mi-MBAs) and microinsurance programs to provide affordable, comprehensive, and quality risk protection to millions of poor people in Asia and the Pacific. Towards this purpose, MiMAP assists Mi-MBAs in developing risk management solutions, building capacities, advocating for appropriate policy environment and pursuing research & development agenda.

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The Netherlands topped the healthiest market list, followed by Singapore, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Malaysia, Mainland China, Ukraine, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Thailand. Other takeaways of the survey:

- Happier People are Healthier. 91% of the respondents believe that smiling and laughing have a lot of health benefits. Yet only 66% smile enough due to stress. By generation, Gen Z smiles more and are happier than the more mature groups including Gen Y, Gen X, and Boomers. And Gen Z tends to consider themselves as healthy.

- Family and Health are by Far the Most Important Aspects of Life. When it comes to ranking the importance of life aspects, Family (87%) and Health (84%) top the list, with Wealth and Love (33% and 32%) in the third and fourth with a wide gap.

Malina Ngai, Group COO of the A.S. Watson Group and CEO of A.S. Watson Asia and Europe believes that "if the survey was being conducted two months later in February this year, I am sure this result will even be more pronounced with people putting family and health at the very top priority in life."

- Credible Information Matters. As fake news and information flood the internet and social media, consumers nowadays tend to seek health information from credible sources. The research revealed 61% still commonly see a doctor when feeling unwell and 43% go in store to get OTC medication. Yet only 15% of respondents turn to pharmacists for advice.

The A.S. Watson Group believes that more and more people will seek for the help of pharmacists as they are reliable, professional, and easily accessible. Watsons Phil-

ippines has a strong network of 1,436 pharmacists nationwide. More than just dispensing medicines, the pharmacists are patient advocates ensuring that the right medication is given through review, implementation of prescription, and detection of therapeutic incompatibilities.

- How to Stay Healthy. To lead a healthier lifestyle, over 80% of the respondents believe that enough sleep, a healthy diet, and regular exercise can keep them healthy. But 40% of them fail to do so. More and more people (60%) are interested in taking vitamins and dietary supplements to improve their health.

At the A.S. Watson Group, 1 billion shoppers bought health products last year and sales for the health category increased 11% year on year. The insight from the Group shows that there are more and more people are investing in their health and well-being with vitamins and supplements booming globally at a 12% growth year on year.

In the Philippines, Watson's health business is growing at 18% year-to-date, with vitamins experiencing a phenomenal 132% growth versus last year. Clearly, more Filipinos take a proactive approach in ensuring they stay healthy and protected especially in this time of global health crisis. With this, Watsons expanded its product range for vitamins and health essential related products to further meet the people's needs.

Let's all stay healthy and happy. Watsons Call & Deliver ensures safe and convenient access to medicines and personal care essentials. The expanding Watsons hubs where customers may contact have dedicated riders allowing the customers to stay safe at home. For details of the Watsons Call & Deliver hubs, check out <https://www.watson.com.ph/call-and-delivery-list-of-stores>