

Vaccination Infodemic among Citizens of Magallanes, Cavite, Philippines

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Objectives of the Presentation

- This presentation shares the results of vaccination hesitancy among the constituents of the Municipality of Magallanes, Cavite. As a product of survey research, the presentation intends to provide an understanding of the citizens' possible exposure to misinformation.
- This presentation also shares how public libraries can play a vital role in combating the spread of information disorders.

COVID-19 CASES IN THE PHILIPPINES

AS OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

NEW CONFIRMED

14,286

TOTAL CONFIRMED 2,549,966

ACTIVE CASES 138,294

NEW DEATHS

130

TOTAL DEATHS 38,294

NEW RECOVERIES

8,268

TOTAL RECOVERIES 2,373,378



Why Magallanes, Cavite?

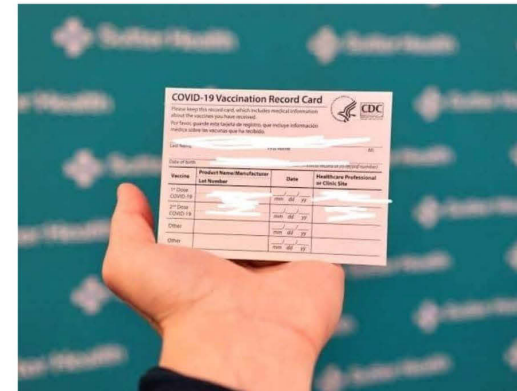
Empowered Team: Interconnected Teams

Institutionalized improvements in their local health systems that ensure better performance of their public health programs and services against pandemics and other health emergencies.

Participated in the course on Building Pandemic-Resilient Communities through Public Health Governance conducted by the Jesse Robredo Institute for Leadership and Good Governance.

Highly commendable 4th class municipality under the leadership of Hon. Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista.

MAGALLANES, Cavite – The town's Rural Health Unit (RHU) reminded residents to take precautions when posting photos of their vaccine cards on social media.



CAVITE	
Cities	Municipalities
7	16



Status of Vaccination Program in the Philippines Against COVID-19

February 28, 2021 - arrival of China's Sinovac Biotech

600,000 doses of Sinovac's CoronaVac – a donation from the Chinese government

March 1, 2021 - mass vaccination started in the Philippines

March 4, 2021 - arrival of AstraZeneca

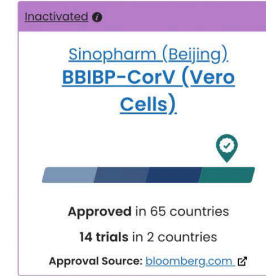
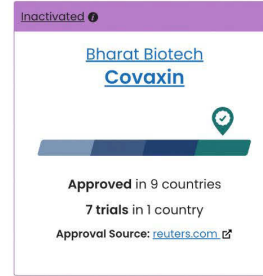
487,200 doses from COVAX Facility led by the World Health Organization



First dose was administered by nurse Charleuck Santos to Dr. Gerardo Legaspi, director of the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital

Image source: Tomacruz, S. (2021 March 1). Philippines begins legally rolling out first COVID-19 vaccines <https://www.rappler.com/nation/philippines-begins-legally-rolling-out-covid-19-vaccine-march-1-2021>

10 Vaccines Approved for Use in Philippines



Classification Groups / Priorities	Description
A1	Workers in Frontline Health Services Frontline workers in health facilities both national and local, public and private, health professionals and non-professionals like students in health and allied professions courses with clinical responsibilities, nursing aides, janitors, barangay health workers, etc.;
A2	All Senior Citizens
A3	Persons with Comorbidities
A4	Frontline personnel in essential sectors, including uniformed personnel
A5	Indigent Population Poor population based on National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction



Status of Vaccination Program in Cavite and Municipality of Magallanes, Cavite

In Magallanes, Cavite, the first dose of SinoVac was inoculated on 25 March 2021 to five A1 recipients.

Classification	Description	Masterlist	Total Vaccinated	Total Fully Vaccinated
A1	Workers in Frontline Health Services	433	351	326 (75%)
A2	All Senior Citizens	2,274	1,383	1,341 (59%)
A3	Persons with Comorbidities	2,889	2,409	2,314 (80%)
A4	Frontline personnel in essential sectors, including uniformed personnel	3,711	2,308	1,201 (32%)
A5	Indigent Population	257	173	102 (40%)



Vaccination Infodemic

Infodemic - overabundance of information, which entailed deliberate attempt to distribute wrong information (WHO, et al., 2020).

Vaccines may cause autism and other health problems (Renosa, et al., 2021).

“Belief in alternative medicine, the belief in conspiracy theories, by morality, religion and personal ideology, the emotive appeals or the lack of trust in authorities” (Germani & Biller-Andorno, 2021)

Results to vaccine hesitancy despite vaccine availability.

A LAMIN ANG TOTOONG IMPORMASYON

FACT CHECK!

NAKAPATAY NG COVID-19 VIRUS ANG PAGLANGHAP NG STEAM NA MAY ASIN, LEMON, AT IBA PA (TUOB).

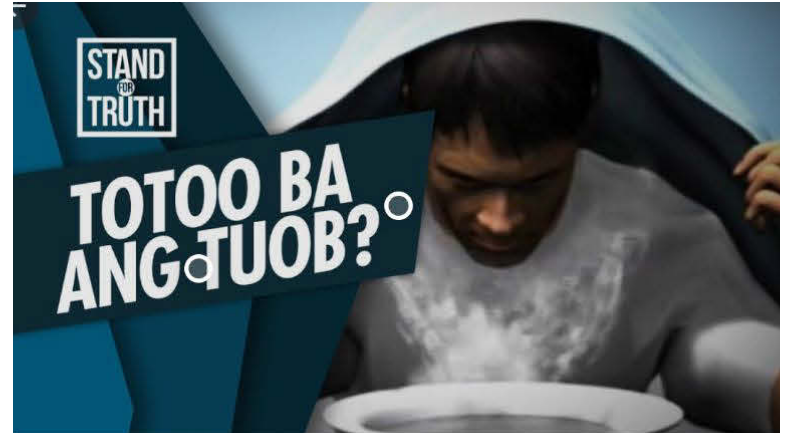
WALANG PAG-AARAL NA NAGSASABING KAYANG PATAYIN NG STEAM INHALATION ANG COVID-19 VIRUS.

FACTS:

- ✓ NAGPAPARAMI ANG PAGLANGHAP NG STEAM NG SECRETIONS O LIKIDO SA BIBIS AT ILONG NA MAAARING MAIPASA TUWING BABAHING O LIUBO.
- ✓ MAY POSIBILIDAD NA MAPASAMA ANG SINGAW NG VIRUS (AEROSILIZATION) NA MAAARING MAIKALAT SA IBA.
- ✓ MAARING MAGDULOT NG AKSIDENTE GAYA NG PAGKASUNOG AT PAGKALAPNOS NG BALAT.

REKOMENDASYON NG DOH: IWASAN ANG PAGGAWA NG TUOB O STEAM INHALATION. SUMANGGUNI SA MGA HEALTHCARE WORKERS SA NARARAPAT NA INTERBENSYON.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajOSXtTmq5>

https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/ri-sk-comms-updates/im-posters/poster-philippines.pdf?sfvrsn=b9edb0c1_5



Misinformation in the Philippines

51% Filipinos define fake news as untrue information.

46% believe it is unverified information

37% think those are manipulated photos and videos.

Others described it as incomplete information and some as biased information.

Respondents most of them living in Manila, aged 18-34, find disinformation a serious problem (p. 42)

Chua, Curato, Ong. (2021). Information Dystopia and Philippine Democracy.

https://internews.org/wp-content/uploads/legacy/2021-02/Internews_report_information_dystopia_Philippine_democracy_2021-01-updated.pdf



Dismissed Misinformation Bill

According to Poynter, a bill that would hold government officials accountable for spreading false information was filed by the chair of the Senate's Committee on Public Information and Mass Media in February 2018.

However, this bill was deemed unconstitutional and Philippine President Duterte has said in the past that such a law **would never pass**.

<https://www.poynter.org/ifcn/anti-misinformation-actions/#philippines>



RA 11469: Bayanihan to Heal as One Act

AN ACT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION AND A NATIONAL POLICY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH...

Sec. 6

(f) Individuals or groups creating, perpetrating, or spreading false information regarding the COVID-19 crisis on social media and other platforms, such information having no valid or beneficial effect on the population, and are clearly geared to promote chaos, panic, anarchy, fear, or confusion; and those participating in cyber incidents that make use or take advantage of the current crisis situation to prey on the public through scams, phishing, fraudulent emails, or other similar acts;



Survey Results and Discussion

Date	Number of possible respondents (those who showed at the vaccination site)	Number of actual respondents	Percent
23 Sep 2021	263	31	11.7%
28 Sep 2021	261	58	22.2%
30 Sep 2021	137	29	21.2%
TOTAL	661	118	17.9%