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Pasig businesses reminded anew to follow health protocols

MANILA – The Pasig City government reminded anew business owners and residents to continue observing health protocols to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) amid a more relaxed general community quarantine.

"To all business owners, we want you to be able to do business smoothly. So please make sure you are following our health protocols," Mayor Vico Sotto said in a Facebook post.

Sotto on Wednesday has ordered the suspension of a

bakeshop after the city's monitoring team caught its employees not wearing face masks at work, which violates the directive of the local government on its pandemic response.

The bakeshop will be temporarily suspended for a week.

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4 Metro Manila rail lines transport 2.8M passengers since June 1

MANILA – A total of 2,799,025 passengers have so far been transported by the four rail services in Metro Manila since they resumed operation during the general community quarantine (GCQ) in June, according to the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

According to its Facebook post on

Thursday, the DOTr's total was based on the daily ridership of the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1), LRT-2, Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3) and the Philippine National Railways (PNR) from June 1 to 21.

"All four rail lines of the DOTr resumed operations, under a partial, gradual and calibrated approach -

with limited capacity and with stringent social distancing and sanitary measures in place," the DOTr said.

The rail line with the highest number of passengers was the LRT-1 at 1,397,546; followed by the MRT-3 at 822,928; LRT-2 at 398,212, and the PNR at 180,339.

In a message, Jacqueline Gorospe, communications head of the Light Rail Manila Corporation, operator of the LRT-1, said that before the onset of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19), the

naman dapat bigyan ng additional pahirap na hindi naman kinakailangan ng ating mga kababayan (The President learned about it and expressed worry because amid the



SOCIAL DISTANCING ON TRAINS. Police trainees from the National Capital Region Police Office simulate proper social distancing inside a train of the Light Rail Transit Line 2 (LRT-2). So far, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) reported a little less than 2.8 million ridership for the four rail lines in the region from June 1 to 21. (Photo courtesy of LRTA)

average daily ridership of the rail service was around 500,000.

"Right now, compliance with the DOTr cap on ridership. Also, in (Turn to p. 2)

Duterte worried over high Meralco bills

MANILA – President Rodrigo Duterte has raised concern over the excessive electricity bill charged by the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) to its consumers during the quarantine period due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) outbreak, Malacañang said

Thursday. In a virtual presser aired on state-run PTV-4, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said Duterte understands the sentiments of Meralco customers.

"Nakarating na po iyan kay Presidente at siyempre, nabahala siya dahil sa panahon ng pandemya, hindi

pandemic, he believes the public should not endure additional burden)," Roque said.

Meralco subscribers have been complaining about the sudden spike in their

electricity bills since community quarantine was imposed in the country.

The supposedly high electricity rates have been charged against power

consumers in May.

On May 15, the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) directed Meralco to explain and show proof of its basis in (Turn to p. 2)

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passengers," Gorospe said.

For June, the average daily ridership of the LRT-1 is 66,550, which is a decrease of 87.69 percent from 500,000.

Meanwhile, the MRT-3 in a message said that its average daily passengers for 2019 were 280,000 to 300,000.

With a current daily average ridership of 39,187, the MRT-3 had a decrease in ridership of about 77.81 to 86 percent.

To mitigate the large reduction in

passenger capacity of the rail services, the DOTr has also launched bus augmentation services that would ply the same routes as three Metro Manila rail lines since the beginning of June.

These bus augmentation services include the partial activation of the EDSA Carousel route for the MRT-3, the Cubao-Antipolo city bus route for the LRT-2, and the Monumento-EDSA Taft route for the LRT-1. (By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz/PNA)

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calculating the kilowatt-hour for its customers, particularly for the billing periods of March, April, and May 2020.

In a statement released on June 10, the ERC announced that it issued a show-cause order to Meralco on May 29 for allegedly violating the commission's directives related to bill advisories.

Meralco was given 10 days to explain why it should not be held liable for defying the guidelines on how to charge power users during the quarantine period.

Roque lauded the ERC for its swift response to address the unprecedented increase in electricity bills.

He said he would ask the ERC for an update on the show-

cause order issued to Meralco.

"Ibang usapin pa po kung ano talaga ang magiging desisyon ng ERC doon sa pagsipang sinisingil ng kuryente sa ating mga mamamayan (It's a different story as to what would the ERC's decision be when it comes to the high electricity rates charged to our fellow countrymen)," Roque said.

Meralco estimated the March and April electricity bills by using its customers' consumption in the past three months.

However, consumers were shocked by the sudden surge in their supposed electricity consumption for May. (By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos/PNA)

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Sotto said the residents should cooperate with the local government in implementing safety and health protocols amid the city's transition to general community quarantine.

"Isipin niyo na lang po-kahit na kumita kayo ngayon, kung mag-spike na naman ang kaso ng Covid, paano na? (Just think about it. Even if you gain profit, if Covid cases spike again, then what?)," he said, noting that all establishments in the city are required to observe safety measures in their daily operations to avoid the temporary closure of businesses.

"Social distancing. Face masks. Proper hygiene," Sotto said, reiterating that business operators who fail to comply may face suspension of their business permits for seven days. "Please continue to help our

monitoring team. Report businesses in violation of our minimum health safety guidelines."

Coronavirus patients, recoveries

Meanwhile, the Pasig government has discharged another nine patients who recently recovered from Covid-19.

They were formerly housed at the Pasig's Centralized Quarantine Facility for treatment and were released on June 23.

While the local government is doing its best to manage the local transmission of the disease within the city, Sotto said it is also providing continuous psychosocial support to all of its health workers and other front-liners in Pasig.

Sotto reminded residents to stay home and always adhere to the city's preventive measures against Covid-19. (By Lade Jean Kabagani/PNA)

DOF further extends deadline for tax amnesty until Dec. 31

MANILA – The Department of Finance (DOF) has issued Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 15-2020 further extending until end of December 2020 the deadline on availing of the tax amnesty for delinquencies under Republic Act (RA) No. 11213, and ensuring the timely processing of such applications by the relevant Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) offices.

The new RR further extends the deadline provided under RR 11-2020, which amended RR 10-2020 and 7-2020, and first extended the amnesty deadline to June 22, 2020.

These regulations were issued to implement the provision in RA 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act allowing the extension of statutory deadlines and timelines to ease the burden on taxpayers following the imposition since middle of March of community quarantines nationwide in a government bid to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) outbreak. Under RR No. 15-

2020, taxpayers can avail of the tax amnesty for delinquencies until Dec. 31, 2020.

This extended deadline intends to give taxpayers ample time to settle their tax delinquencies while allowing the BIR to increase its collection from this new tax amnesty program.

The RR also provides deadlines for BIR offices to process the documentary requirements needed to avail of this tax amnesty.

The certificate of delinquencies/tax liabilities must now be issued or denied with a legal and factual basis by concerned BIR offices within three working days from the submission date of the request.

In addition, the completed amnesty application and return must be endorsed for payment by the BIR within one working day from complete submission.

This streamlining ensures the BIR's prompt processing of tax amnesty applications. (PR)

BPO jobs available to OFW returnees: DOLE

MANILA – Job opportunities in the business process outsourcing (BPO) industry are available to overseas Filipino worker (OFW) returnees, especially those with a background in the fields of information technology and healthcare, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said on Thursday.

In a statement, Labor Assistant Secretary Dominique Tutay said the agency and the IT and Business Process Association of the Philippines (IBPAP) are working together to help the reintegration of OFWs and fill the demand for more manpower in the BPO industry.

She also welcomed the IBPAP's initiative

and assured them of the agency's support to facilitate the matching between employers and job seekers.

"The DOLE will provide the database of OFW returnees who are interested or who are qualified for the job vacancies," she said.

Meanwhile, the IBPAP will do career marketing activities, initial screening, and job matching from August to November.

"We are gearing towards virtual job caravans for easier matching between jobseekers and employers," she added.

Meanwhile, National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) OIC-director Roel Martin said the partnership will help the DOLE attached agency in linking OFW

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Santiago 4:8*

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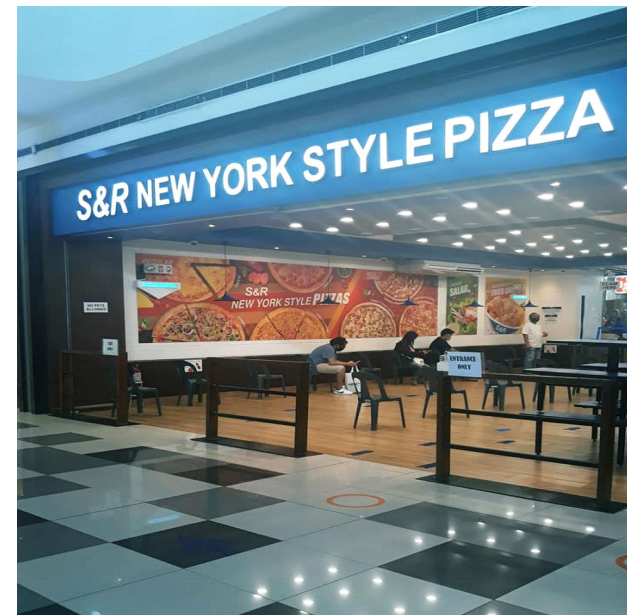
Three of the biggest malls in Cavite; SM CITY BACOOR, SM CITY DASMARIÑAS, and SM CITY MOLINO are now embracing the new normal as they install bike repair stations and air pumps that bikers can use for free.

Recognizing that more people are now using bicycles both for work and to run their errands, SM Malls in Cavite installed Bike Repair stations and Air Pump, complete with essential Bike repair tools. Organized Bicycle Parking Slots are being implemented as well, to ensure that Bikers can park and can repair their bicycles in case of emergency.

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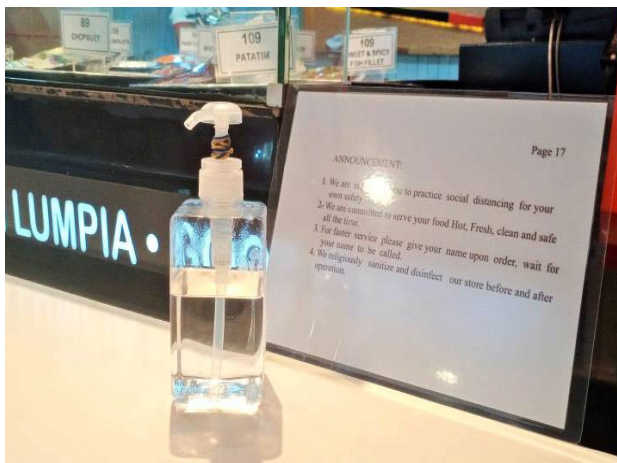


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FOOD DEFENSE PREVENTION KNOW-HOWS, DELIVERED TO WMES, ONLINE

As the demand for food services arise in the time of pandemic, the Department of Science and Technology Region 02 (DOST-RO2) conducted an online webinar on Food Fraud and Food Defense Prevention part 1 for Women Micro-Entrepreneurs (WMEs) in the region.

Resource Speaker DOST-RO2 SRS II Aileen C. Gonzales in her presentation explained the food defense which is the effort to protect food from intentional adulteration from acts intended to cause wide-scale harm to public health. According to Ms. Gonzales, the firm must establish a food defense team that shall put in place appropriate control measures to reduce intentional threats to assure the protection of the food from intentional adulterations.

The focal person of the Cagayan Valley Food Safety Team (CVFST) also introduced the Threat Assessment Critical Control Point (TACCP) which is the systematic management of risk through the evaluation of threats, identification of vulnerabilities, and implementation of controls to materials and products, purchasing, processes, premises, people, distribution networks and business systems by a knowledgeable and trusted team with



the authority to implement changes in the procedures.

The online webinar was joined by 89 WMEs from the different parts of the region and two participants from the Cotabato and professor from UP Diliman on June 25, 2020.

Overwhelmed with the number of the participants, DOST-RO2 Director Sancho A. Maborrang encouraged the participants by saying that this situation might be difficult, but it is not hopeless.

“Ang importante ay mag-survive, hindi ang kumita. ako ay naniniwala na ang inyong presensya signifies your interest in recovering, ‘wag mawalan ng pag-asa.’”, Director Maborrang said as he uplifts the morale of the WMEs.

For her part,

Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operation Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog said that this webinar series opened not just for WMEs under the DOST-RO2-PCW Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) project but also to all MSMEs and other interested individuals not only locally but nationwide.

Furthermore, the Regional Coordinator of the DOST-RO2-PCW WEE project, Mr. Porfirio Bajo emphasized that the WMEs must increase the level of positivity in running their firms, particularly in these trying times.

To further increase the understanding of the food handler-WMEs, DOST-RO2 will conduct another webinar on Food Fraud on July, 2020.

***Ang kayamanan ng mayaman
ang proteksiyon niya;
Gaya iyon ng matibay na
pader sa imahinasyon niya.
(Kawikaan 18:11)***

PGC LAUNCHES BOTIKA ON WHEELS

To uphold its commitment to serve and protect the people, Provincial Government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Jonvic Remulla in coordination with the local government units launched Botika on Wheels to give essential medicines to senior citizens on June 5, 2020. The mobile drug store aimed to visit all barangays of the entire province and reach out to the elderly who are not allowed to leave their homes as they are more vulnerable to COVID-19.

With its initial offering, Botika on Wheels team visited 27 barangays of the Municipality of Maragondon from June 5 – 11, 2020 and distributed free maintenance medicines to a total of 2,260 senior citizens as well as vitamins to help boost their immune system. On the other hand, the



mobile drug store dispensed medicines to 4,364 elderlies of Cavite City on June 16-23, 2020. While on June 25 -26, 2020, one thousand five hundred sixteen (1, 516) senior citizens of the Municipality of Naic also received their prescription medicines.

As of June 29, 2020, eight thousand one hundred forty (8,140) individuals benefitted from the Botika on Wheels program. The activity was made possible with the assistance of Provincial Health Office, Maragondon

Mayor Reynaldo Rilo, Cavite City Mayor Bernardo Paredes, ABC President Apple Paredes and Naic Mayor Jun Dualan as well as Municipal and City Health Officers, Dr. Aldous Angeles – Sattelite Hospitals Chief, barangay captains and barangay health workers who helped the team in distributing the medicines.

During the activity, Botika on Wheels team practiced social distancing and wore face mask to ensure the safety of everyone. (PICAD)

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returnees, and even their families, for possible employment.

He added that among the agency's partners in OFW reintegration are SITES; the Department of Public Works and Highways and DMCI for Build, Build, Build projects; Mega Sardines; and Motolite.

"OFW returnees are referred to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for retooling

and upgrading of their skills," Martin said.

IBPAP executive director for Talent Development Frankie Antolin said despite the pandemic, there are still numerous IT-BPM job vacancies because it encompasses the fields of contact center; animation and game development; global shared services; financial, IT, and HR shared services; software and IT outsourcing; and health

information management system.

She added that OFW returnees have skill sets that are useful in performing jobs in the BPO industry.

Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III earlier said he is seeing the resurgence of the BPO industry as the subsequent global recession will force the West to outsource more jobs in the industry, a good size of which will go to the Philippines. (By Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

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