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## Limited face-to-face classes allowed starting January 2021

MANILA – Limited face-to-face classes will be allowed in January 2021 or the third quarter of the school year, Malacañang said Tuesday.

In a televised media briefing, Presidential Spokesperson Harry

Roque said some private schools have already started with the limited face-to-face classes in June and they will be allowed to continue.

“Face-to-face classes will be allowed only in low-risk areas already under modified

general community quarantine (MGCQ) or in the transition phase between general community quarantine (GCQ) and the new normal,” Roque said in a mix of Filipino and English.

He said the decision *(Turn to p. 2)*

# House to implement strict health protocols during SONA

MANILA – Officials from the House of Representatives on Wednesday said strict physical distancing and health protocols will be implemented inside the Batasang Pambansa complex in Quezon City during President Rodrigo Duterte's fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA) on

July 27.

In a media briefing, House Deputy Secretary-General Ramon Ricardo Roque said health screening, sanitation and disinfection, and limiting of personnel and guests within the Batasan premises will be strictly implemented.

Roque said face

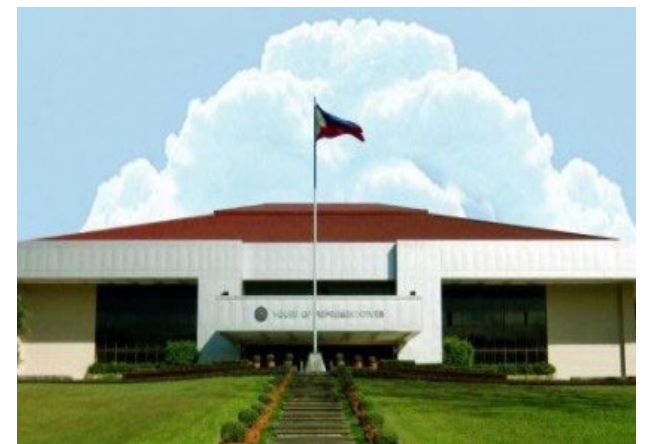
masks shall be worn at all times, with an added requirement of face shields for those entering the session hall.

The physical distancing of two meters shall be strictly followed. Floor markings of at least six feet apart will be placed at all entrances, elevators, and places

with foot traffic.

Roque said mandatory swab and rapid testing will be done, particularly prioritizing those who will enter the session hall during the opening of the second regular session in the morning and SONA in the afternoon of July 27.

“Senators, House members, guests,



technical staff who shall be physically present at the opening of the session shall undergo mandatory RT-PCR or swab tests... on July 26, Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,” Roque said.

“Mandatory rapid tests [shall be conducted] on July 27, 6 a.m. to 12 noon for House members and staff. For the senate they will have their own collection venue, as well as for Malacanang,” he added.

Roque said anyone

who tests positive for Covid-19, whether through swab or rapid test, will not be allowed to enter the plenary hall.

House Secretary-General Luis Montales said the number of House members that would attend the opening of the session would not exceed 25.

Montales noted that the same set of House members will be attending the SONA in the afternoon.

Roque also highlighted that the checking of body temperature,

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## Makati City hits 100-percent enrollment target

MANILA – Makati City has reached 100 percent of its enrollment target for the school year 2020-2021 with 77,339 students, Mayor Abigail Binay announced Wednesday.

“We have exceeded last year's record of 76,599 enrollees,” Binay said in a Facebook post.

Binay has earlier announced the

provision of learner's package and educational supplies for some 85,000 public students, as well as brand new laptops for 2,500 public school teachers in Makati, as the city ramped up efforts for the distance learning modality.

“To me, this mirrors the enthusiasm and drive of our students to

continue learning,” she said.

Binay said the local government will extend all kinds of support the continuation of student's education by all means “whether online, offline or without the need of any gadget” amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“To our #ProudMakatizen

students, know that we are behind you all the way,” she added.

Meanwhile, the city government urged the residents with four-year-old children to enroll in the pre-kindergarten classes until August 31.

The parents can use the Makati online enrollment application

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disinfection, and submission of health declaration forms will be conducted at all building entrances.

Persons with a temperature reading of 37.5°C or higher shall be denied entry and redirected to quarantine tents attended by the House's medical personnel.

"The medical service shall oversee the implementation of health and sanitation protocols. These include the reporting of suspected, probable, and confirmed cases and monitoring of health conditions of reported cases," Roque said.

House sergeant-at-arms Ramon Apolinario said the entire House of Representatives will be placed on lockdown on Friday (July 24) as part of security protocols to enable all security forces and other utility personnel to disinfect, clean, and clear all areas, especially the session hall.

Apolinario said city police district and fire marshal shall be in charge of security outside the complex.

House officials earlier announced that no members of the

media will be allowed inside the Batasan Complex during the fifth SONA.

Only members of the Presidential Broadcast Staff-Radio Television Malacañang (PBS-RTVM) will be authorized inside the chamber's premises to cover the SONA.

The House advised media companies to hook up to the live feed of the People's Television Network (PTV) or the live stream of the Presidential Communications Operations Office and RTVM Facebook pages and RTVM YouTube channel.

Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said President Duterte will be "physically present" at the Batasang Pambansa Complex to deliver his fifth SONA, while allowing only a limited number of 50 guests in the venue.

"The President will be physically present in Batasan pagdating pong (for his) SONA," he said in a virtual Palace briefing. "He has confirmed that he will attend unless there are supervening events." (By Filane Mikee Cervantes/PNA)

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to allow limited, localized face-to-face classes will be made with due coordination between the Department of Education (DepEd), the local government unit concerned, and local health authorities.

He also emphasized that stringent health standards must be followed during classes and pilot testing and inspection must be done with the National Task Force for Covid-19 for the observance of required health standards and protocol.

In her presentation, Education Secretary

Leonor Briones reiterated that only local government units and schools classified by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) as "low risk" will be allowed to implement limited face-to-face classes.

"Hindi lahat. Hindi pinipilit lahat ng learners na dumaaan sa proseso na ito (Not everyone. Not all learners are forced to go through this process), Briones said. "Para lamang ito sa mga lugar na napakababa ng health risks gaya ng mga probinsya, mga isla na zero level ang record sa Covid cases at sa mga

## DSWD intensifies psychosocial support for employees, clients amid pandemic

QUEZON CITY, -- In line with the thrusts and priorities of the Department to champion the well-being of the welfare givers, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has intensified its psychosocial services by linking up with professional psychosocial support providers to address their mental health concerns.

The Human Resource Management and Development Service (HRMDS),

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via website link: [bit.ly/prek12makati](http://bit.ly/prek12makati).

For further inquiries, parents should coordinate with the school's principal or to the school's enrolment focal person, where they wish to enroll their children.

Earlier, President Rodrigo Duterte has signed Republic Act 11480 on Friday (July 17) adjusting the school

lugar na hindi naman naabot ng (This is only for the places with low health risks like provinces, islands with zero-level Covid cases and places not reached by the) coronavirus."

Briones also stressed that schools that will be allowed to conduct limited face-to-face classes must comply with the requirements set by the IATF.

These include no mask, no entry policy in school premises; handwashing and hand hygiene; regular disinfection in school premises; checking for temperature and respiratory symptoms; and reduction of class

together with its counterpart in the Field Offices as internal service providers, is conducting mental health first response and psychological first aid via teleconferencing and other available platforms while external service providers are offering free services through their support hotlines.

According to Director Leonardo Reynoso, HRMDS head, DSWD encourages "officials and staff to avail of the free well-being

calendar due to the prevailing health crisis.

Department of Education Secretary Leonor Briones, meanwhile said once the academic calendar officially opens on August 24, a "safe back-to-school program" will be implemented. (By Lade Jean Kabagani/PNA)

size to 15 to 20 maximum and physical arrangement of seats conforming to required distances.

The other health standards that must be observed include intermittent attendance to school only, to complement distance learning; control of the flow of learners and personnel in entrance and exit; no mass gatherings; visible instructions, signage and markings; and preparedness and case management system in coordination with LGUs and local health for contact tracing, testing, isolation, and treatment. (By Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

coaching/counseling and crisis helpline services offered by our mental health and psycho-social support service partners, such as Mindwell Psychosocial Services and The Masters Psychosocial Services to help them deal with emotional crises, stress, and anxiety."

To date, around 3,300 DSWD personnel nationwide have benefitted from the mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) to include stress debriefing, counseling, mindfulness sessions, peer support group, among others.

DSWD also has social workers who are trained on psychosocial first aid and critical incident stress debriefing and can reinforce the efforts of the HRMDS and the service providers.

Meanwhile, as part of its services for the vulnerable sector during this public

health emergency, the Department is providing psychosocial interventions to locally stranded individuals as well as to Filipino transferees from Sabah.

Likewise, the Department, as part of its technical assistance and resource augmentation (TARA) function, capacitates local government units (LGUs) to help them better provide psychosocial interventions to their constituents. Based on the Local Government Code of 1991, LGUs are mandated to provide psychosocial services to their constituents, especially those affected by disasters or are experiencing a crisis.

DSWD emphasized that availing of psychosocial services is important in taking care of ones' mental and emotional well-being in this time of pandemic. (DSWD)

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## PH logs 2,200 new Covid-19 cases; 763 more recoveries

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Wednesday reported 2,200 new coronavirus disease (Covid-19) infections, raising the country's total infections to 74,390.

The DOH said the additional cases reported were based on the total tests done by 76 out of 90 operational laboratories.

The majority of the newly announced cases are from the National Capital Region (1,546), Cebu (246), Laguna (83), Rizal (61), and Cavite (48).

It also reported 760 new recoveries and 28 deaths. These figures bring the number of recoveries to 24,383 and the number of deaths to 1,871.

"Of the 28 deaths, 26 or 93 percent in July, one or 4 percent in May, one or 4 percent in April. Deaths were from Region 7, 21 or 75 percent and NCR, seven or 25 percent. Seventy-nine duplicates were removed from total case count and these numbers undergo constant cleaning and validation," the DOH said.

The health department also noted that there are 48,136 active cases and about 90.1 percent of them are mild, 9.0 percent are asymptomatic, 0.5 percent are severe, and 0.4 percent are critical.

"The reason for the increase in deaths is the reported deaths from Region 7 which were reported and entered our system just now. With this addition, our case fatality rate is 2.5 percent," DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said in a Covid-19 presser.

Vergeire added the age range of those who died is between 20 and 88 years old.

"About 14 or 40 percent of these dates are 60 years old and above that's why we remind our elderly population to be more careful in this time of the pandemic," she said.

As of Wednesday, a total of 1,152,597 individual tests were performed by the 68 licensed RT-PCR (reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction) laboratories and 23 licensed GeneXpert laboratories nationwide.

The DOH also has 15,919 total bed capacity dedicated to patients with Covid-19.

Occupied are about 53.2 percent of 1,384 intensive care unit beds; 51.4 percent of 10,700 isolation beds; and 59.1 percent of 3,835 ward beds.

There are 1,981 total ventilators for Covid-19 patients with about 29.2 percent in use. (By Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

## Non-essential outbound travel suspended anew

MANILA – Non-essential outbound travel has been suspended by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) anew, Malacañang said on Thursday.

In a virtual Palace briefing, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque said non-essential outbound travel was suspended because only one travel and health insurance company has agreed to cover rebooking and accommodation expenses if passenger is stranded and hospitalized due to coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

"Ang malungkot na balita po, iisang insurance company lamang sa Pilipinas ang pumayag ng ganitong travel and health insurance kaya sinuspendi muna ng IATF ang non-essential outbound travel (The sad news is that only one insurance company

in the Philippines agreed to this travel and health insurance that's why the IATF suspended non-essential outbound travel)," he said.

Roque did not name the travel and health insurance firm that agreed to cover expenses in case a passenger is infected with Covid-19.

However, he said passengers with confirmed bookings as of July 20 will be allowed to travel outside the country.

"Suspendido muna po ang non-essential travel hanggang makahanap po tayo ng mas maraming insurance companies (Non-essential travel will be suspended until we find more insurance companies willing to provide coverage)," he said.

Roque said he will leave the job of encouraging more travel and health insurance companies to the Insurance

Commission.

"Ipadadala po natin ang communication sa Insurance Commission para sila na po ang humingi sa mga insurance companies na kinakailangan magbigay ng ganitong insurance coverage (We will send the communication to the Insurance Commission so that they will ask insurance companies to give this type of insurance coverage)," he said.

Earlier this month, the IATF lifted the ban on non-essential outbound travel imposed last March due to Covid-19 outbreak.

Non-essential travel was initially allowed as long as passengers submit confirmed round-trip tickets for those traveling on tourist visas, travel and health insurance, proof of allowed entry by the destination country, and a declaration

acknowledging the risks involved in traveling.

Meanwhile, Roque said the IATF approved the essential outbound travel of Filipinos, subject to certain conditions.

Passengers should execute a Bureau of Immigration (BI) declaration acknowledging the risks involved in traveling, including the risk of delay in their return trip, to be provided for at the check-in counters by the airlines, he said.

They should also follow the guidelines of returning overseas Filipinos of the National Task Force (NTF) upon their return.

He urged Filipinos traveling abroad to observe quarantine protocols such as physical distancing, wearing face masks, and frequent hand-washing. (By Azer Parrocha/PNA)

## DOH hires more healthcare workers amid fight vs. Covid-19

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) on Thursday said it will continue to hire healthcare workers to address the shortage of manpower in the hospitals accommodating the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) patients.

In a virtual Covid-19 presser, DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said that as of July 22, the DOH has filled 5,484 out of the 8,694 approved slots for emergency hiring of healthcare workers in

309 health facilities.

Vergeire made the remark in response to comments of some hospitals that they cannot allot more hospital beds for Covid-19 patients due to lack of manpower.

"Nabanggit po namin ang One Hospital Command kung saan may proposal po na magbibigay ng incentives at pabilisin ang pagproseso ng Philhealth reimbursements para sa mga pribadong ospital para patuloy po silang tumanggap ng (We

mentioned One Hospital Command where there's a proposal to provide incentives and speed up the processing of Philhealth reimbursements for private hospitals so they'll continue to accommodate Covid-19 patients," she said.

Earlier, the DOH said the One Hospital Command aims to increase the country's health system capacity and improve the coordination between the DOH, hospitals, and temporary treatment and

monitoring facilities.

It also aims to increase the referral of mild and asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 to temporary treatment and monitoring facilities.

"The One Hospital Command will coordinate with local government unit composite teams, referral and liaison officers, logistics and support liaison officers, hospital and temporary treatment and monitoring facilities," Vergeire added. (By Ma. Teresa Montemayor/PNA)

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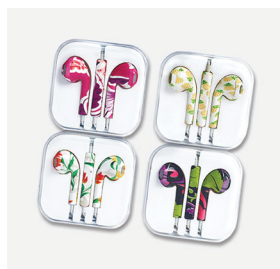
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## Boracay now open to all Western Visayas tourists: DOT

MANILA – The Department of Tourism (DOT) announced that all Western Visayas travelers below 21 and above 60 years old are now allowed to enter Boracay after the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) on Thursday lifted the age-specific ban on the island.

Since the reopening of Boracay to tourists from the region last June 16, only those aged 21 to 60 were allowed to visit based on the modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) guidelines.

"This move aims to further reinvigorate the tourism economy in the region and address the earlier clamor of Boracay tourism stakeholders to attract more tourists to the

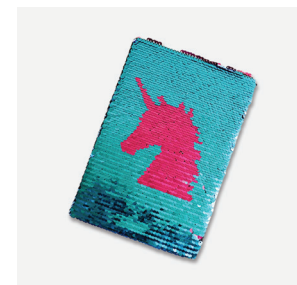
island," Tourism chief Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said.

Romulo-Puyat noted there were no reported coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) cases on the island and assured government support in ensuring that health and safety protocols are in place upon arrival of local visitors.

"The DOT will always put paramount concern on the safety of our people — tourists and residents alike," she said.

As of July 23, the DOT Western Visayas has issued a total of 115 certificates of authority to operate (CAO) to accommodation establishments, covering some 2,635 health protocols compliant rooms.

Western Visayas (Region 6) comprises the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, and Negros Occidental, all of which are now under MGCQ. (By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora/PNA)



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## GSIS extends deadline to COVID-19 Emergency Loan

PASAY CITY, -- State pension fund Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) announced on Friday, July 10, 2020, that it has extended the filing of application for its COVID-19 Emergency Loan program for another month or until August 12, 2020.

"We are extending the July 12 deadline to give more time for our members and old-age and disability pensioners affected by the public health crisis to apply for the loan. We are expecting to reach out to more than 1.3 million members who are qualified for the loan with a projected total amount of Php 43 billion," GSIS President and General Manager Rolando Ledesma Macasaet said.

Macasaet said that the loan program has been earlier enhanced by increasing the loanable amount from Php20,000 to Php 40,000 for borrowers who have existing loans; and relaxing the terms by allowing borrowers to renew their loan even if they have loan accounts that have not been paid for more than six months and are considered due and demandable. He added that GSIS eased the six-month paid premium rule and reduced it to only three months for members to qualify for emergency loan.

Further, GSIS imposed only three requirements under the

enhanced terms of the emergency loan. The borrowers must (1) be in active service and not on leave of absence without pay; (2) have no pending administrative case and/or criminal charge; and, (3) have a net take-home pay of not lower than Php5,000 after all required monthly obligations have been deducted.

Macasaet stressed that the loan application of members will still be subject to the approval of the Authorized Agency Officer of the government agencies where members work.

The emergency loan is payable in three years with an interest of only 6%. The relaxed eligibility requirements and increased loanable amount will be implemented for the duration of the crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GSIS members and pensioners may submit their emergency loan application through the designated email addresses of the branch offices covering the agencies of active members and place of residence of pensioners. Those who are from NCR may send their application form and documentary requirements to [gsisnrcr@gsis.gov.ph](mailto:gsisnrcr@gsis.gov.ph). The list of the email addresses of all GSIS branches is published in the GSIS website ([www.gsis.gov.ph](http://www.gsis.gov.ph)).

The COVID-19 Emergency Loan application form may be downloaded from

<http://www.gsis.gov.ph/downloadable-forms>. Members may also apply for the loan through the GSIS Wireless Automated Processing System (GWAPS) kiosks located in all GSIS branches, DepEd offices, provincial capitols, city halls, Robinson's Malls and SM Supermalls. Once the loan is approved, the proceeds will be directly credited to the Unified Multi-Purpose ID (UMID) card or temporary eCard account of the borrower.

Old age and disability pensioners are qualified to apply if their resulting net monthly take home pension after loan availment is at least 25% of their basic monthly pension. They may only apply online by using the designated email addresses of the branch offices covering their places of residence.

Members and pensioners who have inquiries on the loan program may visit the GSIS website, <http://www.gsis.gov.ph>; GSIS Facebook account, [@gsis.ph](https://www.facebook.com/gsis.ph); email [gsiscare@gsis.gov.ph](mailto:gsiscare@gsis.gov.ph); or call the GSIS Contact Center at 8847-4747 (if in Metro Manila), 1-800-8-847-4747 (for Globe and TM subscribers), and 1-800-10-847-4747 (for Smart, Sun, and Talk 'N Text subscribers).(GSIS)

## Farmers' involvement in supplementary feeding program pushed

MANILA -- Farmers play a key role in the government's supplementary feeding and school feeding initiatives, Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said Wednesday.

He made this statement as he urged agrarian reform beneficiary organizations (ARBOs), irrigators associations (IAs), and farmers associations to heighten their involvement in government programs, particularly the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) program.

"Through EPAHP, you will have easy access to a market because the government will buy your produce. Market and network access are vital during this Covid-19 pandemic. This will create jobs, and establish link-ups, freeing you to focus on production," Nograles said in a statement.

Nograles, chair of the Task Force Zero Hunger, emphasized the need to be "creative" in ways to implement the government's various feeding programs during the Covid-19 pandemic, especially those targeted at schools and schoolchildren.

Currently, Nograles said he is working the mechanics out with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)



to find ways to continue carrying out the program.

Nograles reiterated the need for the more active involvement of local chief executives.

"The national government hopes that our local officials fully support and get involved in these initiatives," he said.

According to Nograles, local governments with their community feeding and nutrition programs can align them with the EPAHP for a more comprehensive approach to combatting hunger.

"Unity and cooperation are important in providing life-saving assistance to those who most need it, especially during this ongoing health crisis," he said.

For their part, the ARBOs and IAs expressed gratitude at the other partner organizations from the government for easing the way to smoother business transactions and removing the "middleman" who eats up profits and hinders the selling of farm produce.

"We will now have greater access to consumers. We can directly sell our

products to those who need them," said Ronald Diaz, head of the Magsaysay Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Cooperative from Zamboanga del Sur.

ARBOs and IAs, meanwhile, expressed gratitude allowing smoother business transactions by removing the "middleman" who eats up profits and hinders the selling of farm produce.

EPAHP, which traces its origins to successful programs of the Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and Department of Agriculture, is tied to the Sustainable Development Goals and the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022.

President Rodrigo Duterte has made this initiative a priority in his administration's poverty reduction efforts.

A key element of EPAHP is credit support for food production, processing, and marketing for community-based organizations through the Land Bank and other agencies. (PNA)

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## DSWD expects 952 centenarians to get P100-K cash gift this year

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) said it expects about 952 centenarians to receive PHP100,000 cash benefit from the Philippine government this year.

DSWD, on its website, reported that as of June 15, there are already 289 centenarians who received PHP100,000 each.

“A total of 952 centenarians are expected to benefit from the law this year,” the report said.

From 2016 to 2019, the agency has released PHP560,900,000 for the cash gift of 5,609 centenarians nationwide.

On Thursday, the DSWD field office in Northern Mindanao lauded the local government of Malaybalay City in Bukidnon for providing care and attention to the elderly.

Tomas Manaran, 101, who lives in Barangay Simaya, Malaybalay City, received her cash gift from social welfare officials who delivered and greeted her on her birthday.



**BIRTHDAY GIFT.** Officials from the Department of Social Welfare and Development in Region 10 (Northern Mindanao) deliver a PHP100,000 cash incentive to 101-year old Tomas Manaran on Thursday (July 23, 2020). DSWD-Northern Mindanao has so far distributed cash incentives to 14 centenarians. (Contributed photo from DSWD-10)

“Sa buong Northern Mindanao Region (10), umaabot na sa 14 na centenarians ang nabigyan ng tulong ng DSWD Field Office 10 (In Northern Mindanao Region, 14 centenarians received cash aid from the DSWD Field Office 10),” the post said.

In a Viber group, DSWD spokesperson Irene Dumlaog cited that despite the agency’s busy schedule prioritizing the social amelioration program (SAP) for the poor who were hardest-hit by the public health crisis, other existing programs are still in effect.

“Amid the threat of Covid-19, DSWD has adopted the house-to-house delivery scheme for the centenarian cash gift of Filipino citizens 100 years old and above, as stated under Republic Act 10868 or the Centenarians Act of 2016,” she said.

The agency shifted to house-to-house delivery of cash incentives considering the beneficiaries’ health and physical limitations. “The scheme is also more convenient for them and their relatives especially that the government encourages seniors to stay at home as part of health and safety protocols,” Dumlaog said.

### How to avail

Based on DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 4, series of 2017, centenarians are identified by existing databases: local office

## Tokyo 2020 marks one year until delayed Olympics as confirmed

TOKYO – Tokyo 2020 organizers marked one year to go until the opening of the delayed Olympic Games on Thursday as the Japanese capital reported a record 366 new confirmed Covid-19 cases.

A one-minute video was released at a subdued event held behind closed doors at the Olympic Stadium, where the opening ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. on July 23, 2021.

The video, which contained messages of support for all athletes aiming to participate at next year's Games, was unveiled on the main screen and expressed Tokyo 2020's determination to keep a beacon of hope alive until sports can resume as normal.

Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee, who had been battling with leukemia, said, "Imagine the world in a year: a world where the curtain is set to rise on the Olympic and Paralympic Games."

of senior citizens affairs, social pension, Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS), public and private residential care facilities client inventories and data from the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO).

Relatives of the applicants must submit primary documents such as birth certificates and Philippine passports that are needed to be presented by centenarians during the validation process to their localities.

If the two documents are not available, any one of the primary government-issued Identification Cards (IDs) may be

The 20-year-old Ikee, who was released from hospital in December 2019 after going through 10 months of treatment, competed in seven events at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and kept her hope of winning an Olympic medal alive at home after resuming training in February 2020.

"I have faith that one year from today the flame of hope will light these very grounds," she said holding a lantern with the Olympic flame.

Tokyo 2020 President Yoshiro Mori said: "I cannot imagine how athletes set to take center stage must have felt about the first-ever postponement of the Games.

"Inspired by the beacon of hope that lit up the Olympic Stadium today, the Organising Committee will put forth every effort toward preparing for next year's Games, ensuring they remain in our memory forever as a symbol of unity and

shown such as GSIS and SSS IDs, driver's license, Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) license, and Comelec voter's IDs.

If the primary IDs are absent, two of the following secondary documents may be presented: marriage certificates either from the Philippine Statistics Authority or the local civil registrar's office; birth certificates of the children of the centenarian issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority or the local civil registrar's office; affidavits from two disinterested persons, aged 80 years who have personal knowledge of the centenarian's age

solidarity, as together we work to overcome the challenges of Covid-19."

Tokyo Governor Koike Yuriko urged Tokyo residents to refrain from going out as much as possible after a record 366 new cases of the coronavirus were confirmed on Thursday.

This is the first time the daily total has exceeded 300 in Tokyo. The tally has now topped 100 for 15 straight days.

But she vowed that Tokyo will "continue to dedicate its resources to fighting this battle and to delivering a safe Games".

"We will work closely with all parties concerned and advance preparations to hold a successful Games brimming with hope, which will serve as a symbol of humankind bonding even more strongly as the world came together as one to overcome this difficult situation." (Xinhua)

and birthdate.

School and employment records showing the age of the centenarian, baptismal or confirmation records issued by churches and religious organizations, medical or dental examinations by government or private doctors and dentists, and other related certifications from the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, AMWSLAI, AFPSLAI, veteran groups and similar organizations may also be accepted as secondary documents. (By Christine Cudis/PNA)