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## Red Cross resumes swab test after Philhealth's partial payment

MANILA – The Philippine Red Cross (PRC) has resumed its coronavirus swab tests after it received partial payment from the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on Tuesday.

PRC Chairman Senator Richard

Gordon made this announcement in an online media briefing on Tuesday evening.

“I have requested the Secretary-General (Elizabeth Zavalla) and all our laboratories in the entire country to open it to PhilHealth again and we are going to have testing tonight

(Oct. 27) from the Manila International Airport first and tomorrow (Oct. 28) regular testing will be conducted in full,” said Gordon.

On Tuesday, PhilHealth released some PHP500 million as partial payment for  
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# Agri, infra damage from 'Quinta' reach P429-M

MANILA – The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) said damage to agriculture and infrastructure caused by Typhoon “Quinta” has so far amounted to PHP429,726,344.

In an update on Wednesday noon, NDRRMC executive director Ricardo Jalad said the typhoon's damage to agriculture and infrastructure was placed at PHP401,726,344 and PHP28,000,000,

respectively in Ilocos Region, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Bicol, and Western Visayas.

Meanwhile, 49,557 families were affected by Quinta which is equivalent to 209,457 persons residing in 787 barangays in Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Western Visayas, and Eastern Visayas.

Of this number, 12,223 families or 48,417 persons are being aided in 704 evacuation centers while 2,357 families or around 7,965

individuals are being helped outside evacuation hubs.

The NDRRMC also reported that a total of 6,109 families or 24,682 persons were pre-emptively evacuated in Mimaropa, Bicol, and the National Capital Region.

Also, a total of 81 incidents connected to the onslaught of Quinta were recorded in Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Bicol, Western Visayas,  
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**QUINTA'S WRATH.** A house made of light materials was destroyed in the aftermath of Typhoon “Quinta” in Bato, Catanduanes on Tuesday (Oct. 27, 2020). The NDRRMC has estimated the typhoon's cost of damage to agriculture and infrastructure at around PHP429 million. (Photo courtesy of Radyo Pilipinas Catanduanes)



*(File photo)*

DOLE Secretary October 23 and was allowed the extension  
Silvestre Bello III on released on Tuesday,  
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## 'Floating' employees allowed to find alternative work: DOLE

MANILA – An official of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Wednesday said workers are allowed to find alternative employment while they are on “floating status”.

“They can look for work...They can have alternative work, without losing their

employment with their present employment,” Labor Undersecretary Benjo Benavidez said in a virtual forum, citing DOLE's Department Order (DO) No. 215, Series of 2020.

According to the DO, employees will not lose their job if they were able to find alternative employment while under floating

status. “Provided, however, that the employees shall not lose employment if they find alternative employment during the extended suspension of employment except in cases of written, unequivocal and voluntarily resignation,” it said. The DO, signed by



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**MRT-3 conducts test runs on overhauled train at 50 kph**

MANILA – The Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3) on Thursday conducted test runs on its first newly overhauled train at an increased operating speed of 50 kph.

In a video blog, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Assistant Secretary Goddess Hope Libiran said the train, composed of three cars, was overhauled by MRT-3’s maintenance provider, Sumitomo-Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (Sumitomo).

“As part of the massive rehab and maintenance of Sumitomo mula sa bansang Hapon, ay nakakapag-overhaul na rin po tayo ng mga bagon na matagal nang napabayaan at ngayong inaayos natin sa ilalim ng administrasyong Duterte (from Japan, we can now overhaul train cars that have long been neglected and now, we’re repairing them under the Duterte administration),” Libiran said.

MRT-3 Director for Operations Michael Capati said aside from three newly overhauled train cars, the MRT-3 also plans to overhaul the remaining 72 cars by July 2021.

“Remember, yung mga nakaraang taon natin, panay ang sira ng tren natin. Ngayon, isa sa mga ginagawa ng Sumitomo ngayon is to rehabilitate and do general overhaul ng mga tren natin (in the past years, our trains broke down plenty of times. Now, one of the things Sumitomo is doing is to rehabilitate and do a general overhaul of our trains),” Capati said.

He said the MRT-3 management wants its trains to travel at 50 kph by November.

“Nag-increase na tayo ng 30 to 40 kph last October. Ngayon po magsi-simulate tayo, using the train, sa 50 kph na po na tina-target natin by November (We have already increased our train operating speed to 30 kph to 40 kph in October. Now, we’re

using this train to simulate a 50 kph operating speed, which we’re hoping to implement by November),” Capati said.

He said the improved train speed was made possible by the overhaul of train cars and the rail replacements that were completed last month.

Capati said MRT-3 also increased the number of its trains running daily to a maximum of 22.

“Maganda ang maintenance program natin and at the same time, yun din po yung epekto ng pagkakagawa ng ating riles. (Our maintenance program is doing well and at the same time, this is the effect of our rail replacements),” he said.

In September, the MRT-3 raised the train operating speed to 40 kph, reducing the average waiting time of passengers from nine minutes to seven minutes. (PNA)





## Recovered Covid-19 patients lose immunity fast: UK study

LONDON – A new British study found on Tuesday that antibodies in people recovering from the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) fall rapidly after recovery.

The study, called REACT-2, was carried out by Imperial College London (ICL) and wrecked hopes held by some that herd immunity could be a way out of the pandemic.

Herd immunity needs 50 percent to 60 percent of the population to be immune to the virus for it to no longer spread effectively, but the new study showed that rather than have more people immune as the pandemic wears on, the trend is actually in the opposite direction.

The ICL observed 365,000 people in three rounds of testing between June and September.

They found that the number of people with antibodies fell by 26 percent since summer when the lockdown was first eased.

In late June and early July, 6 percent of people had antibodies to the virus, but at the start of the second wave last month, it dropped to 4.4 percent.

This means people can be regularly reinfected, like with the common cold.

A vaccine, however, could lead to a better antibody response.

“Our study shows that over time, there is a reduction in the proportion of people testing positive for antibodies. Testing positive for antibodies does not mean you are immune to Covid-19,” said Dr. Paul Elliott, the director of the program

at Imperial.

“It remains unclear what level of immunity antibodies provide, or for how long this immunity lasts. If someone tests positive for antibodies, they still need to follow national guidelines, including social distancing measures, getting a swab test if they have symptoms, and wearing face coverings where required,” he added.

Dr. Helen Ward, one of the lead authors of the report said, “This very large study has shown that the proportion of people with detectable antibodies is falling over time. We don’t yet know whether this will leave these people at risk of reinfection with the virus that causes Covid-19, but everyone must continue to follow guidance to reduce the risk to themselves and others.”

Health Minister Lord Bethell said, “This study led by Imperial and Ipsos MORI is a critical piece

of research, helping us understand the nature of Covid-19 antibodies over time, and improve our understanding about the virus itself. We rely on this kind of important research to inform our continued response to the disease, so we can continue to take the right action at the right time.”

Regarding the vaccine, there has been some positive news.

The vaccine in development by Oxford University and AstraZeneca, which is leading the world race to develop a safe and effective vaccine, has been found to produce an immune response in both old and young people, AstraZeneca said.

Meanwhile, the Office for National Statistics reported that weekly coronavirus-linked deaths rose by 53 percent in England and Wales over the last week – a weekly rise for the sixth week in a row. (Anadolu)

## APEC meeting calls for open trade to ensure food security

KUALALUMPUR – Agriculture and food ministers and senior representatives from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies have pressed for stronger cooperation and open and predictable trade regimes to ensure that global food systems remain accessible, innovative, reliable, resilient, and sustainable against the backdrop of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic.

At the virtual Ministerial Policy Dialogue on Food Security on Tuesday, ministers committed to intensifying collaboration in relevant areas, especially food standards and safety assurance, connectivity, productivity, capacity building, and reducing barriers to food trade.

“It is of utmost importance for APEC members to work together to enable the flow of essential goods,

including agriculture and food products, across borders and to enhance our collective resilience to food supply disruptions,” said Ronald Kiandee, minister of agriculture and food industries for Malaysia, host of APEC 2020.

Kiandee urged member economies to adopt an inclusive approach to food security to ensure that the vulnerable groups are not left behind during these challenging times.

“We need to have a sustainability mindset where we meet food security demands without compromising the well-being and ability of the future generation to fulfill their needs, as well as safeguarding natural resources,” he said, adding that members need to address disruptions to employment and income sources.

APEC Secretariat's Executive Director Rebecca Fatima Sta.

Maria said APEC served as an ideal platform to intensify cooperation and formulate a coordinated response “to help us prevent a health crisis from becoming a food crisis.”

“Members can consider specific areas including avoiding unnecessary export bans and restrictions, lowering import tariffs and other quantitative import restrictions on food products, as well as pursuing initiatives to maintain connectivity and avoid supply chain disruptions,” she said.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused major disruptions in the production of several food products, particularly those that require intensive labor such as meat processing facilities and fruit and vegetable packing plants, according to a recent report by the APEC Policy Support Unit. (Xinhua)

## DSWD distributes P1.2-M worth of aid to 'Quinta' victims

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Thursday said it has so far spent some PHP1.2 million worth of assistance for the victims of Typhoon “Quinta.”

The amount is accumulated from funds from DSWD, non-government organizations, and local government units.

In a virtual briefing, DSWD Secretary Rolando Bautista said the standby funds of their field offices have climbed to PHP898,082,474.

“Patuloy pa rin ang pag-alalay sa ating mga

lokal na pamahalaan upang matugunan nila ang kanilang tungkulin sa mga mamayanan (Efforts to augment the stockpiles of our local government units are still ongoing so they can fulfill their duties to the people),” Bautista said, adding that DSWD personnel have also stayed in evacuation centers to make sure that physical distancing and other basic protocols are observed.

DSWD said it also assists LGUs in checking the damage brought about by the typhoon to gauge the necessary financial assistance needed, he

said.

As of Oct. 29, at least 110,000 families or 500,000 individuals in 2,200 barangays have been affected by Quinta.

These are in regions Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Central Luzon, Western Visayas, Central Visayas, and Eastern Visayas.

Bautista said of that figure, 7,280 families or 27,550 individuals are staying in 279 evacuation centers of affected regions.

Meanwhile, Bautista expressed elation over the House of Representatives’ transmittal of its version of the General

Appropriations Bill to the Senate.

The PHP4.5-trillion 2021 budget is expected to be delivered to President Rodrigo Duterte's table before Christmas.

“Hangad namin ay agad din itong maaprabuhan sa lebel ng ating Senado. Sina-salamin nito ang pangako ng gobyerno na mapalakas ang pagtugon sa panukalang pasiglahin ang ekonomiya at makabawi ito sa epekto ng Covid-19 (We also hope for the immediate approval of the Senate. This is relative to the government’s promise to bring back the

economy’s vitality and fully recover from the effects of Covid-19), he added.

Under DSWD’s proposed PHP171.2-billion budget for 2021, Bautista said they can continually finance their programs, including the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations, resource augmentation, sustainable livelihood program, Kalahi-CIDSS, social pension for indigent senior citizens, and supplementary feeding, among others. (By Christine Cudis/PNA)



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its PHP930-million debt to the PRC.

Gordon clarified that the total debt of PhilHealth to the PRC has already reached PHP1.1 billion.

"We're going to ask them to pay right away and then lahat ng mga bagong test within three days they get the billing and they pay right away di na kami papayag na lalaki ng ganyan natakot ako talaga, ang laki ng amount pag hindi nabayaran yan babagsak kami (All the new tests should be paid within three days because I will no longer allow the debt to balloon that much. It's frightening because if they don't pay us, we will close)," Gordon explained.

Also, Gordon said PhilHealth communicated to the PRC its desire to pay an advance payment of PHP100 million.

Gordon said he is amenable to that as long as the full balance is paid by PhilHealth.

## DA allocates P795-M for 'Quinta'-affected farmers

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Wednesday announced that some PHP795 million quick response fund (QRF) is available to farmers whose farms were devastated by Typhoon "Quinta".

According to the DA, the total amount of damage and losses in agri-fisheries due to the typhoon is now PHP705.87 million with 33,545 metric tons (MT) of volume loss, affecting 25,483 farmers and fisherfolk tending some 19,971 hectares of agricultural areas in Ilocos Region, Calabarzon, Bicol Region, Western Visayas, and Zamboanga Peninsula.

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"Mauuna silang magbigay ng PHP100 million uubusin namin hanggang PHP70 million, pag PHP30 million na lang dadagdagan ulit nila ng PHP70 million, revolving yun (they will give an advance payment of PHP100 million, we will consume up to PHP70 million, leaving a balance of PHP30 million that they have to top up again with PHP70 million. That is a revolving fund)," Gordon said.

Before that revolving fund, however, Gordon said the rest of the PHP1.1 billion should be paid by PhilHealth first.

The PRC has a total of 44 machines for the RT-PCR tests all over the country and 22 of them are in Metro Manila.

He said he wants to bring the cost of the test down and hopes that the saliva testing will soon be approved, saying this will further bring down the cost of the swab test. (By Marita Moaje/PNA)

commodities include rice, corn, high-value crops, fisheries, livestock, irrigation, and agri-facilities. These values are subject to further validation.

The DA said the increase in values is attributed to the updated reports in rice and corn from the provinces of Batangas, Laguna, Rizal, Quezon, Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Masbate, Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, and Zamboanga City.

The DA Regional Field Offices in "Quinta"-affected regions are thoroughly assessing and validating damage and losses in the agri-fisheries sector, and

## Manila North Cemetery now padlocked for 'Undas'

MANILA – The Manila Police District and the management of the Manila North Cemetery (MNC) have padlocked the cemetery starting 5 p.m. Wednesday, in compliance with government order on the closure of cemeteries, columbariums and memorial parks during "Undas."

In his Facebook post, Manila Mayor Francisco 'Isko Moreno' Domagoso reminded the public that visiting cemeteries and columbariums in the city will not be allowed based on the earlier decision of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

"Muli po, ipinagbabawal natin ang pagbisita sa lahat ng pampubliko at pribadong sementeryo at kolumbaryo sa lungsod upang maiwasan ang pagdagsa ng tao at ang paglaganap ng sakit na Covid-19 sa publiko (Again, visiting the graves in different public and private cemeteries and columbariums in the city are not allowed to avoid mass gathering and prevent the spread of Covid-19)," Domagoso said.

The IATF-EID ordered the closure of all private and public cemeteries, memorial parks and columbariums across the country from Oct. 29 to Nov. 4.

Sta. Cruz Police

thereafter provide needed emergency assistance to affected farmers and fisherfolk, it said.

Aside from the QRF, other assistance available to affected farmers are the Survival and Recovery (SURE) Loan Program of Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) and the

Station Commander, Lt. Col. John Guiagui, and MNC director Roselle "Yayay" Castañeda led the temporary closure of the cemetery.

Guiagui said residents with an address inside the MNC and who have quarantine passes will be allowed to exit and enter the cemetery during the closure.

He also clarified that only authorized persons outside residences will be allowed while persons 15 years old and below, as well as 65 years and above, are advised to stay home.

Guiagui also assured that they will be on the lookout for those who will try to enter the cemetery through the houses there and other possible entry and exit points.

"Isa pang tinitingnan natin ay yung mga gagawa ng mga daanan dito sa may Tagaytay dito sa may bakod ng Chinese Cemetery (We will be monitoring those who will create a makeshift entrance and exit, most especially along the Tagaytay fence of the Chinese Cemetery)," he said.

He added that the MPD will deploy police officers alongside MNC personnel to man the area.

He said the MPD has prepared a holding area for violators.

Castaneda said the MNC will be re-opened at 11 a.m. on Nov. 5. (By Marita Moaje/PNA)

Indemnification funds from Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC).

A total of 30,280 bags of rice seeds, 8,071 bags of corn seeds, and 1,792 kilograms of assorted vegetables from DA Regions 1, 4-A, 5, 6, and 9 are also up for distribution to affected farmers. (PR)

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Eastern Visayas, and the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

This can be broken down into 60 incidents of flooding, 17 landslides, and four maritime mishaps.

The NDRRMC also confirmed that nine people were killed, while six others were injured and two other missing during the onslaught of Quinta in Central Luzon,

Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Western Visayas, and Central Visayas.

A total of 93 road sections and 20 bridges in Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Bicol, Eastern Visayas, and CAR were affected by flooding, landslides, road slip, and soil erosion due to the typhoon. (By Priam Nepomuceno/PNA)

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of the floating status of workers for another six months.

"In case of declaration of war, pandemic and similar national emergencies, the employer and the employees through the union, if any, or with the assistance of the Department of Labor and Employment, shall meet in good faith for the purpose of extending the suspension of employment for a period of not exceeding six (6) months," the order added.

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Benavidez said labor groups are free to question the legality of the DO.

"We welcome that. It will enrich jurisprudence. But I hope that they won't invoke the DO to benefit their members. We don't want to see employees lose their employment, lest, they permanently lose if they are dismissed on the sole ground that the six months floating (status) has already lapsed," he added. (By Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

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## Motorists without RFID in tollways to get citations after Dec. 1

MANILA – Motorists who fail to install a radio-frequency identification (RFID) sticker in their vehicles before entering an expressway or a toll road would be issued citations and fined after the December 1 deadline for mandatory cashless transactions in toll roads.

In a message to reporters Wednesday, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Assistant Secretary Goddess Hope Libiran said the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is looking at issuing citations to these drivers based on Republic Act No. 4136 and DOTr Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 2014-01.

Disobedient drivers, she said, can be issued a ticket for “disregarding traffic signs,” a violation under JAO No. 2014-01 with a PHP1,000 fine.

“Since we may nakalagay na RFID-only lane pero pumasok pa rin ‘yung sasakyan (Since there’s a sign saying ‘RFID-only’ lane but the vehicle still tried to



**CASHLESS TOLLWAYS.** *A portion of the North Luzon Expressway-Candaba Viaduct in this undated photo. The Department of Transportation (DOTr) on Wednesday (Oct. 28, 2020) said citations will be issued to motorists who attempt to enter a toll expressway beyond its December 1 deadline. (File photo)*

enter),” Libiran said.

She said an obstruction violation, with a corresponding PHP1,000 fine, can also be issued to a driver who attempts to enter a toll road since they will get stuck behind a toll barrier and obstruct the flow of traffic.

Following the DOTr's decision to push the deadline for mandatory cashless transactions in tollways to December 1, she said motorists have now been given four months to comply with the directive.

“Iniiwasan nga natin na last minute sila kukuha (We're

trying to discourage last-minute installations of RFIDs), that’s why we extended for another month. Whatever the reason, kung wala silang (if they don't have an) RFID by December 1, a citation ticket will be issued,” Libiran said.

The full implementation of cashless transactions in toll roads was scheduled to take effect on November 2 but was reset to December 1.

The DOTr said the deadline for the measure would no longer be extended. (By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz/PNA)

