

# Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

## Situation Report 3 **Philippines** 12 March 2020

Data reported by the Department of Health on 12 March 2020

### Highlights

- Three new cases tested positive for COVID-19 since yesterday.
- Out of the total of 52 confirmed cases, 35% are imported from outside of the Philippines (China, Japan, South Korea/USA, Australia, UAE, Indonesia, Taiwan, Switzerland, and 2 from the Diamond Princess Cruise Ship), 31% are categorised as localized transmission, and the remaining cases are unknown or still under investigation. For details on all cases please see table below.
- Four additional deaths were reported among Filipino nationals. A 67-year old female with known medical conditions including hypertension and diabetes died of severe pneumonia. Her husband was also confirmed positive for COVID-19 and is still admitted in the hospital. A 59-year old female, who suffered from diabetes died of severe pneumonia, after which her 62-year old husband, with known diabetes and hypertension, died of severe pneumonia as well. An 88-year old female with hypertension later died of acute respiratory failure.
- Thanks to intensified surveillance, the Department of Health (DOH) established evidence of community transmission in the country. To stop further spread of the disease, the government raised the **COVID-19 Alert System to Code Red sublevel 2** as recommended by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), imposing stringent social distancing measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) for 30 days, including the suspension of classes until 12 April, public offices, and mass gatherings, as well as flexible work arrangements in the private sector, and community quarantine in selected affected areas. Domestic air, land and sea travel to and from NCR will be suspended 48 hours after the issuance of the resolution, whereas public transport will remain operational. All measures will be reassessed after 7 days.
- DOH is prioritizing readiness of hospitals for treatment of cases and expanding laboratory testing capacity as soon as long-awaited supplies reach the country, both at national level (Research Institute for Tropical Medicine), 5 sub national laboratories, and an additional 7 laboratories.
- **WHO announced the global COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic that can be controlled.** WHO is emphasizing the importance to focus on vulnerable groups, particularly the elderly who are most at risk from developing severe symptoms. WHO is also highlighting the importance to protect health care workers from becoming infected.

### PHILIPPINES SITUATION IN NUMBERS

52 confirmed (3 new)

18 imported cases

16 local transmission

17 unknown

1 under investigation

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5 deaths (4 new)

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68 admitted Persons Under Investigation

794 samples tested

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<https://ncovtracker.doh.gov.ph/>

## Summary of Cases

Case #	(Sex / Age)	Nationality	Date of Onset of Symptoms	Date of Laboratory Confirmation	Transmission Classification*
PH1	F 38	Chinese	21 January	30 January	Imported
PH2	M 44	Chinese	18 January	30 January	Imported
PH3	F 60	Chinese	21 January	30 January	Imported
PH4	M 48	Filipino	3 March	5 March	Imported
PH5	M 62	Filipino	25 February	5 March	Local transmission
PH6	F 59	Filipino	27 February	6 March	Local transmission
PH7	M 38	Taiwanese	3 March	8 March	Local transmission
PH8	M 32	Filipino	5 March	8 March	Imported
PH9	M 86	American	1 March	8 March	Imported
PH10	M 57	Filipino	20 February	8 March	Unknown
PH11	M 72	Filipino	3 March	9 March	Unknown
PH12	M 56	Filipino	29 February	9 March	Unknown
PH13	M 34	Filipino	28 February	9 March	Imported
PH14	M 46	Filipino	25 February	9 March	Unknown
PH15	M 24	Filipino	1 March	9 March	Imported
PH16	M 70	Filipino	1 March	9 March	Imported
PH17	F 69	Filipino	1 March	9 March	Imported
PH18	M 41	Filipino	26 February	9 March	Imported
PH19	F 46	Filipino	9 March	9 March	Local transmission
PH20	M 48	Filipino	29 February	9 March	Imported
PH21	F 58	Filipino	4 March	9 March	Unknown
PH22	F 51	Filipino	4 March	9 March	Unknown
PH23	F 30	Filipino	3 March	9 March	Unknown
PH24	M 52	Filipino	6 March	9 March	Imported
PH25	M 31	Filipino	Asymptomatic	10 March	Imported
PH26	M 34	Filipino	Asymptomatic	10 March	Imported
PH27	F 42	Filipino	19 February	10 March	Local transmission
PH28	M 69	Filipino	29 February	10 March	Local transmission
PH29	F 82	Filipino	Asymptomatic	10 March	Local transmission
PH30	F 69	Filipino	5 March	10 March	Local transmission
PH31	F 28	Filipino	1 March	10 March	Local transmission
PH32	M 64	Filipino	27 February	10 March	Unknown
PH33	M 60	Filipino	3 March	10 March	Unknown
PH34	M 72	Filipino	6 March	11 March	Local transmission
PH35	F 67	Filipino	29 February	11 March	Local transmission
PH36	M 53	Filipino	25 February	11 March	Unknown
PH37	F 88	Filipino	28 February	11 March	Unknown
PH38	M 29	Filipino	3 March	11 March	Local transmission
PH39	M 64	Filipino	3 March	11 March	Local transmission
PH40	M 54	Filipino	24 February	11 March	Unknown
PH41	F 75	Filipino	1 March	11 March	Imported
PH42	M 51	Filipino	27 February	11 March	Imported
PH43	M 47	Filipino	9 March	11 March	Local transmission
PH44	F 70	Filipino	7 March	11 March	Unknown
PH45	M 27	Filipino	8 March	11 March	Local transmission
PH46	F 66	Filipino	29 February	11 March	Unknown
PH47	M 53	Filipino	15 February	11 March	Under investigation
PH48	M 57	Filipino	2 March	11 March	Local transmission
PH49	M 72	Filipino	1 March	11 March	Unknown
PH50	F 69	Filipino	8 March	11 March	Unknown
PH51	M 26	Filipino	28 February	11 March	Unknown
PH52	F 79	Filipino	1 March	11 March	Imported

## \* KEY DEFINITIONS

- **Imported cases:** where all cases have been acquired outside the location of reporting.
- **Local transmission:** where the source of infection is within the reporting location.
- **Community transmission** is evidenced by the inability to relate confirmed cases through chains of transmission for a large number of cases, or by increasing positive tests through routine screening of sentinel samples

## Current Situation

Between 6 and 11 March, 49 new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in the Philippines. Thanks to intensified case investigation, contact tracing, and surveillance, a rapid analysis was made indicating presence of community transmission in the country.

To take drastic measures to stop further spread of the disease, the IATF-EID led by DOH recommended for the COVID-19 Alert System to be raised to Code Red sublevel 2 imposing stringent social distancing measures in NCR for 30 days. All measures will be reassessed after 7 days.

DOH is currently using the below decision tree to identify suspected cases, divided into **Patients Under Investigation** and **Persons Under Monitoring**. People who identify as in need of home quarantine are highly encouraged to adhere to minimise the risk of infecting others:

### WHO's definition of a suspected case of COVID-19 is...

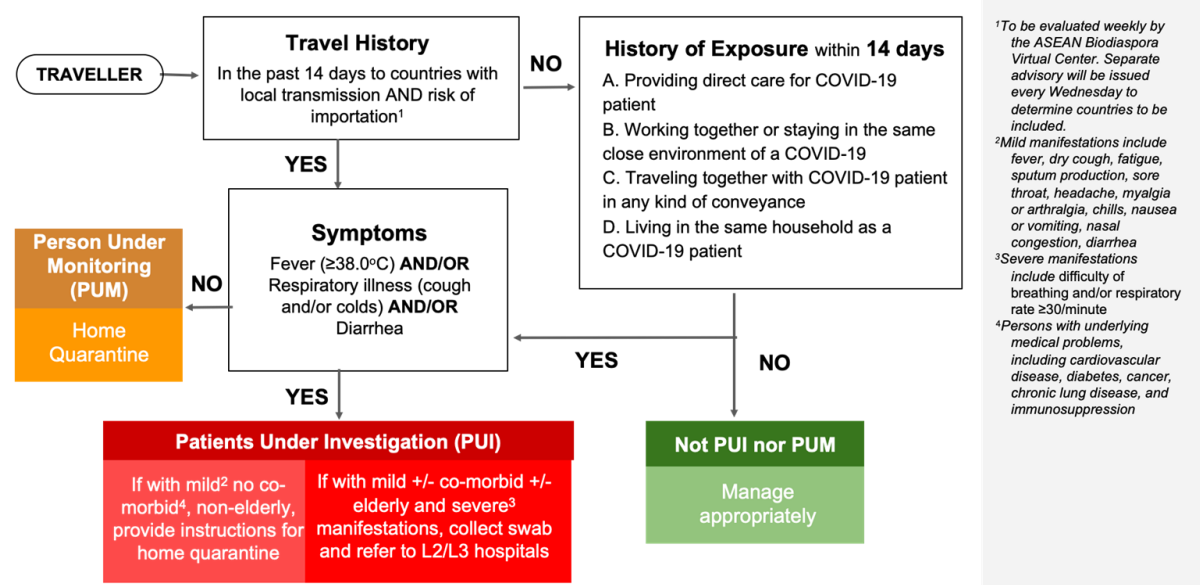
- A. a patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign or symptom of respiratory disease, for example, cough or shortness of breath) **AND** with no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation **AND** a history of travel to or residence in a country, area or territory that has reported local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset
- OR
- B. a patient with any acute respiratory illness **AND** who has been a *contact* of a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to the onset of symptoms
- OR
- C. a patient with severe acute respiratory infection (that is, fever and at least one sign or symptom of respiratory disease, for example, cough or shortness of breath) **AND** who requires hospitalization **AND** who has no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation.

### A contact is ....

- a person who is involved in any of the following within 14 days after the onset of symptoms in the patient:
- providing direct care for patients with COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment;
  - staying in the same close environment as a COVID-19 patient (including sharing a workplace, classroom or household or being at the same gathering);
  - travelling in close proximity with (that is, having less than 1 m separation from) a COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance.



## ALGORITHM FOR TRIAGE OF PATIENTS WITH POSSIBLE COVID-19 INFECTION IN PORTS OF ENTRY (as of 11 March 2020)



## Resource mobilization

	Committed in USD*	Details
ADB	100,000	
UNICEF	224,000	Tents, training and planning workshops
USAID	700,000	Laboratory supplies, risk communication, IPC, surveillance, planning, training
WHO	250,000	Laboratory supplies, PPEs, mobilization of experts, training of trainers and planning workshops

\* Up to 11 March 2020