

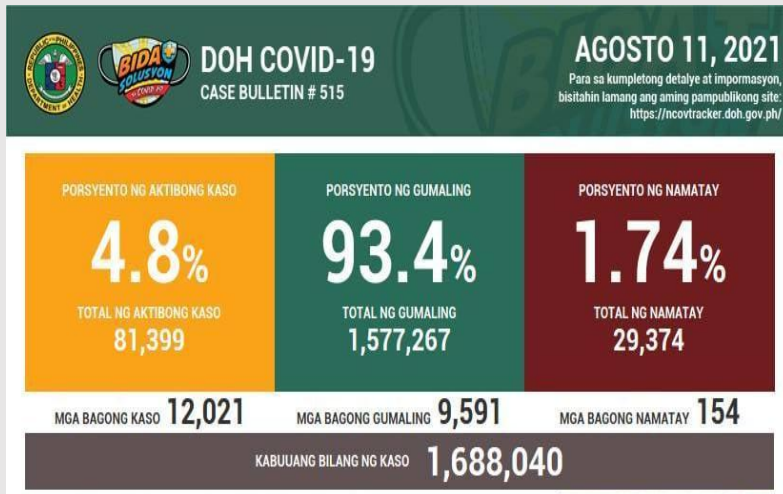
C-19 VACCINE INFO & ACCESS (VIA)

COUNTRY PROFILE

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Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases

Shown is the rolling 7-day average. The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.



Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data

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3 Key Impacts of COVID-19 on PLHIV and Key Populations

- Slowed down the access to ARV and HIV testing
- Fear of the adverse effect of COVID 19 vaccine
- Downgraded quality health care services due to lack of physical consultation and treatment hubs have just started “Telehealth” practice

COVID 19 infections are increasing again and we have reached the 96% of the peak of the highest daily rate on April 15. (Reuters, 2022).

The country has 450 infections to date of the delta variant that is seen to be driving a surge across Southeast Asia. (Philstar Global, 9th Aug. 2021)

- Active # of Cases: 81,339
- Recovered Cases: 1,577,267
- Cases of Death: 29,374
- Total # of Recorded Cases of COVID 19: 1,688,040

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Names of COVID-19 Vaccines approved by the FDA :

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine \(BNT162b2\)](#)
- [ChAdOx1-S\[recombinant\] \(COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca\)](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine \(Vero Cell\), Inactivated \[Coronavac\]](#)
- [Sputnik V Gam-COVID-Vac COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine \(Ad26.COVS-S \(recombinant\)\)](#)
- [Whole Virion, Inactivated Corona Virus Vaccine \[Covaxin\]](#)
- [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine \(nucleoside modified\) \[COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna\]](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine \(Vero Cell\), Inactivated \[COVID-19 Vaccine Sinopharm\]](#)

Prices of COVID 19 Vaccine:

The Government estimates that it will spend an average composite cost of around PHP 1,300.00 per person for the vaccination program. This includes vaccine cost (assuming a two-dose requirement) and ancillaries. (DOH, 2021).

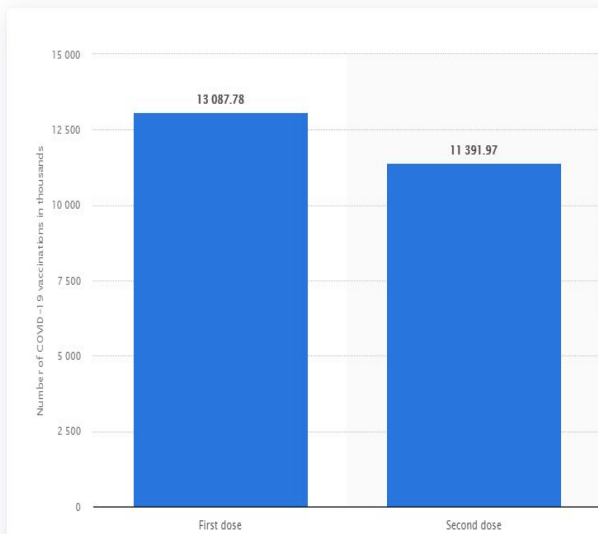
Republic Act No. 11525:

“COVID 19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021”

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Number of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine doses administered in the Philippines as of August 8, 2021

(in 1,000s)



As of August 8, 2021, over 13 million people received the first of two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in the Philippines. In contrast, roughly 11.4 million have been fully vaccinated from the virus.

COVID-19 vaccination in the Philippines started in March 2021 and the country aims to vaccinate 58 million people by the end of the year

Source: [Statista Research Department](#)

Priority population groups for vaccination:

A1: Frontline workers in health facilities both national and local, private and public, health professionals and non-professionals like students, nursing aides, janitors, barangay health workers, etc.

A2: Senior citizens aged 60 years old and above

A3: Persons with comorbidities

A4: Frontline personnel in essential sectors including uniformed personnel and those in working sectors identified by the IATF as essential during ECQ

A5: Indigent population

B1: Teachers, social workers

B2: Other government workers

B3: Other essential workers

B4: Socio-demographic groups at significantly higher risk other than senior citizens and indigenous people

B5: Overseas Filipino workers

B6: Other remaining workforce

PLHIV and LGBTQ may register for COVID 19 vaccine based on these classifications where they may fit

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Barriers for PLHIV and Key Populations in accessing C-19 vaccines:

- Lack of clear policies specific for PLHIV

Clearance before vaccination

(CD4 count, VL, consultation with the doctor from the facility)

- Lack of clear information

Ways to access to C-19 vaccine, effects of C-19 vaccine to PLHIV and its possible adverse effects

- Transportation expenses in going to vaccination sites

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a. Specific issue you wish to highlight relating to C-19 vaccine information and access:

- Confidentiality: PLHIV at the vaccination site (the fear of being disclosed)
- The need for a standard requirements for the PLHIV's vaccination
(for example: Is it required to have a high CD4 result and a low VL result before they can have access to the vaccine?)
- Most of the facilities don't have regular physician schedule to provide them the medical clearance that they need.
- Most PLHIV's are registering in LGU as A4 category especially those who will be accessing the vaccine from their work in fear of getting disclosed.

b. Needs to be done:

- COVID 19 vaccination for PLHIV at the treatment hub instead of going to the regular vaccination site
- Standard requirement for PLHIV for vaccination

c. Current Efforts of the Pinoy Plus:

- Continued operation of PLHIV Response Center
- Creation of posters promoting COVID 19 vaccine for the PLHIV

Source: Ariola, E. | PLHIV Response Center Coordinator

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- Thoughts and recommendations on COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Information for PLHIV and Key Populations
 - ✓ Standard and clear guidelines on the requirements of PLHIV in accessing COVID 19 vaccine