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## IATF studying incentives for vaccinated people



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MANILA, Philippines — Incentives intended to encourage more Filipinos to get vaccinated against COVID-19 are now being studied by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).

In his report to President Duterte last Tuesday, National Task Force against COVID-19 chief implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. presented a list of suggestions from the private sector to boost vaccination by giving people

incentives.

for vaccinated people

"It means those who are vaccinated are the only ones who will be allowed to get out, to dine in and be allowed to travel without restrictions," Galvez told Duterte during the President's Talk to the People.

He said among the suggestions of the private sector to encourage vaccination are allowing companies the right not to hire unvaccinated job applicants and requiring RT-PCR tests for existing employees who are not vaccinated at their own expense.

The list of suggestions also includes "mandatory vaccines for health care workers, school employees, public transport workers, civil servants, and for 4Ps; mandatory vaccinations for unrestricted access to public transport, travel, restaurants and tourism establishments."

Galvez, the country's vaccine czar, said the private sector wants to ramp up vaccination to achieve 1.5 million jabs per day by inoculating the willing in order to achieve a bandwagon effect.

At present, only 388,000 shots are being administered daily.

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