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# Duterte declares Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 'national Covid-19 vaccination days'

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**PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte has declared November 29 to December 1 as the "Bayanihan, Bakunahan National Covid-19 Vaccination Days" as the government moves to boost the country's inoculation rate against the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19).**

Duterte on Thursday signed Proclamation 1253 for the conduct of the three-day national vaccination drive, which will be headed by the Departments of Health and the Interior and Local Government.

"Considering the goal to vaccinate at least 70 percent of the total population, including individuals aged 12 to 17, and that approximately 53 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines have yet to be administered, there is a need to cultivate the Bayanihan spirit of the Filipino people by forging unity and cooperation among relevant stakeholders to expedite and intensify the government's vaccination program against Covid-19," Duterte said in his proclamation.

The "Bayanihan, Bakunahan" program aims to vaccinate 15 million Filipinos across 16 regions outside Metro Manila. At present, 32.9 million Filipinos and counting are now fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

In his proclamation, the President has ordered all government agencies and instrumentalities to extend all possible support to the "Bayanihan, Bakunahan" program.

He said that the local government units shall mobilize all resources, stakeholders, health, human resources and constituents within their areas of jurisdiction to achieve the objectives of the program.

All health workers, including doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, dentists, and medical technologists, are called upon to extend their full support and cooperation in providing Covid-19 vaccination during the three-day campaign, according to Duterte.

"Employees and workers of the government and the private sector, who will be vaccinated during the aforesaid period, shall not be considered absent from their work, provided that they present proof of vaccination to their respective employers, subject to rules that may be issued by the Department of Labor and Employment and the Civil Service Commission," he added.

Vaccine czar Carlito Galvez Jr. earlier said workers will be allowed to go to vaccination sites without a cut on their salaries.

"We also wanted to pick up some more on our economic recovery," Galvez said,

The government targets to fully inoculate at least 54 million Filipinos by the end of the year and up to 77 million by end of the first quarter next year, about 20 million more during the second quarter, and the remaining unvaccinated Filipinos by the third quarter.



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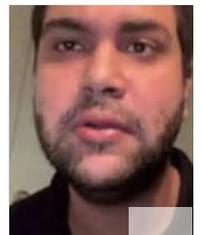
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