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DILG tightens noose as barangays ordered to submit list of unvaccinated

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Ilocos Norte residents get their COVID-19 jabs in a vaccination facility in Robinsons Mall in San Nicolas town. (Photo courtesy of Ilocos Norte provincial government)

MANILA, Philippines — The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has ordered barangays to identify and submit a list of residents still unvaccinated against COVID-19, an official said Wednesday.

DILG Undersecretary Jonathan Malaya said Interior Secretary Eduardo Año has already issued a memorandum circular directing village chiefs to identify their unvaccinated residents.

This is in line with President Rodrigo Duterte's order to [restrict the movement of unvaccinated individuals](#) amid the surge of COVID-19 infections in the country.

“Para masiguro natin ‘yung datos natin ng mga unvaccinated, nagpalabas si Secretary Año ng memorandum circular para magsagawa ng imbentaryo ang lahat ng mga barangays sa buong bansa para malaman ‘yung mga hindi pa nagpapabakuna sa barangay,” Malaya said in a Laging Handa public briefing.

(To be accurate on the data of unvaccinated people, Sec. Año has issued a memorandum circular that directs barangays to list down unvaccinated residents.)

When the inventory is finished, barangays and local government units can already implement the restrictions on unvaccinated people through a local ordinance.

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is expected to be approved since **MCDO Manila mayors**, through the MCDO Manila Council, have agreed to restrict the movement of unvaccinated residents.

He also said local governments in provinces are expected to follow suit and issue their respective ordinances.

“The ordinances will serve as guidelines of barangays and of the police sa implementation ng direktiba ng Pangulo to restrict the mobility of the unvaccinated,” he said.

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