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A medical worker prepares the Pfizer-BioNtech Covid-19 vaccine for children aged 5-11 at a gym in San Juan City, suburban Manila on February 7, 2022.

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MANILA, Philippines — The National Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC) admitted yesterday that the target of fully vaccinating some 90 million Filipinos by June 30 will not likely be achieved.



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are 67 million fully inoculated individuals  
shots.

cination). It's really hard to cover one-third

According to Cabotaje, many people are not yet convinced to get the jabs while others are located in remote areas of the country.

"We are scaling up our house-to-house vaccination strategy. We are focused on areas with low coverage. We are working closely with the Department of the Interior and Local Government and local government units," she added.

Cabotaje hoped they could go full-blast in vaccination activities for the rest of April and then May and June.

## 2nd booster

The guidelines for the administration of second booster shots against COVID-19 may come out in the next two weeks, the Department of Health (DOH) said Monday night.

According to DOH Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire, they are still waiting for the recommendation of the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) which is reviewing the second booster dosing for certain eligible sectors.

"We have not issued any guidelines yet...This has to go through the process of



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use authorization (EUA) of the COVID-19  
administered to senior citizens,  
health care workers.

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ccines could be used as second booster  
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The official maintained that administration of second booster may start once  
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