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President Rodrigo Roa Duterte presides over a situation briefing with key members of his Cabinet

and local government officials at the Western Leyte Provincial Hospital in Baybay City, Leyte on April 15, 2022 to discuss the disaster response measures and relief efforts on the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agaton. The President is accompanied by Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go. KING RODRIGUEZ/ PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO

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PRESIDENT Rodrigo Duterte said there is a need to resume face-to-face classes for both public and private schools as it is crucial in restoring normalcy to the country amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Baybay City, Leyte on Friday, Duterte expressed confidence in the Department of Education's (DepEd) readiness to supervise

the resumption of in-person classes nationwide.

"Ang problema pud sa eskuwelahan kay ang desisyon sa Secretary of Education mubalik na man. Tama na (Usually it's the schools. The problem is the Secretary of Education has decided to resume face-to-face classes. But that's right)," Duterte said.

Duterte said that as far as he was concerned "we need to go back

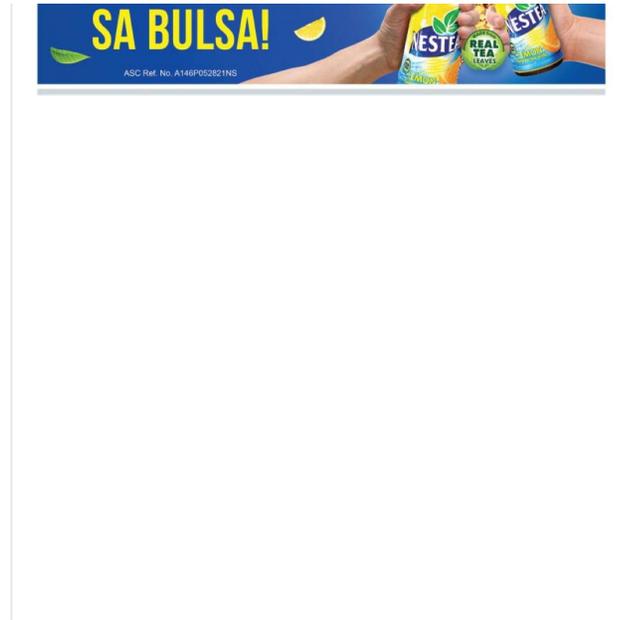


As of March 28, about 13,692 public and private schools have been participating in in-person classes, according to DepEd data.



More than 10 million children have, so far, been fully vaccinated against Covid-19, as of April 11.

Despite the eased health protocols, the President again reminded the public to continue



creased disease.

He maintained that the use of face masks would help prevent the further transmission of Covid-19.

Duterte urged people to "continue to use your masks because this has given us protection."

He said that if he "hadn't firmly imposed the usage of face masks, the infection rate would have been high."

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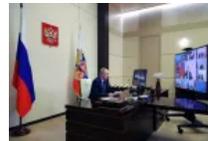
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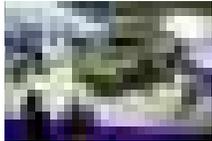
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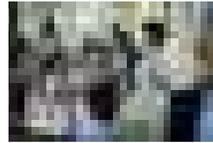
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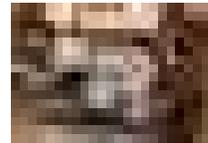
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