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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



He said the infection rate has decreased, but it does not mean that "I want you to stop wearing your masks."

Education Secretary Leonor Briones had reminded participating schools in areas under Alert Levels 1 and 2 to secure a clearance from the local government unit on the holding of face-to-face classes wherein only vaccinated teachers are allowed to take part.

The national government had suspended the implementation of limited face-to-face classes in areas placed under a stricter

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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



dreaded 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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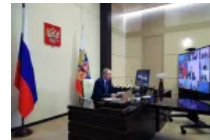
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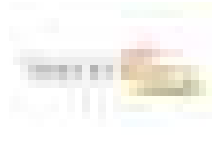


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