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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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COMMISSION on Elections (Comelec) Chairman Saidamen Pangarangan on Tuesday, April 19, told the Senate Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation that the poll body has decided to withhold a P90-million payment for the services of Smartmatic, its automated elections technology provider, whose data were allegedly breached.

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Former senator Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. acknowledges his supporters at the mammoth rally held by the Duterte of the Philippines at Cebu City on Monday, April 18, 2022. Police estimated the BHR and Sen Ferrer supporters who attended the Duterte Good Festival had at more than 100,000.

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PALIG City Mayor Victor Maza Raga, "Lito" Torres and Valenzuela Rep. "Nene" Villar. Candidates were among the strongest candidates in the National Capital Region (NCR) who received the highest preference among voters, the April 2022 survey of PUBLICUS Asia showed.

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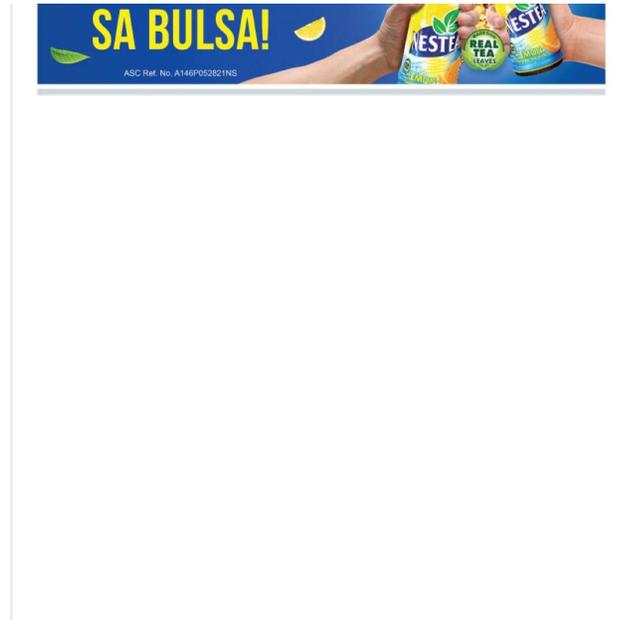


As of March 28, about 13,692 public and private schools have been participating in in-person classes, according to DepEd data.



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



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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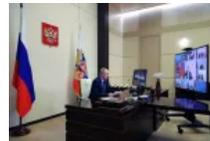
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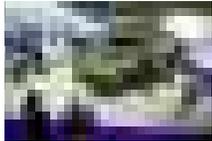
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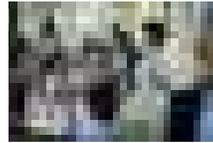
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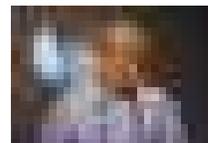


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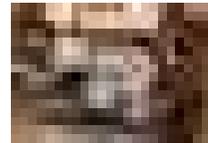
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