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**Office of the Schools Division
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

NO. 1006, s. 2021

**DISSEMINATION OF THE UPDATED RECOMMENDATION ON
DEPED'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL VACCINATION DAYS**

**To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent/s
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned**

1. Attached is **REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 1103, s. 2021** titled "**DISSEMINATION OF THE UPDATED RECOMMENDATION ON DEPED'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL VACCINATION DAYS**", which is self-explanatory for information and guidance.
2. All personnel who are interested to volunteer are advised to coordinate directly with their respective LGUs where they intend to volunteer.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1103**, s. 2021

**DISSEMINATION OF THE UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEPED'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL VACCINATION DAYS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
School Health and Nutrition Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. This office disseminates to the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) the attached DepEd Task Force COVID-19 Memorandum No. 566 entitled "*Updated Recommendations on DepEd's Participation in the National Vaccination Days*" for your information and guidance.
2. All personnel who are interested to volunteer are advised to coordinate directly with their respective LGUs where they intend to volunteer.
3. Your support and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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DepEd Task Force COVID-19

MEMORANDUM No. 566

25 November 2021

For: **Leonor Magtolis Briones**
Secretary

Subject: **UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEPED'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL VACCINATION DAYS**

This is about **DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (DTFC) Memorandum No. 556** titled *[Advance Information and Request for Approval] DepEd's Participation in the National Vaccination Days (Annex A)*, providing information and recommendations on the upcoming National Vaccination Days (NVD), based on the series of meetings attended by the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), the last of which was 18 November 2021. This Memorandum has been submitted to the Office of the Secretary last week.

In the said Memorandum, the DTFC has reported that an Executive Order and/or a Department Circular from the Department of Health (DOH) is/are expected to be issued to provide further guidance on the activity, as initially announced in the preparatory meetings. Instead, the issuance came as **Presidential Proclamation No. 1253** titled *Declaring 29 November to 01 December 2021 as Bayanihan, Bakunahan National Covid-19 Vaccination Days¹*.

Recognizing that the Secretary has already signed DepEd Memorandum No. 082, s. 2021 titled *Bayanihan, Bakunahan National COVID-19 Vaccination Days (Annex B)*, in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 1253, the DTFC updates its recommendations to the Secretary, particularly on the use of schools as vaccination sites and on the participation of DepEd personnel as volunteers in local vaccination teams.² Upon approval of the Secretary, the offices and personnel concerned shall be expected to comply with the following:

¹ A copy of the Presidential Proclamation is an enclosure to DM 82, s. 2021.

² These updated recommendations from the DTFC may also serve as DepEd's response to the letter of the DOH Secretary to the Honorable Secretary of Education, requesting DepEd's support to the NVD. Although dated 16 November 2021, the letter was emailed to the Office of the Secretary only in the afternoon of 25 November 2021.



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1. **On the use of schools as vaccination sites**

The DTFC recommends that the existing processes and requirements for the use of schools as vaccination sites be loosened up to ensure that more schools qualified to serve as vaccination sites can be accommodated.

- a. DepEd shall highly support the NVD and **enjoin all schools that are qualified to be used as vaccination sites to cooperate and coordinate with their respective LGUs** regarding the said activity.
 - b. Existing arrangements on the use of schools as vaccination sites (i.e., LGU-led coordination) shall be maximized. However, for the specific purpose of participating in the NVD, requests for the use of schools as vaccination sites shall be **approved by the Schools Division Superintendent instead of the Regional Director**. All other requirements as stipulated in DM 28, s. 2021 (Item No. 22, pp. 8-9) shall be retained.
 - c. Schools and offices that were previously used as vaccination sites are highly encouraged to be reopened for the NVD.
2. **On the voluntary participation of DepEd personnel (teaching, school health, and other non-teaching personnel) as members of vaccination teams.**

The DTFC recommends that the voluntary participation of personnel be actively encouraged.

- a. In compliance with Presidential Proclamation No. 1253 which provides that "all health workers, including doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, dentists, and medical technologists are called upon to extend their full support and cooperation in providing COVID-19 vaccination during the three-day campaign," all qualified DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, especially school health personnel, are **invited and highly encouraged to volunteer in their respective local vaccination teams** (i.e., give informed consent to provide extension services).

This is consistent with IATF Resolution No. 149, s. 2021 which provides that "in support of the whole-of-nation and whole-of-society approach to COVID-19 vaccination, the IATF fully supports the National Vaccination Days or the "Bayanihan, Bakunahan" from November 29 to December 1, 2021. All member agencies are directed to extend full support for this simultaneous vaccination rollout. In furtherance thereto, all government offices, agencies, and instrumentalities, and local government units are encouraged to assign and/or allow all of their respective healthcare workers to participate in this event."



- b. The **National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC Advisory No. 102** titled *Providing Guidance in the Deployment of Medical, Nursing and Allied Professionals, Teachers and Data Professionals as Volunteers for the National Volunteers for the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days*, which is attached as Annex A to DTFC Memorandum No. 556, provides the complete list of identified professionals that match available volunteer roles.

A summary of roles relevant to DepEd personnel is shown below:

Available Volunteer Opportunity/Role	Identified Personnel/Professionals
Vaccination team	
Health screener	Medical doctors, trained nurses
Vaccinators	Medical doctors, nurses, trained dentists
Post-vaccination monitors	Trained first responders, paramedics, nurses and allied health professionals
Health educators	Any health professional, teachers, any trained individual
Personnel assigned in the registration area	Any volunteer
Data management team	
Encoders	Teachers, school personnel, government employees, any willing and trained volunteer
Talliers/data	Consolidators teachers, any trained data personnel

- c. Attention is invited to the steps in registering as volunteers on the second page of NVOC Advisory No. 102 (shown below):

For volunteers, here are the steps in registering:

1. Register in this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3fxvtrjm>, or this QR Code:



2. Fill-out the data fields in the NVVR. You are given the option to choose which LGU you are willing to be assigned to.
3. After submitting the completed form, await for the call or message of the LGU or Center for Health Development. Your information and contact details will be forwarded to the LGUs where you are willing to be assigned.
4. If after five (5) days or before November 22, you have not been contacted, kindly call the **DOH OpCen Hotline: (8) 711-1001 or (8) 711-1002**. The team shall facilitate coordination and link you to the appropriate point person.



Those who will register as volunteers will be contacted for the next steps, including necessary training and orientation activities.

Given the number of days left before the activity, all personnel interested to volunteer are advised to already coordinate directly with their respective LGUs where they intend to volunteer.

- d. All personnel who have volunteered/have been volunteering in local vaccination activities are highly encouraged to volunteer again/continue volunteering for the NVD.
- e. In light of Presidential Proclamation No. 1253, IATF Resolution No. 149, and NVOC Advisory No. 102, it is reiterated that **personnel who volunteer** to become members of their local vaccination teams during the NVD **shall not be considered absent from their work in DepEd**. Instead, they shall be **provided by their respective offices** with the **necessary authority to participate** in the NVD. Personnel shall also be entitled to claim reimbursements for travel and other incidental expenses related to their volunteering for the NVD, chargeable against available funds in their respective offices, provided that the same is covered by the authority granted to them to go on official business for the NVD.
- f. Existing guidelines on the provision of service credits (e.g., for those authorized to go on official business on a non-working holiday) shall be applied. Offices concerned at the Central Office such as the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations (OUFO) and Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development (BHROD) are requested to explore ways and provide guidance, as may be needed, on how to encourage personnel to volunteer and to support those who will register, in line with national issuances. The DTFC shall also raise to NVOC recommendations to incentivize volunteers, including the issuance of Certificate of Participation, which may be useful for their license renewal.
- g. DepEd offices and schools are enjoined to help disseminate information about the volunteer opportunities for the NVD.

3. **On demand generation and other promotion activities to support the NVD**

The DTFC recommends that DepEd, through the Public Affairs Service (PAS) as lead-coordinator³, shall actively support promotion activities related to the NVD, in line with the Vacc2School Campaign.

Promotion activities will include the active use of the DepEd Philippines Facebook page as well as the regional, division, and school pages.

³ PAS attended the meeting for the NVD, particularly joining the discussions of the committee for demand generation and operations



4. On the monitoring of DepEd's participation in the NVD

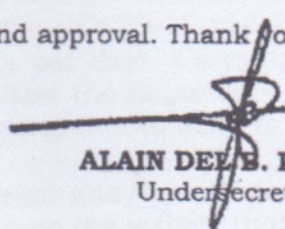
The DTFC recommends that COVID-19 Response/Vaccination Focals monitor and report on DepEd's participation in the NVD, specifically on the number of schools used as vaccination sites and number of personnel who will serve as volunteers. A separate DTFC memorandum will be issued for this purpose.

5. Other concerns

- a. In the same manner that personnel who will be vaccinated during the NVD will not be considered absent from their work, and that learners who will be vaccinated during the same period shall be excused from attending classes, personnel who are parents/guardians of DepEd learners who will accompany their children for pediatric vaccination during the NVD, shall likewise not be considered absent from their work.
- b. Alternative working arrangements may be explored for personnel of schools that will be used as vaccination sites during the NVD.

For queries regarding this concern, please contact the DTFC Secretariat, BLSS-SHD, through (02) 8632 9935 or email at medical.nursing@deped.gov.ph .

For the Secretary's consideration and approval. Thank you.


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Undersecretary



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DepEd Task Force COVID-19

MEMORANDUM No. 556

18 November 2021

For: **Secretary LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**

Subject: **[ADVANCE INFORMATION AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL] DEPED'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL VACCINATION DAYS**

The National Government is devoting **29 November-01 December 2021** for "**National Vaccination Days**" (NVD), a simultaneous nationwide vaccination drive, especially for individuals currently with zero-dose, including eligible pediatric population. The three-day activity aims to mobilize all stakeholders and logistics in all 16 regions and BARMM to facilitate the COVID-19 vaccination of at least 15 million individuals (5 Million individuals per day). Carrying the campaign title "*Bayanihan, Bakunahan,*" the activity utilizes the *Bayanihan* concept in which the community, in unity, work and cooperate together to achieve a particular goal.

It is expected that an Executive Order and/or a Department Circular from the DOH will be issued to provide guidance on the activity that will use the "election day" model, and follow a whole-of-society approach and whole-of-government approach.

In anticipation of the said issuances, the DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (DTFC)¹ recommends that the following action points **be approved by the Honorable Secretary as part of DepEd's preparations for its participation in the said activity**, for compliance by concerned field offices and personnel.

1. **On the use of schools as vaccination sites** - That the existing processes and requirements for the use of schools as vaccination sites be loosened up to ensure that more schools qualified to serve as vaccination sites can be accommodated.

¹ The DTFC has been represented by the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Office of the Director and the BLSS-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) in the meetings for the NVD (10, 12, 15, 18 November 2021), particularly joining the discussions of the operations committee (on vaccination sites and on vaccination volunteers)



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- a. DepEd shall highly support the NVD and **enjoin all schools that are qualified to be used as vaccination sites to cooperate with their respective LGUs** coordinating with them regarding the said activity.
 - b. Existing arrangements on the use of schools as vaccination sites (i.e., LGU-led coordination) shall be maximized. However, for the specific purpose of participating in the NVD, the requests for the use of the schools as vaccination sites shall be **approved by the Schools Division Superintendent instead of the Regional Director**. All other requirements as stipulated in DM 28, s. 2021 (Item No. 22, pp. 8-9) shall be retained.
 - c. Schools and offices that were previously used as vaccination sites are highly encouraged to be reopened for the NVD.
2. **On the voluntary participation of DepEd teaching, school health, and other non-teaching personnel as members of vaccination teams**
- That the participation of personnel remains voluntary unless the Executive Order provides otherwise
- a. Attached is a copy of the **National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC) Advisory No. 102** (*Providing Guidance in the Deployment of Medical, Nursing and Allied Professionals, Teachers and Data Professionals as Volunteers for the National Volunteers for the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days*).
 - b. All qualified DepEd teaching, school health, and other non-teaching personnel are **invited and highly encouraged to volunteer when they are able to**.

Available Volunteer Opportunity/Role	Identified Personnel/Professionals
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A complete list of the identified professionals for each volunteer role can be found at the NVOC Advisory No. 102.



Attention is invited to the steps in registering as volunteers on the second page of the advisory (shown below):

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- c. Those who will register as volunteers will be contacted for the next steps, including necessary training and orientation activities.
 - d. All personnel who have volunteered/have been volunteering in local vaccination activities are highly encouraged to volunteer again/continue volunteering for the NVD.
 - e. Concerned offices at the Central Office such as the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development are requested to explore ways and provide guidance on how to encourage personnel to volunteer and to support those who will register, in line with upcoming national issuances (e.g., provision of service credits).
 - f. DepEd offices and schools are enjoined to help disseminate information about the volunteer opportunities for the NVD.
3. **On demand generation and other promotion activities to support the NVD** – That DepEd, through the Public Affairs Service (PAS) as lead-coordinator², actively support promotion activities related to the NVD, in line with the Vacc2School Campaign

Promotion activities will include the active use of the DepEd Philippines Facebook page as well as the regional, division, and school pages.

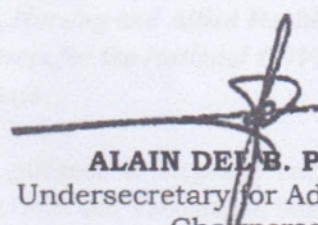

² PAS attended the meeting for the NVD, particularly joining the discussions of the committee for demand generation and operations



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The DTFC may issue additional guidelines as soon as the expected national issuances come out. This may include, among others, necessary monitoring activities both on the use of schools as vaccination sites, and the participation of DepEd personnel as volunteers.

For queries regarding this concern, please contact the DTFC Secretariat, BLSS-SHD, through telephone number 8632-9935 or email at medical.nursing@deped.gov.ph.



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 - Regional Directors and BARM Education Minister
 - Schools Division Superintendents



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Philippine International Convention Center, Vicente St., Pasay City, Metro Manila

18 November 2021

ADVISORY NO. 102

Philippine COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Campaign

Guidance in the Deployment of Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Professionals, Teachers and Data Professionals as Volunteers for the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days

This Advisory is issued to provide guidance to Regional and Local Vaccination Operation Centers (R/LVOCs), Implementing Units and Vaccination Sites on the deployment of medical, nursing, and allied health professionals, teachers and data professionals as volunteers on the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.

As the country continues to ramp up the COVID-19 vaccination with the increasing number vaccine doses being delivered nationwide, the National Government finds it necessary to expedite vaccination of individuals with zero-dose by devoting three (3) days solely for vaccination activities nationwide and launch the *Bayanihan, Bakunahan* National COVID-19 Vaccination Days on November 29, 30 and December 1, 2021.

The National Government aims to mobilize all stakeholders, the public and private sector, people, health workers, and logistics to facilitate the COVID-19 vaccination of at least 15 million during the *Bayanihan, Bakunahan* National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.

The National Government recognizes that only by cultivating the *Bayanihan* spirit of the Filipino people where, in unity, all Filipinos and partners work and cooperate together, can our country achieve this massive endeavor.

In view of the foregoing, the National Government is calling and enjoining all Filipinos, especially the medical, nursing, and allied health professionals; teachers, professors, and school personnel; data professionals, encoders and students; among others to serve as volunteers during the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.

The country's vaccination sites, implementing units and LVOCs are in need of the following:

1. Vaccination Team:

- a. **Health Screeners:** medical doctors, trained nurses; supervised medical interns and clerks, and 4th year medical students.
- b. **Vaccinators:** medical doctors, nurses, midwives, trained pharmacists, and trained dentists; supervised medical interns and clerks, and 4th year medical students.

- c. **Post-vaccination monitors:** trained first responders, paramedics, nurses, and allied health professionals; supervised medical interns and clerks, and 4th year medical students.
- d. **Health educators:** any health professional, teachers, professors, supervised medical interns and clerks, and 4th year medical students, or any trained individual
- e. **Personnel assigned in the registration area:** any volunteer.

2. Data Management Team:

- a. **Encoders:** data professionals, teachers and school personnel, accountants, students, government employees or any willing and trained volunteers
- b. **Talliers/Data consolidators:** data professionals, teachers, accountants and any trained data personnel.

To support and facilitate the call for volunteers, the National Vaccination Operations Center, with the assistance of the Department of Information and Communications Technology, is deploying the **National Vaccination Volunteer Registration Application (NVVR)** where the volunteers can register and inform the Local Government Units of the list of volunteers willing to be integrated into the current vaccination operations within their area of jurisdiction.

For volunteers, here are the steps in registering:

1. Register in this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3fxvtrjm>, or this QR Code:



2. Fill-out the data fields in the NVVR. You are given the option to choose which LGU you are willing to be assigned to.
3. After submitting the completed form, await for the call or message of the LGU or Center for Health Development. Your information and contact details will be forwarded to the LGUs where you are willing to be assigned.
4. If after five (5) days or before November 22, you have not been contacted, kindly call the **DOH OpCen Hotline: (8) 711-1001 or (8) 711-1002**. The team shall facilitate coordination and link you to the appropriate point person.

For Local Government Units, here are the steps in enlisting volunteers:

1. Assign a point person who will facilitate and communicate with the volunteers.
2. Assign your data manager to download the list of volunteers with their contact details from the **Vaccination Operations Reporting System (VORS)**.

3. Contact the volunteer and provide instructions accordingly. If you have sufficient human resource for you to meet your daily targets, contact the DOH Center for Health Development point person. He/She will facilitate the re-assignment of the volunteer to areas where volunteers are most needed.

For DOH Centers of Health Development, here are the steps in facilitating the assignments of volunteers:

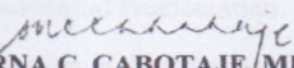
1. Assign a point person who shall monitor and facilitate the coordination between the LGU and the volunteer.
2. Monitor the number of volunteers in the region.
3. Ensure that all volunteers are timely contacted by the LGUs.
4. If the volunteer/s have not been contacted or the LGU already has sufficient number of human resource and volunteers, facilitate the re-assignment of the volunteers to areas where volunteers are most needed.

For medical societies and other health-related organizations/societies (e.g. Philippine Medical Association, Philippine Pediatric Society, Philippine Hospital Association, Philippine Academy of Family Physicians, Philippine Pharmacists Association, Inc, Philippine College of Occupational Medicine, Philippine Pharmacist Association, Philippine Nursing Association, Philippine Dental Association, Philippine Physical Therapy Association, Inc, Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines, among others) and religious organizations and civil societies:

1. Ensure that all your members volunteering are registered in the NVVR. However, to facilitate ease in coordination with the LGU, your chapters may directly communicate with the point persons of the LGUs.
2. Coordinate and provide updates to the DOH CHD point person. Please ensure that you provide the contact details of your chapter's point persons to the DOH CHD.
3. For any concerns of your chapter, you may raise this to the LGU or DOH CHD.

All RVOCs, LVOCs and Implementing Units are instructed to ensure the dissemination of this Advisory. For any issues and concerns related to this Advisory, you may email to c19vaccineopcen@gmail.com.

This Advisory is effective immediately, and for wide dissemination and compliance.


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Undersecretary of Health, Field Implementation and Coordination Team
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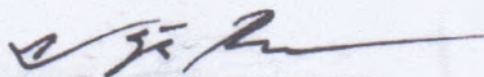
BAYANIHAN, BAKUNAHAN NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION DAYS

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
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All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) fully supports the implementation of the enclosed Presidential Proclamation No. 1253 **Declaring 29 November to 01 December 2021 as Bayanihan, Bakunahan National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.**
2. All teaching and nonteaching personnel, parents, and learners from 12 years of age are encouraged to get vaccinated and support the government's vaccination program against COVID-19. This is also crucial in the implementation of the face-to-face learning modality and its eventual expansion, as well as in the normalization of our agency operations.
3. In accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 1253, all teaching and nonteaching personnel, including regular plantilla, casual, contractual, and contract of service (COS) personnel, who will be vaccinated during the aforesaid period, shall not be considered absent from their work, provided that they present proof of vaccination to the heads of functional offices.
4. All learners who will be vaccinated during the aforesaid period shall be considered excused from attending classes, provided that they present proof of vaccination to their teachers.
5. Relevant units at the DepEd central, regional, and schools division offices shall coordinate with counterparts from the Department of Health, Department of the Interior and Local Government, local government units, and the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 to provide the necessary support and assistance for the effective implementation of the Presidential Proclamation.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encl.: Presidential Proclamation No. 1253



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 1253

**DECLARING 29 NOVEMBER TO 01 DECEMBER 2021 AS *BAYANIHAN*,
BAKUNAHAN NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION DAYS**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the Constitution declares it a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11525, otherwise known as the "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021," provides that the State shall adopt an integrated approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential social services available to all people at an affordable cost, and address the adverse impact of COVID-19 through the procurement and administration of safe and effective vaccines;

WHEREAS, on 01 March 2021, the Department of Health implemented the Philippine National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines, with the aim to vaccinate at least 70% of the country's total population;

WHEREAS, from 28 February to 14 November 2021, the Philippines has received and procured a total of 123,258,340 doses of COVID-19 vaccines;

WHEREAS, as of 18 November 2021, a total of 73,917,573 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered, with more than 32 Million Filipinos having been fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, considering the goal to vaccinate at least 70% of the total population, including individuals aged 12 to 17, and that approximately 53 Million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have yet to be administered, there is a need to cultivate the *Bayanihan* spirit of the Filipino people by forging unity and cooperation among relevant stakeholders to expedite and intensify the government's vaccination program against COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby declare 29 November to 01 December 2021 as "***Bayanihan, Bakunahan* National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.**"

For this purpose, the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in cooperation with the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19, shall lead the observance of the *Bayanihan, Bakunahan* National

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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COVID-19 Vaccination Days, and the implementation of programs, activities and campaigns relative thereto.

The Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Tourism, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of National Defense, Department of Transportation, and their attached agencies, together with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Philippine Information Agency, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Commission on Higher Education and Presidential Communications Operations Office, as well as other relevant agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and local government units (LGUs), are hereby directed, and, medical, nursing and allied health associations, faith-based, civil society and non-government organizations, and the private sector, are hereby encouraged to actively participate and provide the necessary support and assistance to the DOH, the DILG and the NTF for the effective implementation of this Proclamation.

The LGUs shall mobilize all resources, stakeholders, health human resource and constituents within their areas of jurisdiction to achieve the objectives of the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days.

All health workers, including doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, dentists, and medical technologists, are called upon to extend their full support and cooperation in providing COVID-19 vaccination during the three-day campaign.

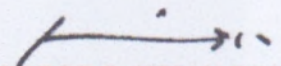
Employees and workers of the government and the private sector, who will be vaccinated during the aforesaid period, shall not be considered absent from their work, provided that they present proof of vaccination to their respective employers, subject to rules that may be issued by the DOLE and the Civil Service Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 24th day of November in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

By the President:




SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary

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