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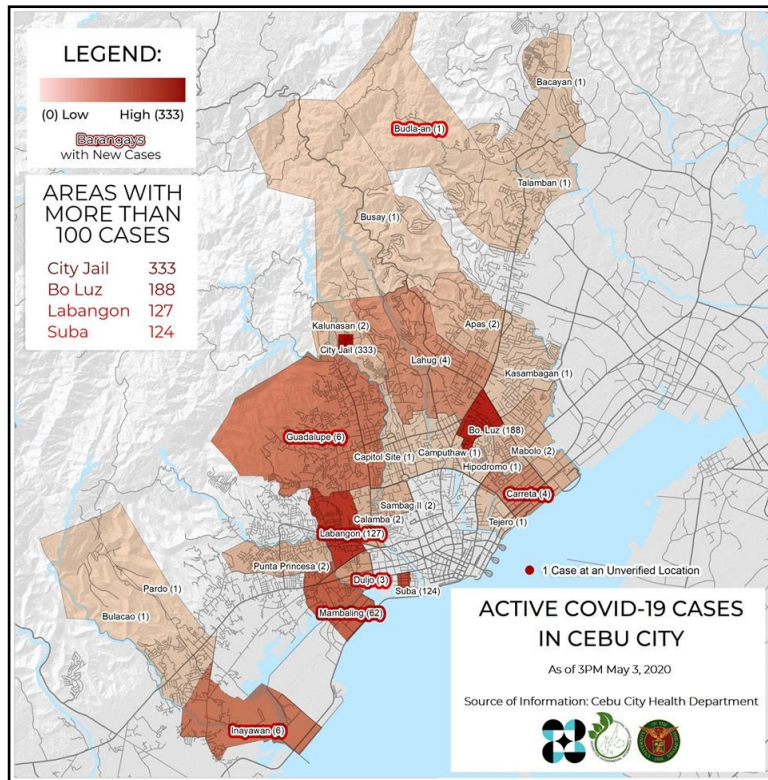
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Involvement of CUs in COVID19-related Research/Technology/Extension Activities

CUs Assist the Government and the Public in COVID-19 related concerns

The University's indefatigable efforts to assist both the government and the public continue as the different constituent universities conduct various COVID19-related initiatives. UP Cebu has offered its assistance to local government units in preparing maps of confirmed active cases of COVID-19 in Cebu City and other similar maps that may be used by the LGU. UP Visayas for its part, held series of trainings on Biosafety and Biosecurity as well as RNA extraction and the use of the GenAmplify™ Corona Virus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) rRT-PCR Detection Kit developed by Dr. Raul Destura and his team at Manila Health Tek Inc. and UP NIH. The UP COVID-19 Pandemic Response Team through its Policy Note has also urged the government to use a universal approach in addressing people's needs during this pandemic. UP Open University organized the "Let's Talk it Over (LTiO)" Session, which recently tackled Crisis Leadership and Accountability in time of COVID-19; while UP Diliman shared a study of the air quality claiming that the controlled mobility as a consequence of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) resulted to a cleaner air and shared a few tips to improve air quality after the ECQ.

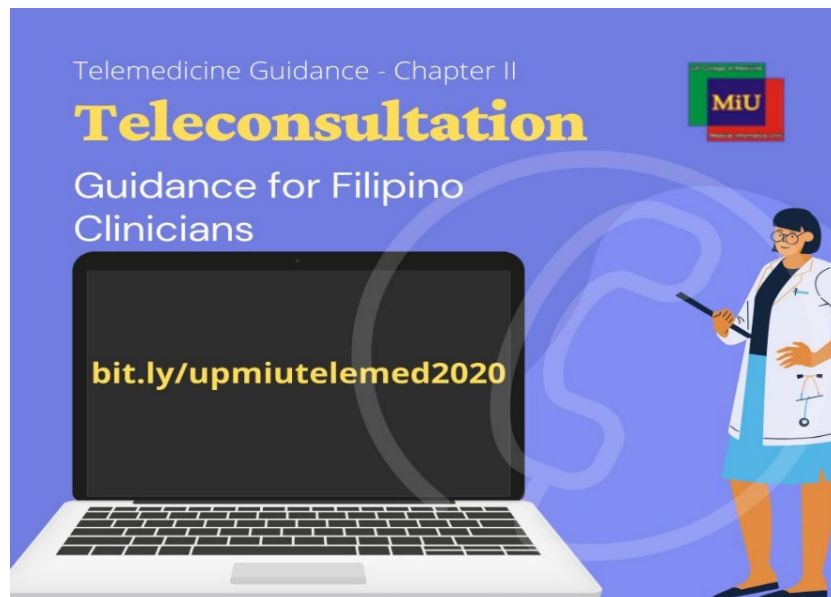




UP Cebu helps in preparing maps of confirmed active cases of COVID-19 in Cebu City and other similar maps (Photo from UP Cebu Center for Environmental Informatics – CENVI).

Support for Health Workers

UP Manila provided a guide for Filipino physicians intending to setup a teleconsultation service in lieu of outpatient clinics during the COVID-19 pandemic. UP- PGH doctors, nurses, and some patients at the COVID wards enjoyed the use of mobile phones provided by PLDT wireless subsidiary Smart Communications, to communicate with their families.



Direct Participation in COVID-19 Testing

UP Los Baños trained selected staff in order to strengthen UPLB's capability to become certified as a COVID-19 testing center. UP Mindanao teamed up with Davao Del Norte cities and Davao Regional Medical Center in preparation for the establishment of a COVID-19 Testing Mobile Facility in the city.



DavNor cities, the Davao Regional Medical Center and the University of the Philippines Mindanao gears up to establish a COVID-19 Testing Mobile Facility in the city of Tagum (Photo from Philippine Information Agency).

Information Dissemination and Knowledge Building



Socio Speaks
PODCAST BY THE UP DILIMAN DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
Socio Speaks: Unmasking Society's Virulent Strains
On Apr. 6, the UP Department of Sociology launched a podcast to "sociologically analyze various coping strategies with the COVID-19 pandemic." All episodes are available on Anchor and Spotify.
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The University, through its constituent universities, has conducted several webinars/online trainings/lectures/podcasts that were made accessible to the general public. UP Manila, UP Diliman and UP Open University held regular webinars on different relevant topics and courses to

help address the disruptions in education brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic. UP Open University and UP Diliman held their Podcast Series entitled “Edu-Hack: Navigating through a Turbulent Educational Landscape,” and “Socio Speaks: Unmasking Society’s Virulent Strains,” respectively. UP Manila conducted webinars on Hypertension in Patients with COVID19, ACE2-COVID-19 Conundrum, Seizures and COVID-19 Infection, and Strategies on Immunization during Enhanced Community Quarantine.

CU Involvement in COVID19-related Research/Technology in the Development or Call for Donation Phase

Ongoing Calls for Donations

Calls for donations are ongoing as the ECQ in selected areas is extended until May 15 while other areas shifted to GCQ. UP Diliman, through the UP COVID-19 Response Volunteers (UP CRV), continues to collect cash and in-kind donations for its frontliners, students, jeepney drivers, vendors, residents, and construction workers. The CU’s provincial organizations, student councils and varsity teams are also conducting their own donation drives. UP PGH is calling for scrub suits donations for their frontliners.

Involvement of CUs in COVID19-Related Coping Mechanisms (for students, faculty, researchers, staff, and community/residents)

The University also initiates programs and projects to address the different needs of students, faculty, researchers, staff, and community/residents.

Provision for Transportation

UP Los Baños sent 58 stranded students home to Isabela through its OPLAN HATID program. UPLB transported the students from Los Baños to Pampanga, where they were fetched by a bus that will bring them home, arranged by the Isabela LGU.

Provision for IEC

UP Manila, UP Los Baños and UP Diliman released a variety of informational and educational materials on cultivating adaptability in the middle of a pandemic. Some of the materials produced include a guide on maintaining wellness at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, guide to supporting older persons during COVID-19, guide to starting an edible landscape garden in order to have a ready food source, tips for parents and child carers to destress during COVID-19, tips for proper food preservation, information literacy in the time of COVID-19 and some recommended creative activities for children during quarantine.

Provision for Psychosocial Support

UP Diliman, through PsycServ, released an infographic, entitled, “Pagpapahalaga sa ating Positive Emotions ngayong COVID-19.” This infographic affirms that having negative emotions is normal and valid during this time of crisis. It also illustrates how having positive emotions is like doing physical exercise.

Provision for PPEs

UP Visayas has provided 3D-printed face shields to Western Visayas LGUs. In collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), UPV has also turned over 200 face shields for the frontliners of Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital of Negros Occidental through Dr. Hanz Ferraris. UP Baguio, likewise, has scaled up its ongoing efforts in the production of personal protective equipment (PPE) in response to the continuously increasing need for protective gears brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.