



UP SYSTEM REPORT

ON COVID19-RELATED ACTIVITIES:

ADDRESSING THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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As the Philippines is still placed under community quarantine, the University continues to conduct and implement various initiatives that are related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The different Constituent Universities under the UP System put in numerous efforts in dealing with the public health crisis. All initiatives are geared towards alleviating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to adapting to the “new normal.”

Adapting to the “new normal” in education

UP Cebu conducted its “Virtual Teacher Professional Development Program on Action Research in Remote Learning Context,” a virtual training which aims to develop competencies in conducting action research in the context of remote learning. It focused on coaching teachers in creating research topics, designing frameworks, selecting the right methodology, and implementing action research. Experts from UP Open University served as resource speakers in various trainings relating to online teaching and learning. UP Open University also continues to hold its Infoteach Outreach Program webinar series entitled, “Gearing Up for the New Normal in Teaching and Learning.”



The poster is for the PLDT-UPOU Webinar Series, titled “Gearing Up for the New Normal in Teaching and Learning”. It features the logos of PLDT, Infoteach Outreach, and the University of the Philippines Open University. The poster lists ten webinars in a two-column format, each with a date, time, title, and target audience. The background is teal with a laptop illustration in the top right corner.

Date	Time	Title	Target Audience
28 July 2020	10:00AM	Preparing Your Courses for Online Delivery	(for teachers)
3 August 2020	2:00PM	Engaging Your Learners Online	(for teachers)
5 August 2020	2:00PM	Preparing to be an Online Learner	(for students)
7 August 2020	10:00AM	Assessment	(for teachers)
10 August 2020	2:00PM	Supporting Online Learners	(for teachers)
12 August 2020	10:00AM	Gearing Up for the New Normal in Education with the LGU: Some Best Practices	(for the general public)
14 August 2020	10:00AM	Cyber Security	(for the general public)
18 August 2020	2:00PM	Supporting the Online Learners	(for parents / guardians)

Register at: <https://networks.upou.edu.ph/infoteachregistration/>

CU Information Dissemination and Knowledge Building

University of the Philippines Baguio has its lecture series, *Covidization 101*, while UP Cebu conducted its Online/Flexible Teaching and Learning Webinar Series. The latter is also preparing a proposal on a research prescribed by the National Research Council of the Philippines entitled, "Ecotourism in the Time of Covid-19 Pandemic: A Rapid Assessment of the Impact of the Pandemic on Ten Ecotourism Sites in the Philippines." The UP Centre International de Formation des Autorités et Leaders (International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders) Philippines or UP-CIFAL Philippines tackled the massive disruptions in the world's airline, travel, and tourism industries by streaming their webinar entitled, "The Future of Tourism in the Time of COVID-19."

Experts from UP Mindanao predicted the future of food systems and provided lessons for leaders in a webinar entitled, "Food Systems and Leading Organizations in the New Normal." The University of the Philippines Mindanao also published an improved version of maps showing the spatial pattern of cumulative COVID-19 cases for the different time periods based on tiers of community quarantine.

An online planning course on crisis management in tourism destinations for tourism officers and LGU personnel is offered in UP Diliman. The provincial government of Pangasinan, city government of Alaminos and municipal governments of Bolinao and Manaoag, the provincial government of Quezon, and the municipal governments of Calauag, Jomalig, and Polillo participated in the course.



CRISIS MANAGEMENT COURSE

An Online Planning Course for Tourism Officers and LGU Personnel to manage Crisis in Tourism Destinations

Online Classes: JULY 8, 10, 13, 15, and 17, 2020
Mentoring Sessions: JULY 27 and 28, 2020
Sharing Session: Aug 5, 2020

Thank you to all the LGUs who participated in the first run of the course!



For inquiries on the next batch, you may email tourismleap.upd@up.edu.ph




The UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS), together with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), conducted a webinar on *Constitutional Performance Assessment in the Time of a Pandemic: The 1987 Constitution and the Philippines' COVID-19 Response*. The webinar series of UP Manila entitled, "Stop Covid Deaths: Virtual Grand Rounds" is continuously aired every Friday from 12:00noon to 2:00PM. The Telehealth Policy eCongress of the Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with UP Manila and Department of Science and Technology (DOST), highlights the integration of telehealth into our health system in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Universal Healthcare Act.

Support for Health Workers

In order to support its health workers, UP Cebu has developed the Covidcheck application which is continuously used by the faculty and staff to give updates on health status and obtain health clearance before they can enter the premises of UP Cebu. The UP-PGH shared its best practices that led to low infection rate among its health workers. A Call for Prayer for healthcare workers and the dental community entitled, "FOR BODY AND SPIRIT" was initiated by UP Manila. It also drew new definitions, healthcare worker testing, and workflow management as published in the latest Hospital and Infection Control Unit (HICU) guidelines.


Contact Tracing Definitions

based on the PGH Memorandum No.2020-126 dated August 7, 2020




A **CONTACT** is anyone with the following exposures to:

- a **symptomatic** COVID-19 (+) case from 2 days before to 14 days after the case's onset of illness/appearance of first symptoms; **OR**
- an **asymptomatic** COVID-19 (+) case from 2 days before to 14 days after the PCR test was taken



A **CLOSE CONTACT** is anyone with the following exposures to:

- being within **2 meters** of a COVID-19 (+) case for **>15mins without a mask**; **OR**
- **direct physical contact** with a COVID-19 (+) case **without a mask**; **OR**
- providing **direct care** for patients with COVID-19 (+) disease **without** using **proper PPE**.



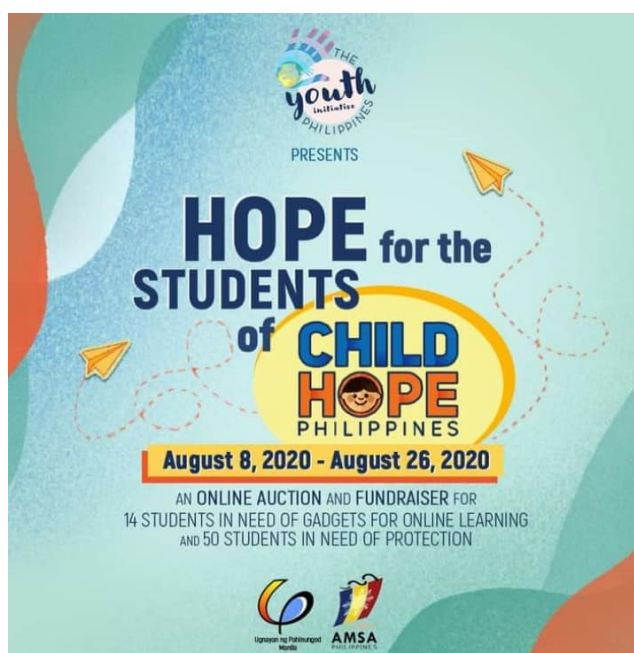
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Policy-related Resources

A policy paper enumerating lessons and strategies that worked in preventing COVID-19 transmission was released by UP Manila. The UP Resilience Institute launched the second volume of their policy sourcebook entitled, "Managing the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines" which focused on local governments' latest policies and measures to defeat the viral pandemic in the country. In UP Los Baños, a team of experts maintains two depositories of COVID-19 data, specifically the Philippine COVID-19 Data Dashboard and the Laguna COVID-19 Dashboard which are updated using data from the Department of Health.

Ongoing Calls for Donations

Calls for donations and distribution of food supplies and monetary needs are ongoing. But as schools are now reopening, the fundraising campaigns now include the needs of the students for their remote classes. University of the Philippines Visayas donated 30 units of prepaid WiFi modems to the Department of Education (DepEd). University of the Philippines Cebu is conducting a donation drive for secondhand smartphones, tablets, laptops, prepaid WiFi kits, and pocket WiFi. University of the Philippines Manila's fundraising activity entitled "Hope for The Students of Child Hope" was initiated by The Youth Initiative (TYI) Philippines and Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Manila. The target beneficiaries are 14 children who need gadgets for schooling and 50 children who need personal protective equipment.



The University maintains its programs and projects to address the immediate needs of students, faculty, researchers, staff, and community/residents.

Provision for IEC

The country has been under community quarantine since March. This five-month long quarantine is adversely affecting people's wellbeing. It also has a negative impact to children's health. The University sees to it that efforts are done in the hope of assisting children and families to cope with the pandemic. UP Baguio translated three children's stories to Ilocano so that more children can read them and learn the lessons about COVID-19. In UP Open University, a video was produced which tackles the *Futures of Distance Learning Education in a Box* discussed by Mr. Pieter Steyaert. UP Los Baños released an audiobook entitled, "Mga Paruparong Halik: Kwentong Pambata ukol sa COVID-19" which features innovative ways to cope with changes in routine using modern technology.

Provision for Psychosocial Support

As the number of cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines increases, mental health concerns associated with the pandemic also increases. The University continuously conducts initiatives that seek to protect the mental health of its community. In UP Baguio, guidance specialist Ms. Liza A. Ngiao conducted a Psychosocial First Aid Training for Pahinungod volunteers. Experts from UP Cebu and Ateneo de Cebu organized a group of registered guidance counselors in order to provide a platform for Cebuanos to avail of free and confidential telecounseling and psychosocial services. UP Open University has a Psychosocial Online Support Hub organized by the Guidance and Counseling Program (GCP), Office of Student Affairs (OSA), and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA). UP Diliman's PsycServ has released a set of guidelines to help parents and caregivers support children and victims of domestic abuse during a pandemic.

Provision for Student and Academic Affairs

A venue with reliable Internet connection has been set up in UP Visayas to help freshman students participate in the online Bridging Program. The UP Manila University Library has also released its guidelines for library services in the new normal.



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Provision for New Work Arrangements

In UP Visayas, the Chancellor declared Mondays as “UPV Sanitation Day.” It is a general sanitation and cleanup day of all offices and frequently visited places in all campuses and satellite offices in UP Visayas. Meanwhile, as work resumes in UP Baguio, employees continue to observe health protocols such as wearing of face masks, frequent handwashing or sanitizing, and physical distancing. The UP Baguio administration also provides shuttle services for their employees.

