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DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año said that the additional 50,000 contact tracers are *"the game-changer in the country's COVID-response since this will allow us to cut the transmission of the disease and ultimately defeat COVID-19."*

*"We welcome the signing of Bayanihan 2 Law for it means that we can now go ahead and start the hiring process for additional contact tracers urgently needed by the various Local Government Units nationwide. Again, we thank the President and Congress for allocating much-needed funds for our COVID response,"* he said.

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*"The DILG is looking for dedicated and patriotic individuals who want to join the fight against COVID-19. If you want to take an active part in defeating the pandemic, join the DILG Contact Tracing Teams!"*

-DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año

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## **DILG defends Manila Bay Clean-up and Rehabilitation; calls criticism misplaced**

The DILG came to the defense of the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)'s project placing crushed dolomites to beautify and rehabilitate a stretch of Manila Bay's shoreline, close to the Baywalk strip along Roxas Boulevard, following claims of opposition groups that it is a potential health hazard.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año, who is vice chair of the Manila Bay Task Force, said dolomite is a common material used in beach nourishment in many parts of the country and the world and is used by many beach resorts.

*"Moreover, the Department of Health (DOH) has already clearly stated that the dolomite used in Baywalk is bigger than dust, which doesn't get suspended in air, and therefore is not harmful to individuals. Once the project is completed, we invite the public to enjoy the rehabilitated and nourished beach and see for themselves if it is harmful," he said.*

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## **DILG welcomes JTF COVID Shield move for online reporting of quarantine violations**

The DILG welcomed and defended the move of the Joint Task Force COVID Shield, inviting netizens to report violations of quarantine protocols through its official Facebook page and for the PNP to monitor quarantine violations through social media.

DILG Secretary Eduardo M. Año commended the move saying that *“it encourages citizen engagement through social media platforms and it appeals to all civic-minded young people who are concerned about the health and welfare of all Filipinos.”*

*“Now that we have flattened the COVID-19 curve, all the more should we be more careful and vigilant so as to contain and further reduce the active cases. Habang hinihintay natin ang pagdating ng bakuna, mas lalo nating pag-ibayuhin ang pag-iingat and enforcement of minimum health standards,”* Año said.

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## REGIONAL NEWS

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### **DILG MIMAROPA to hire over 1.5k contact tracers**

As the fight against COVID-19 continues, DILG-MIMAROPA will be engaging over 1,500 contact tracers to further augment the contact tracing force of the Region.

This is part of the mass recruitment program of the DILG that targets to employ 50 thousand contact tracers to be deployed all over the country by September this year.

*“Hopefully, we can facilitate the immediate hiring of contact tracers and deploy them to our LGUs. We badly need them these times considering that our COVID-19 cases are rapidly increasing,”* said DILG Regional Director Wilhelm Suyko.

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## **DILG XII region-wide vaccination program against pneumonia and flu kickstarts at the Regional Office**

Officials and employees of DILG XII all lined up to get their immunity boosted against pneumonia and flu on Friday, September 11, 2020 as the vaccination program pushed through after brief teleconference hosted by a healthcare facility, which administered the vaccines. In attendance to the video-conference were the provincial directors of DILG XII along with the other personnel and staff.

Director Josephine Cabrido-Leysa, CESO III, led the regional management team, with ARD Lailyn A. Ortiz, CESO V, in receiving the anti-pneumonia and flu shots amidst the cheers of the regional and field personnel who were present at the Regional Office Conference Room and those who were watching the whole proceedings as it was streamed through the Zoom app.

She urged everyone to avail of the vaccines as a way to boost their health while reports about confirmed Covid-19 cases continue to pour in from various places in the Region. *“I know we all do our best to boost our immune system through exercise, take the right food and food*

*supplements but we need to get the available vaccine, if we haven't received it yet," Dir. Leysa explained.*

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The poster features a dark teal background with a stylized illustration of a man in a light blue shirt and tie interacting with various digital screens and data visualizations. At the top, the logos of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) are displayed. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, starting with the session title, followed by the session number, the main topic, and the date and time.

**E-Learning Sessions  
on Local Planning**

**Session No. 1**

**Institutionalizing  
Databases for More  
Accurate and Responsive  
Local Development  
Planning**

**18 September 2020, 1:00-5:00 PM**

**DILG-2 to conduct E-learning series on local  
government planning**

The DILG Region II will be conducting four(4) E-Learning Sessions with themes and schedule in collaboration with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP).

The series of E-Learning Sessions will apprise LGUs on new policies, systems, tools, strategies, directions, and advocacy.

The E-Learning online sessions shall aim to strengthen alignment and responsiveness of local development plans and budgets; guide planning to enable integration of local actions addressing the adverse effects of COVID-19; and support the development and improvement of the professional competence and practice of local planners.

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## NEWS FROM ATTACHED AGENCIES

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## Cascolan orders crackdown on cops driving evidence vehicles, unregistered cars & motorbikes

Philippine National Police Chief, Police General Camilo Pancratius Cascolan has ordered a nationwide inspection and inventory of all motor vehicles impounded as evidence in criminal cases to prevent its unauthorized use by PNP personnel.

At the same time, Cascolan instructed PNP unit commanders to conduct surprise camp lockdown to inspect unregistered, recovered, impounded and carnapped or stolen vehicles being used by PNP units and personnel.

The Chief PNP thru The Director for Operations, Police Major General Alfred Corpuz, ordered the strict implementation of PNP SOP No. 2011-004 on "Revised Procedure in the Reporting and Disposition of Stolen and Recovered /Impounded Motor Vehicle".

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## BJMP-NCR conducts 2nd online Regional Online Management Meeting

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) - NCR led by Jail Chief Supt. Luisito C Muñoz conducted the online Regional Management Meeting last September 9, 2020.

The region's key officers and jail wardens participated in the said virtual meeting. Updates on the various regional and jail units' plans and programs were discussed.

Muñoz reiterated the importance of stakeholder engagement and coordination with partner agencies in order to maximize best results in any of the region's undertakings especially in the "new normal" jail setting.

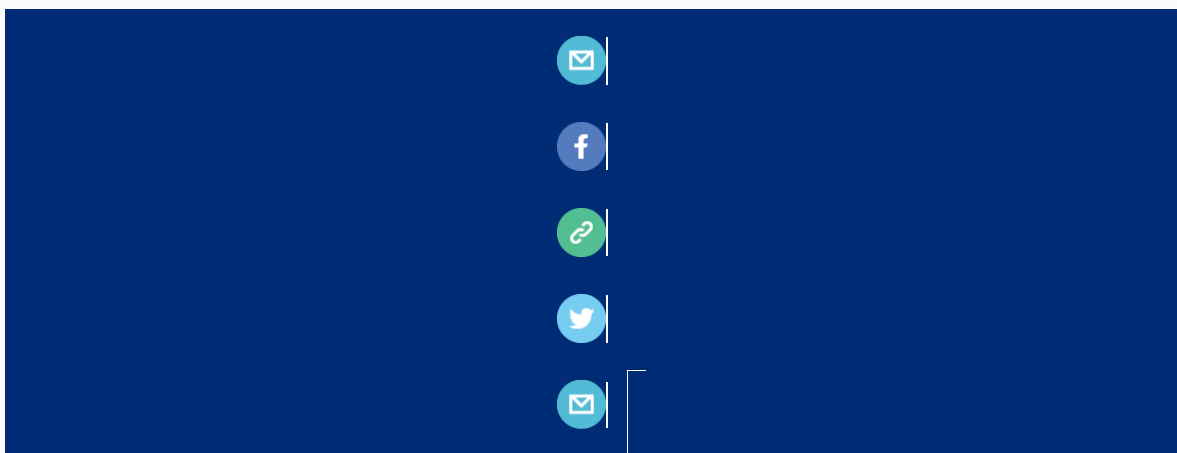
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para sa Mapagkalinga at Maunlad na Pamahalaang Lokal**