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SUBJECT : PRESS RELEASE ON THE COOPERATION OF CHED, ULAP, AND HEIs TO SET UP ADDITIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTERS

DATE : APRIL 12, 2021

Attached is a copy of the Press Release from CHED Chairman Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III on the collaboration of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) with seventeen (17) public and private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to establish additional vaccination centers inside school properties as the country pushes for expanded immunization in the coming months.

As per press release, the collaboration was formed through the recently conducted signing of the Statement of Bayanihan by CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III and Gov. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, ULAP National President.

Dr. De Vera stated that these HEIs have been inspected by the CHED, the local Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and local government units (LGUs) to ensure that the proper health protocols, retrofitting of facilities, and the requirements for safety are implemented, emphasizing that these HEIs have facilities that can be used for vaccination and have the necessary health personnel who can assist in the vaccination drive.

CHED, ULAP, LGUs, and HEIs are expected to tap and maximize resources that can now be used in the fight against the current pandemic.

For your information and reference.

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CHED, ULAP, HEIs cooperate to set up additional COVID-19 vaccination centers

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Union of the Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) are collaborating with seventeen (17) public and private higher education institutions (HEIs) to establish additional vaccination centers inside school properties as the country pushes for expanded immunization in the coming months.

In the recent joint CHED-ULAP zoom meeting, 17 HEIs offered their facilities to serve as vaccination sites of local government units:

1. Our Lady of Fatima University - Valenzuela
2. Manila Central University
3. University of Perpetual Help System Dalta - Las Piñas Campus
4. De La Salle University - Dasmariñas
5. St. Louis University
6. Central Philippine University
7. West Visayas State University
8. OLFU- San Fernando, Pampanga
9. University of Baguio
10. Benguet State University
11. University of Cebu
12. University of Perpetual Help - Dr. Jose G. Tamayo Medical University
13. OLFU-Quezon City
14. De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute
15. Notre Dame Kidapawan College
16. North Valley College Foundation
17. Cotabato Medical Foundation

Responding to the call for a Whole of Nation Approach in the fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic, CHED and ULAP are partnering for "resiliency, rehabilitation, and national recovery" by jointly pursuing what they call "complementary and holistic strategies that would encourage collaboration" among LGUs and HEIs in their respective localities.

This was done through the signing of the Statement of Bayanihan by CHED Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III and Gov. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, ULAP National President recently.

De Vera said that more HEIs have signified their interest to be vaccination sites. Many of these HEIs have been approved to conduct limited face-to-face classes in their medical and allied health programs as approved by the President last January 2021.

"These HEIs have been inspected by the CHED, the local IATF and LGUs so we are sure that the proper health protocols, retrofitting of facilities, and the requirements for safety are already being implemented by these universities. These HEIs also have big facilities like gymnasiums that can be used for vaccination. They have the necessary health personnel who can assist in the vaccination drive," De Vera said.

"There is an urgency to proceed with this initiative because as we move from A1 to A4 and then to B1, the number of people that we need to vaccinate are going to be bigger in number especially when we go to indigents and essential workers. Our existing vaccination centers under the local government should expand to cover these groups and HEI facilities can be tapped," he added.

CHED, ULAP, LGUs, and HEIs are expected to tap and maximize resources that can now be used in the fight against the current pandemic. This is in recognition that the current centers and venues need to be expanded once the government's vaccination roll-out is in full swing.

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