

# HAVE FAITH...RESTORE VACCINE CONFIDENCE

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# A CALL TO ACTION...

TIME IS NOW !!!

.. OUR COUNTRY IS IN A HEALTH CRISIS

.. And COULD BE OR SOON-BE CALLED

**THE “SICK COUNTRY” IN ASIA**



# NEWS

## Measles outbreak declared in MM, CL

By SHEILA CRISOSTOMO

The Department of Health (DOH) yesterday declared an outbreak of highly contagious measles in the National Capital Region (NCR) and Central Luzon.

"We are declaring an outbreak as cases have increased in the past weeks and to strengthen surveillance of new cases and alert mothers and caregivers to be more vigilant," Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said.

In an interview, Duque reiterated his agency's call for parents to submit their children to anti-measles vaccination to contain the spread of the disease.

He warned that bronchopneumonia from measles complication can be lethal, so parents should not be complacent about it.

"Parents have to absolutely bring their children to the

health centers for immunization. There is no other way but back to *lakuna* or vaccination. Parents should not wait for complications to set in because it might be too late," he said.

Based on data presented by the DOH Epidemiology Bureau, the number of measles cases in Metro Manila from Jan. 1 to 19 had reached 196, as compared to 20 cases reported in the region in the same period last year.

At the San Lazaro Hospital, one of the DOH's referral centers for infectious diseases, an average of 48 measles cases are registered every day.

As of Feb. 5, San Lazaro

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Vaccines are pictured next to patients in a hospital in Sarangani province in this November 2018 photo. At least 20 people have reportedly died of 'tigdas' or German measles in the province.

## HOTEL 101-DAVAO RISING SOON

The subsidiary of DoubleDragon Properties Corp has recently awarded the contract to build the Hotel 101 project located in Davao City. Hotel 101 Davao is a joint venture project of DoubleDragon and Davao-based W2JP2 Corp. The hotel will rise in a 5,300 sqm prime commercial corner lot located at Eco West Drive at the side of SM City Davao. Hotel 101 Davao is expected to be the largest hotel in Mindanao with 519 hotel rooms, a commercial and retail strip, and facilities to cater conventions and events. (In Photo are DoubleDragon officers Edgar Injap Sia II and Ferdinand Sia with Christopher King of CK Builders Corp., W2JP2 Corp officers Lorenzo Jun Te and Sammy Uy)

The Department of Health (DOH) is planning to conduct its own autopsy of children who died after receiving Dengvaxia shots. Secretary Francisco Duque III said yesterday.

Duque said that if the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) would share the results of its autopsy, the DOH might not proceed with the plan.

He said that DOH Undersecretary Eric Domingo requested PAO last week to "share information," but they have yet to receive its

some complete information. "PAO's investigation is essentially the autopsy, its forensic examination, whereas the UP-PGH panel is doing review and audit of clinical charts," Duque said.

The health chief was referring to experts of the University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH), which was tapped by the DOH to look into the medical records of children who died after getting the anti-dengue shots.

connected.

Duque said they asked a UP-PGH panel to also conduct autopsy when needed, and they are still looking forward to working together with PAO.

Earlier, PAO chief Peter Acosta expressed willingness to share information with DOH should the latter request for it.

PAO conducted autopsy on 11 children, most of whom reportedly manifested symptoms of dengue.

*Compelled by a strong sense of duty and a commitment to protect and promote the health and welfare of our countrymen, a group of physicians and scientists drafted a statement on the Dengvaxia controversy. Among us are deans of colleges of medicine, former secretaries of health, esteemed members of the academe, exemplary clinicians and surgeons, past and present heads of various professional medical associations and NGOs, etc. But none of these positions or titles is indicated beside our names. We are speaking simply as professionals who are first and foremost Filipinos who care deeply for our country and our people, and who can no longer keep silent.*

## STATEMENT ON THE DENGVAXIA CONTROVERSY

### Let us put public welfare above all else

We, physicians and scientists who serve the country in various capacities and sectors, are saddened, dismayed and alarmed over the manner by which the Dengvaxia controversy has degenerated into a fiasco that has started to erode public confidence in the country's vaccination programs and other public healthcare endeavors. The unnecessary fear and panic, largely brought about by the imprudent language and unsubstantiated accusations by persons whose qualifications to render any expert opinion on the matter are questionable at best, have caused many parents to resist having their children avail of life saving vaccines that our government gives. Even deworming efforts are being met with suspicion and resistance, with many parents afraid to give consent, all because of the misinformation that has been allowed to take hold of the collective psyche. If this trend continues then we may find ourselves faced with outbreaks of debilitating and life-threatening diseases that we have already been able to control through our vaccination programs. The only way to continue to prevent deadly epidemics of these infectious diseases is to sustain a high rate of immunization/vaccination in our population. This will not be possible if parents refuse to consent to vaccination for their children because of fear.

It is also with very heavy hearts that we have witnessed some hard working, competent, honest and dedicated physicians and career personnel in the Department of Health, systematically maligned and deprived of their right to defend themselves while those who can and should come to their defense have remained silent. Available documentary evidence that might have been offered to prove the innocence of some of the accused has not been made public for reasons that we can only speculate on. The public hearings have become avenues for "expert bashing" rather than a genuine search for truth.

There is no such thing as a perfect vaccine. The history of vaccination from the 18th century to the present is rife with controversy. A study of the history of these controversies teaches us lessons about the tragic consequences and harm to the general public that result when we allow hysteria to rule over logical and scientific

judgment. The medical and scientific community must weigh the risks of any vaccine against its benefits, the potential to save lives against the possible adverse effects. Science is also not static. When new findings are known, recommendations change. These decisions are best made and analyzed without the added burden of public misinformation and demonization.

Given the recent findings of Sanofi Pasteur and recommendations of the WHO, we support the DOH decision to suspend its Dengvaxia immunization program until there is a quick and cost effective way to determine whether a person has had dengue in the past or not. In the same light, given the findings that persistent, long term protection is given by the vaccine to those who have already gotten dengue infection, we urge the DOH not to remove the vaccine from the market altogether. Already we are faced with patients who have had dengue infection in the past, who are now at a loss because they cannot get their doses of Dengvaxia because it has been taken out of the market.

We urge our colleagues in the medical profession to consider the greater good in their statements and actions and to be careful about unfairly slandering colleagues by careless, sweeping and unsubstantiated accusations.

We urge those who have documentary evidence that can truly shed light on the current controversy to please come forth with the truth. And we beg our legislators to be open to hearing both sides. Allowing half-truths to prevail is dangerous. It only causes persistent confusion but has also caused mass demoralization among the dedicated and hard working personnel and physicians of the DOH. This is a cruel and unjust.

Finally, amid all the controversy, let us please always put public welfare above all else.

# Health Professionals...

- ▶ Should serve as credible voices for the value of vaccines and recruit other advocacy voices!!!



- WHO-DOV 2011

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# DENGUE ACTIVITIES : MARCH - AUGUST 2017

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# Fun Run around the City



# DENGUE DANCE: 2013 ASEAN DENGUE DAY ERIC TAYAG STYLE



# Vaccine Missions



# Presscon, Media & Radio Interview



## Winners: Slogan Making Contest

- ▶ **First Place:** *“Sakit ay agapan,  
bakuna ang panlaban.”*
- ▶ **2nd Place:** *“Bakuna ay ating tangkilikin,  
Susi sa Mundong di sakitin“*
- ▶ **3rd Place:** *“Sakit ay iwasan, bakuna ay kailangan;  
ligtas at epektibo, kalusugan ay garantisado!”*

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# CALL FOR ACTION



## Rody urges public: Get kids vaccinated

DAVAO CITY – President Duterte has appealed to parents to have their children vaccinated against measles following outbreaks of the disease in several parts of the country.

Data from the Department of Health (DOH) showed 70 persons, mostly children, have died in Metro Manila alone.

*"Mga kababayan ko, dumadami ang kaso ng tigdas at ang komplikasyon nito ay nakamamatay (My countrymen, the number of measles cases has increased and its complication results in death),"* Duterte said in a televised statement on Friday night.

Duterte said the only way to fight the measles outbreak is to have children, especially those from six months to two-years old, vaccinated against measles.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III made Duterte's call for vaccination as a battle cry to encourage more parents to have their children immunized.

The DOH has so far achieved about a quarter of its measles vaccination target to combat the outbreak in Metro Manila.

Duque said they were able

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OR ENDEAVORING SOMETHING FOR  
THE PUBLIC GOOD”***



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