

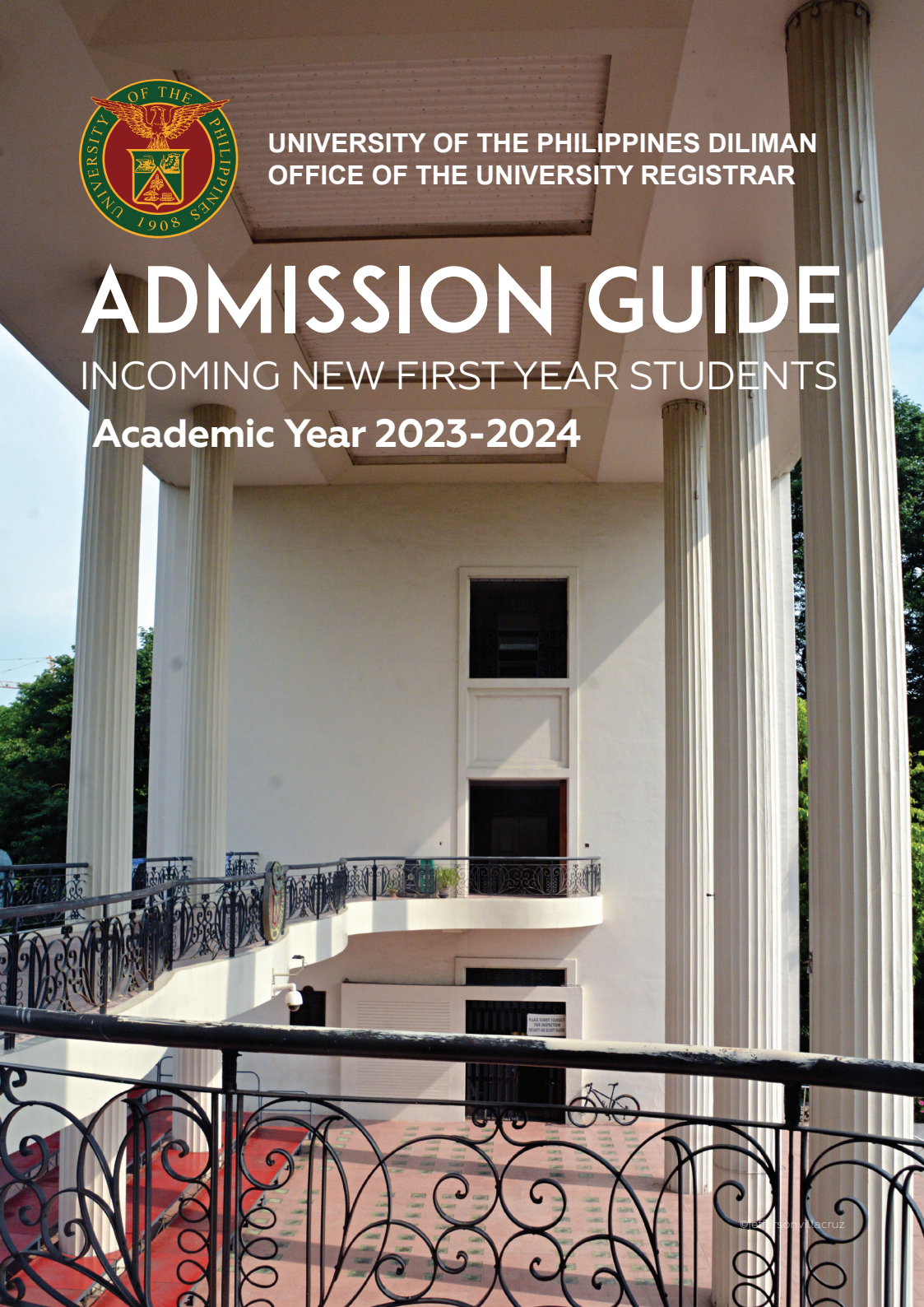


UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN
OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

ADMISSION GUIDE

INCOMING NEW FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Academic Year 2023-2024





Edgardo Carlo L. Vistan II, LLM
Chancellor, UP Diliman

To our UPCA qualifiers and your families, allow me to extend to all of you the warmest and heartfelt felicitations of the UP Diliman community. Our UPCA qualifiers very much deserve the congratulations I assume you have been receiving as getting into the University has become more and more competitive of late. Celebrating such an outcome of all your hard work in school would therefore be quite understandable especially during these first few weeks after the release of the UPCA results.

You have probably heard already that you are about to become an *iskolar ng bayan*. Since the mission, traditions and lore of UP are well known, I believe you have an idea that the slot in UP that each of you are signing up for represents a privilege of subsidized, high quality college education as well

as a commitment to contribute to the country's development. I will not dwell on this point now as you will hear about this countless times, elaborated upon in various ways, from your first day as a UP student and even after you earn your UP degree. I only mention this here to highlight the fact that you have been given something special.

Yours is a golden opportunity to learn from accomplished members of the UP faculty in a free, creative and invigorating environment. UP provides this opportunity because a big part of its mission as the national university is to help students realize their potential and excel in a fast-evolving world. We do this knowing that this will not only help you and your families but our larger community as well.

A necessary part of the University's mission mentioned above is to help our students maximize the special opportunity they have earned by helping them deal with the various challenges of college life. UP Diliman has various student support programs and services in place that anticipate and respond to the needs of our students throughout their stay in the University. This admission guide is one of them.

This guide and the related support services we have put in place are meant to make your first experience or interaction with the University – the admission process – a pleasant one. We want you to embark on your life as a UP student on the right foot so even before we welcome you on your first day, we already make ourselves available to assist you transition into the life of an *iskolar ng bayan*.

We in UP Diliman are keenly aware that to be an *iskolar ng bayan* is an opportunity to do something special not only for yourself but more importantly for others. Please know that we want you to succeed in making the most of this opportunity, and that we will extend a helping hand should you need one.

Ito na lang muna sa ngayon. Hanggang sa muli, maligayang pagbati sa inyong lahat!

Maria Vanessa L. Oyzon, PhD
University Registrar

We greet you as the new *Iskolar ng Bayan*! We are thrilled that you decided to choose to spend the next four years in UP Diliman. The University is committed to providing support for advancing your educational objectives as well as your co-curricular engagements. You may find it a bit challenging in the first few weeks. You will get to meet individuals from diverse backgrounds as you navigate around varied and unfamiliar living-learning environments on campus. This diversity and the elements of differences are what will make your stay in the university most exciting and extraordinary. Please know that the Office of the University Registrar is here to help you thrive as an essential member of this dynamic UP Diliman community. We value your needs as new students, and we want you to know that we are always available to assist you. Feel free to drop by our office and say hello!



Your batch is truly notable as you have successfully hurdled the challenges of the past years. We are excited to learn more from and with you. We hope as you get immersed in UP Diliman's vibrant culture, you would be able to actively contribute to its rich history and **embrace its commitment to honor and excellence**. We hope that your stay in UP Diliman will open new experiences, new opportunities and challenge you to transcend your limitations and enable you to become your best selves. As we sing in UP "*Mabuhay ang pag-asa ng bayan!*"

Warmest welcome and best of luck to every one of you!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Table 1. Important Dates

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 3-31, 2023	Pre-enrolment Health Assessment
July 17-31, 2023	Preparation and submission of Admission Requirements (click here to view the required documents and where to submit)
July 18-25, 2023	New First Year Students Pre-enlistment
July 26, 2023	Pre-enlistment Batch Processing and Results
August 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 2023	Advance Registration of New First Year Students
September 12, 2023	Welcome Assembly and Start of Classes

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES



The University of the Philippines is the country's National University, as declared by its Charter of 2008, which was approved by the 14th Congress of the Philippines on Apr. 29, 2008.

UP was founded on June 18, 1908 by Act No. 1870 of the Philippine Assembly, upon the recommendation of W. Morgan Schuster, Secretary of Public Instruction, to the Philippine Commission, the upper house of the Philippine Assembly.

Act 1870 authorized the Governor General to establish UP in the "city of Manila, or at any point he may deem most convenient." UP was to give "advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences and arts, and to give professional and technical training" to every qualified student regardless of "age, sex, nationality, religious belief and political affiliation."

UP is now a System of eight constituent universities, namely: UP Diliman (with Extension Programs in Olongapo and Pampanga), UP Baguio, UP Los Baños, UP Manila (with Schools of Health Sciences in Baler, Palo and Koronadal), UP Visayas (with campuses in Iloilo, Miag-ao and Tacloban), UP Cebu, UP Mindanao and UP Open University.

UP was initially established along Padre Faura and R. Hidalgo streets in the city of Manila with the College of Fine Arts, the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Medicine and Surgery. The School of Agriculture was also established in Los Baños, Laguna. The succeeding years saw the creation of additional academic units in both sites.

From 67 in 1908 to 7,849 in 1928, the increase in student population called for an expansion outside of the small location in Manila. In 1939, the University acquired a 493-hectare property in Diliman, Quezon City. Construction began in the same year, but development was stalled by World War II.

The war caused extensive damage to buildings in Diliman. Led by UP President Bienvenido Gonzalez, the university administration sought a P13-million grant from the US-Philippines War Damage Commission to restore the damaged facilities and to construct new ones to enable the transfer of the university from Manila to Diliman. It was amidst the rural surroundings of Diliman that UP celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1949, highlighted by the transfer of the Oblation from UP Manila on Feb. 12. A motorcade made its way from Padre Faura to the cogon-strewn expanse in Quezon City, marking the university's transfer to its new campus. Henceforth, the administrative functions of the university, as well as the governance of its regional units in Manila, Los Baños, Baguio and Cebu, were relocated to Diliman.

The first college to operate in Diliman in 1949 was the Conservatory of Music. On the same year, the first general commencement exercises were held at the Sunken Garden.

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN



UPD Oblation

UP Diliman has 26 degree granting units with 274 academic programs in the clusters of the Arts and Letters, Management and Economics, Science and Technology and Social Sciences and Law. Of these programs, 70 are in the undergraduate level, 15 minor programs, 104 in the master's, 1 in Juris Doctor, 1 in BAMA and 52 in the doctoral level. UPD also offers 24 pre-and post-baccalaureate certificates and diplomas.

In the first semester of Academic Year 2022-2023, UP Diliman had 27,400 students, in which 17, 085 were undergraduates, 9, 147 were pursuing master's and doctoral degrees, and 1,168 were pursuing the Juris Doctor degree. As of September 08, 2022, the UP Diliman had a faculty complement of 3, 019, comprising 342 Full Professors, 282 Associate Professors, 674 Assistant Professors and 256 Instructors, alongside 1, 257 Lecturers, 49 Professor Emeriti, 22 Adjunct Professors, 13 Affiliate Faculty, 14 Professorial Fellow, and 35 Visiting Professors.

It has a land area of 493 hectares which houses the academic units, the residential and dormitory areas, the resource-generation zones, and a protected forest area, among others.

OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR



Aerial view of Office of the University Registrar

The Office of the University Registrar (OUR) is a vital arm of UP Diliman. Its specific role is to provide accurate, validated, authenticated information, documentation, advice and critical support and other services related to academic programs and degree requirements. It is a main player during enrollment, and is a keeper of permanent academic records and other credentials for a variety of student concerns. As official recorder, it serves as Secretariat in the different administration committees like the Executive Committee, Curriculum Committee, Committee on Student Progress, Admission and Graduation, and in University Council (UC) meetings. It is also the Steering Committee of the University Council Committees.

The OUR, as a repository of student records, is both a data source and resource for researches. It is under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. It has three sections: Administrative, University Council Secretariat, and Academic Information System; and two divisions: Admissions and Registration, and Student Records.

The OUR is along T.M. Kalaw Street corner Quirino Street, UP Diliman, Quezon City. It is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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ADVANCE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION (APE)

I. WHAT IS AN ADVANCE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION (APE)?

APE is given before the registration of the First Semester of every academic year to University of the Philippines Diliman first year student qualifiers, which requires Chem 16/Math 21 in their program. APE is OPTIONAL and may be taken by incoming new first year student with sufficient high school background in the covered topics.

II. APE IN CHEM 16 (GENERAL CHEMISTRY I)

An incoming new first year student who completed high school chemistry may take the APE for Chem 16. The student will be given 3 units' credit for Chem 16 upon passing the APE exam.

III. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING AND PASSING THE APE?

A student who passes the APE saves time because he/she does not need to enroll Chem 16/Math 21 during the regular semester.

IV. WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY?

For this academic year, the schedule of Chem 16/16.1 APE is on July 13, 2023, 9am to 5pm at the IC Teaching Building. There will be an online orientation on July 03, 2023 via Zoom.

Examination Schedule:

9am-11am Chem 16 APE
11am-1pm Checking
1pm-Announcement of passer/Chem 16.1 APE Registration
2pm-5pm Chem 16.1 APE (for Chem 16 APE passers)

There is no fee required to take the exam, and takers should register at chem.science.upd.edu.ph

Deadline of Registration is June 30, 2023

APE for Math 21 will be conducted on 14 July 2023. Details of Math 21 APE will be posted in the College of Science website (<https://science.upd.edu.ph>) soon.

V. TOPICS COVERED IN CHEM 16 APE

Matter: Properties, Composition & Changes it Undergoes; Quantum Theory & Atomic Structures; Electron Configuration & Chemical Periodicity; Chemical Bonding; Molecular Geometry & Bonding Theories; Stoichiometry, Chemical Equations & Chemical Reactions; Thermochemistry; Liquids, Solids & Phase Changes; Gases; Solutions; Acids and Bases; Changes in the Nucleus

VI. TOPICS COVERED IN MATH 21 APE

Elementary Analysis I: Limits and continuity; Derivatives of algebraic and transcendental functions (exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric, hyperbolic, and their inverses); Applications of derivatives; Antiderivatives and definite integrals; Fundamental Theorem of Calculus; Applications of the definite integral.

MATH 20 VALIDATION EXAM

I. WHAT IS A VALIDATION EXAMINATION?

The Validation Exam for Math 20 (Pre-Calculus) is an examination given to incoming new first year student who have not taken Pre-Calculus from the STEM or equivalent strand of K-12. This examination is **OPTIONAL** and may be taken by freshies admitted to degree programs requiring Math 21.

II. WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY?

The Institute of Mathematics will be conducting the Math 20 Validation Examination on July 04, 2023. Details of which, will be posted in the College of Science website (<https://science.upd.edu.ph>) soon.

III. TOPICS COVERED IN THE MATH 20 VALIDATION EXAM

Precalculus: Functions and their Graphs.

Equations and inequalities; Two dimensional coordinate system, graphs of equations; Conic sections; Functions and their graphs; Trigonometric functions and trigonometric identities; Inverse trigonometric functions; Solutions of triangles; Polar form of complex numbers.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PEPE)

I. WHAT IS PEPE?

The proficiency examinations (or credit by examination) in PE courses are given to enable students who are already skillful in one (1) or more sports to acquire advance units in PE. Any student who passes a PEPE shall be given credit for the corresponding PE course.

II. WHEN IS IT TAKEN?

Students may take proficiency examinations in one (1) or more courses to meet the PE requirements. The examination is given twice a year, i.e., before the start of every semester.

For this academic year, the schedule of PEPE is yet to be released by the College of Human Kinetics (CHK).

Students who are interested in taking PEPE, may directly contact CHK.

III WHAT AREAS ARE COVERED IN PEPE?

Proficiency examinations may be taken in the following areas:

- 1) Team sports: baseball, basketball, floor ball, futsal, soccer, softball, touch rugby, volleyball;
- 2) Individual sports: archery, duck-pin bowling, ten-pin bowling, ice skating, power lifting, rifle/pistol marksmanship, track and field, weight training;
- 3) Dual sports: badminton, fencing, table tennis, tennis;
- 4) Martial Arts: aikido, arnis, judo, karate, taekwondo;
- 5) Dance: ballet, modern dance, modern jazz, Philippine folk dance, social dance, street dance, tap dance;
- 6) Aquatics: skin diving, swimming;
- 7) Fitness: aerobics, running, tai-chi, walking;
- 8) Theory: PE 1;
- 9) Alternative activity: sports wall climbing.

BRIDGE COURSE

I. WHAT IS A BRIDGE COURSE?

The Bridge Course is a preparatory course that needs to be taken by incoming UPCA successful applicants who need to upgrade their skills in English and/or Mathematics.

For Mathematics, the bridge course is Math 2.

For English, the bridge course is Eng 1.

II. WHEN IS IT TAKEN?

It is taken during the first semester of the first-year enrollment of the identified students.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

I. FREE TUITION

UP Diliman shall implement RA No. 10931 known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act of 2017 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) that was approved and signed on February 22, 2018.

II. VOLUNTARY OPT-OUT OF FREE TUITION

Student who opts out is no longer to eligible for Free Tuition and OSF during the semester. Once the form is submitted and accepted by the College Secretary, the student waives the availment of Free Tuition and OSF for that semester. The student shall be assessed using the applicable tuition and OSF rates.

Student may opt-out during the registration period only.

III. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

UP Diliman students may voluntarily contribute any amount to the university by accomplishing the Voluntary Contribution Form. After submitting a duly accomplished Voluntary Contribution Form, the student will give the contribution to the university through the Cash Office. The form is available at the Office of the University Registrar and the student's respective Office of the College Secretary. The form can also be downloaded through <https://our.upd.edu.ph/files/freetuition/VCF.pdf>.

IV. DEFERMENT OF ENROLLMENT

Deferment of enrollment is allowed for only ONE YEAR.

New first year students who will not enroll during first semester AY 2023-2024 must write a letter of deferment addressed to the University Registrar.

The applicant, however, needs to inform UP of his/her interest to study in UP by confirming slot offered to him/her.

Confirmation assures you of a degree program to enroll in upon return from deferment.

V. NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP)

Under the 2001 NSTP Act, beginning Academic Year 2002-2003, all students must take six (6) units in any of the following:

- Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS)
- Literacy Training Service (LTS)
- Reserved Officers Training Program (ROTC) of Military Science (MS)

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER, ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

1. Submission of Admission Requirements

- Students are to submit the required documents to the Admissions Section, Office of the University Registrar Diliman.
- Click [here](#) to view the required documents and instructions on how to submit.

2. Online Pre-enlistment

- On July 18 - July 25, 2023, new first year students will login to <https://crs.upd.edu.ph> using their student numbers (without the "-") as their username and their pin as their password.
- Once logged in, students are to first accomplish their student profiles and give their assent to the Data Privacy Notice of UP Diliman.
- Students are to choose their desired classes/blocks of classes and schedules using the "New first year students Pre-enlistment" module.
- After choosing, students are to simply logout and wait for the results if their desired schedules are granted.

3. Online Pre-advising and College briefing

- The schedule of pre-advising and college briefings are presented in table 2.
- Please expect that the college will contact you on how the pre-advising and the briefing will be conducted.

4. Online Enlistment

- The schedule of enlistment (New First Year Students Advance Registration) is presented in Table 2.
- Specific instructions, time slot and other relevant information will be emailed to all new first year students.
- This process will be conducted via Zoom. (Click [here](#) to know more about the Zoom app and how to download it)

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DATES TO REMEMBER

Table 2. Schedule of Advance Registration, Briefing and Pre-Advising

COLLEGE	DEGREE PROGRAMS	SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE BRIEFING and PRE-ADVISING	SCHEDULE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION
College of Engineering	BS Materials Engineering BS Metallurgical Engineering BS Mining Engineering BS Chemical Engineering BS Industrial Engineering BS Computer Science	July 28, 2023	August 2, 2023
College of Arts and Letters	BA (Art Studies) BA (Comparative Literature) BA (Creative Writing) BA (English Studies) BA (European Languages) BA (Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas) BA (Malikhaing Pagsulat sa Filipino) BA (Philippine Studies) BA (Speech Communication) BA (Theatre Arts)	August 1, 2023	
College of Engineering	BS Computer Engineering BS Electrical Engineering BS Electronics Engineering	August 2, 2023	August 3, 2023
College of Social Sciences and Philosophy	BS Geography BA Philosophy BA Psychology BS Psychology		
School of Economics	BS Business Economics BS Economics		
School of Library and Information Studies	B Library & Information Science		
College of Fine Arts	B Fine Arts		

COLLEGE	DEGREE PROGRAMS	SCHEDULE OF COLLEGE BRIEFING and PRE-ADVISING	SCHEDULE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION
College of Science	BS Biology BS Molecular Biology & Biotechnology BS Chemistry BS Geology BS Applied Physics BS Physics BS Mathematics	August 3, 2023	August 4, 2023
College of Social Sciences and Philosophy	BA Anthropology BA History BA Linguistics BA Political Science BA Sociology		
College of Human Kinetics	B Physical Education B Sports Science		
College of Engineering	BS Civil Engineering BS Geodetic Engineering BS Mechanical Engineering	August 4, 2023	August 7, 2023
School of Statistics	BS Statistics		
College of Education	B Elementary Education B Secondary Education		
College of Home Economics	BS Community Nutrition BS Family Life & Child Development BS Food Technology BS Home Economics BS Hotel, Restaurant & Institution Management BS Interior Design BS Clothing Technology		
College of Architecture	BS Architecture B Landscape Architecture	August 7, 2023	August 8, 2023
College of Mass Communication	BA Broadcast Media Arts & Studies BA Communication Research BA Film BA Journalism		
Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business	BS Business Administration BS Business Administration and Accountancy		
College of Music	B Music		
Asian Institute of Tourism	BS Tourism		
National College of Public Administration and Governance	B Public Administration		
College of Social Work and Community Development	BS Community Development BS Social Work		



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN
Proposed ACADEMIC CALENDAR for AY 2023-2024¹

	FIRST SEMESTER (Sep 2023 - Jan 2024)	SECOND SEMESTER (Feb - Jun 2024)	MIDYEAR (Jul - Aug 2024)
Deadline for filing application for UPCAT For Metro Manila schools For Non-Metro Manila schools	TBA (c/o Office of Admissions)		
UP COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (UPCAT)	03 Jun, Sat - 04 Jun, Sun		
Application period for transfer students	01 Jun, Thu - 30 June, Fri		
Physical examination for incoming First Year Students	03 Jul, Mon - 31 Jul, Mon		
ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS	31 Jul, Mon - 04 Aug, Fri		
Orientation Program for First Year Students	c/o OVCSA		
Removal examination period ²	25 Aug, Fri - 01 Sep, Fri	19 Jan, Fri - 26 Jan, Fri	17 Jun, Mon - 24 Jun, Mon
Deadline for students to file appeals for readmission/extension of MRR/waiver of MRR	Check with respective colleges	Check with respective colleges	Check with respective colleges
Validation for advance credit	22 Aug, Tue - 15 Sep, Fri	22 Jan, Mon - 09 Feb, Fri	13 Jun, Thu - 08 Jul, Mon
REGISTRATION PERIOD First Year Students, graduating, IPWDs, Varsity, HASPAG, and graduate students All UPD undergraduate & graduate students All other students including Cross registrant/Non-Degree/Special/Foreign/Exchange students	06 Sep, Wed - 08 Sep, Fri 06 Sep, Wed - 08 Sep, Fri 07 Sep, Thu - 08 Sep, Fri 08 Sep, Fri	31 Jan, Wed - 02 Feb, Fri 31 Jan, Wed - 02 Feb, Fri 01 Feb, Thu - 02 Feb, Fri 02 Feb, Fri	27 Jun, Thu - 28 Jun, Fri 27 Jun, Thu - 28 Jun, Fri 27 Jun, Thu - 28 Jun, Fri 27 Jun, Thu - 28 Jun, Fri
Faculty Integration Day	11 Sep, Mon	05 Feb, Mon	01 Jul, Mon
START OF CLASSES	12 Sep, Tue	06 Feb, Tue	02 Jul, Tue
WELCOME ASSEMBLY FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS	(c/o OVCSA)		
Last day of withdrawal of enlistment	12 Sep, Tue	06 Feb, Tue	02 Jul, Tue
Deadline for Change of matriculation (CoM)	19 Sep, Tue	13 Feb, Tue	09 Jul, Tue
Deadline for students to file application for graduation as of the end of: 1st Sem AY 2023-2024 2nd Sem AY 2023-2024 Midyear Term 2024	27 Sep, Wed	21 Feb, Wed	09 Jul, Tue
Lenten Break (for students only)		25 Mar, Mon - 31 Mar, Sun	
MID-SEMESTER	04 Nov, Sat	06 Apr, Sat	18 Jul, Thu
Alternative Classroom Learning Experience ³	c/o OVCSA		
Reading Break (semestral schedule)	12 Oct, Thu - 18 Oct, Wed	01 Apr, Mon - 06 Apr, Sat	
Reading Break (split semester schedule)	05 Oct, Thu - 07 Oct, Sat	07 Mar, Thu - 09 Mar, Sat	
DEADLINE FOR DROPPING SUBJECTS	04 Dec, Mon - 06 Dec, Wed	16 May, Thu - 18 May, Sat	
DEADLINE FOR FILING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA)	01 Dec, Fri	07 May, Tue	25 Jul, Thu
Last day for graduating students to clear their deficiencies	18 Dec, Mon	17 May, Fri	02 Aug, Fri (for those enrolled)
Lantern Parade	05 Jan, Fri	21 Jun, Fri	26 Jul, Fri
Resumption of Classes	22 Dec, Fri		
END OF CLASSES	02 Jan, Tue		
Integration Period	06 Jan, Sat	01 Jun, Sat	05 Aug, Mon
FINAL EXAMINATIONS	10 Jan, Wed - 18 Jan, Thu	03 Jun, Mon - 04 Jun, Tue 05 Jun, Wed - 14 Jun, Fri	06 Aug, Tue 07 Aug, Wed - 08 Aug, Thu

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR COLLEGES & COMMITTEES				18 Jun, Tue	
UP Foundation Day					
DEADLINE FOR GRADE SUBMISSION				26 Jan, Fri	16 Aug, Fri
Deadline for colleges to submit to OUR appeals/cases for CSAPG consideration ³				16 Aug, Wed	13 Jun, Thu
COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ADMISSIONS, PROGRESS & GRADUATION (CSAPG) Meetings				04 Sep, Mon	01 Jul, Mon
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING				05 Jun 2023, Mon	04 Mar 2024, Mon
Deadline for colleges to submit to the OUR the approved List of Candidates for Graduation as of the end of:					
Midyear Term 2023				26 Sep, Tue	12 Jul, Fri
1st Sem AY 2023 - 2024					
2nd Sem AY 2023 - 2024					
Deadline for colleges to submit to the OUR the tentative List of Candidates for Graduation as of the end of:					
1st Sem AY 2023 - 2024				03 Oct, Tue	
2nd Sem AY 2023 - 2024					28 Feb, Wed
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING TO RECOMMEND FOR BOR APPROVAL THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION AS OF THE END OF:					
Midyear Term 2023				16 Oct, Mon	
1st Sem AY 2023 - 2024					25 Mar, Mon
2nd Sem AY 2023 - 2024					
BOARD OF REGENTS (BOR) MEETING TO APPROVE GRADUATION ⁵				Per BOR schedule	Per BOR schedule
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES					28 Jul, Sunday

¹ Approved during the UPD Executive Committee at its 333rd meeting on 17 April 2023. Applies to all units except the MBA and MS Finance programs of the Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business, the Graduate Programs of UPDEPP/O, PM-TMEM of the College of Science, and Archaeological Studies Program of UP School of Archaeology.

² A special removal schedule outside this period may be implemented by the Unit subject to removal fees.

³ Appeals submitted beyond the deadline will be processed for the next meeting.

⁴ Alternative Classroom Learning Experience (ACLE) is an activity of the UPD Student Council (USC). Schedule to be finalized.

⁵ Per OSU, BOR Meetings are usually held every last Thursday of the month. However, the BOR Chair or UP President may ask for a re-scheduling of the said meeting.

Registration period is when a student becomes -officially registered,- which means that the student has already gone through all the processes involved in registration up to payment of fees. (p. 18 of the UPD General Catalogue 2014)

HOLIDAYS in AY 2023 - 2024	
2023	2024
19 Aug, Sat	Quetzon Day (QC only)
21 Aug, Mon	Ninoy Aquino Day
28 Aug, Mon	National Heroes Day
01 Nov, Wed	All Saints Day
02 Nov, Thu	Additional Special Non-Working Day
30 Nov, Thu	Bonifacio Day
08 Dec, Fri	Fest of Immaculate Conception of Mary (non-working day)
25 Dec, Mon	Christmas Day
30 Dec, Sat	Rizal Day
01 Jan, Mon	New Year's Day
10 Feb, Sat	Chinese Lunar New Year's Day
25 Feb, Sun	EDSA Revolution Anniversary
28 Mar, Thu	Maundy Thursday
29 Mar, Fri	Good Friday
30 Mar, Sat	Black Saturday
09 Apr, Tue	Araw ng Kagitangan
10 Apr, Wed	Eidul Fitr
01 May, Wed	Labor Day
12 Jun, Wed	Independence Day
16 Jun, Sun	Eidul Adha

Office of the Secretary
of the University and of
the Board of Regents
31 Dec, Sun
OFFICE
RELEASED based on Calendar Holidays but no Proclamation yet

Date: 09 MAY 2023

Per Official Gazette post. President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. signed Proclamation No. 90 on 09 November 2022, entitled DECLARING THE REGULAR HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) DAYS FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Section 2 of Proclamation No. 42, s. 2022, states that the proclamations declaring national holidays for the observance of Eidul Fitr and Eidul Adha shall hereafter be issued after the approximate dates for the Islamic holidays have been determined in accordance with the Islamic calendar (Hira) or the lunar calendar, or upon Islamic astronomical calculations, whichever is possible or convenient. To this end, the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) shall inform the Office of the President on the actual dates on which these holidays shall respectively fall.

Holidays in 2023 are listed according to their original dates pending the issuance of a Presidential proclamation.

RULES ON SCHOLASTIC STANDING



Palma Hall Lobby

GOOD SCHOLASTIC STANDING

A student is in good scholastic standing if at the end of the semester s/he obtains a final grade of "3" or higher in at least 75 percent of the total number of academic units in which s/he is registered. However, colleges/units may impose additional rules on good scholastic standing such as a minimum grade average or required number of units passed per semester/year.

SCHOLASTIC DELINQUENCY

The faculty of each college or school shall approve suitable and effective provisions governing undergraduate delinquent students, subject to the following minimum standards:

- 1. WARNING.** Students who, at the end of the semester, obtain final grades below "3" in 25 to 49 percent of the total number of academic units in which they are registered shall be warned by the Dean to improve their work.
- 2. PROBATION.** Students who, at the end of the semester, obtain final grades below "3" in 50 to 75 percent of the total number of academic units in which they have final grades shall be placed on probation for the succeeding semester and their load shall be limited to the extent to be determined by the Dean.

Probation may be removed by passing with grades of "3" or better in more than 50 percent of the units in which they have finals grades in the succeeding semester.

3. DISMISSAL. Students who, at the end of the semester, obtain final grades below “3” in at least 76 percent of the total number of academic units in which they receive final grades shall be dropped from the rolls of the college or school.

Students on probation, in accordance with 2) above, who again fail in 50 percent or more of the total number of units in which they receive final grades shall be dropped from the rolls of their college or school subject to the following:

a. Students dropped from one college shall not ordinarily be admitted to another unit of the University unless, in the opinion of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, their natural aptitude and interest may qualify them in another field of study in which case they may be allowed to enroll in the proper college or department.

b. Students who were dropped in accordance with rules on “Dismissal” and again fail so that it becomes necessary again to drop them, shall not be eligible for readmission to any college of the University.

4. PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION. Students who, at the end of the semester, obtain final grades below “3” in 100 percent of the academic units in which they are given final grades shall be permanently barred from readmission to any college of the University.

Permanent disqualification does not apply to cases where, on the recommendation of the faculty members concerned, the faculty certifies that the grades of “5” were due to the student’s unauthorized dropping of the subjects and not to poor scholarship. However, if the unauthorized withdrawal takes place after the mid-semester and the student’s class standing is poor, his/her grades of “5” shall be counted against him/her for the purpose of this scholarship rule. The Dean shall deal with these cases on their individual merits in the light of the recommendations of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; provided, that in no case of readmission to the same or another college shall the action be lighter than probation.

For purposes of scholastic standing, a grade of “Inc” is not included in the computation. When it is replaced by a final grade, the latter is to be included in the grades during the semester when the removal is made. The grade “4” is counted until it is removed. Once removed, only the final grade of “3” or “5” is counted.

Required courses in which a student has failed shall take precedence over other courses in his/her succeeding enrollment.

In colleges or schools in which the weight of the courses are not expressed in terms of units, the computation shall be based on their respective equivalents.

No re-admission of dismissed or disqualified students shall be considered by the deans and directors without the favorable recommendation of the University Guidance Counselor. Cases in which the action of the deans or directors conflicts with the recommendation of the University Guidance Counselor may be elevated to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, whose decision shall be final.

HONORIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The University recognizes academic excellence by conferring the following honorific scholarships. These do not entitle the holders to any tuition waiver or discounts.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR

Any undergraduate student who obtains at the end of the semester an absolute minimum weighted average of "1.45" or better, or a graduate student with an absolute minimum weighted average of "1.25" or better is given this honorific scholarship. University Scholars are listed in the President's list of Scholars.

COLLEGE SCHOLAR

Any undergraduate student who, not being classed as University Scholar, obtains at the end of the semester an absolute minimum weighted average of "1.75" or better, or a graduate student who obtains an absolute minimum weighted average of "1.5" or better is given this honorific scholarship. College Scholars are listed in the Dean's List of Scholars.

In addition to the general weighted average prescribed, a student must:

1. Have taken during the previous semester at least 15 units of academic credit or the normal load prescribed (not less than 8 units in the case of a graduate student); and
2. Have no grade below "3" in any academic or non-academic subject.

Grades of "Inc." must be completed by the end of the semester. (The end of the first semester is the day before the registration for the second semester. The end of the second semester is on the day of the UP General Commencement Exercises.)

The effectivity of the scholarship is for the semester when such weighted average is obtained.



Parangal para sa mga Mag-aaral 2017

GRADUATION WITH HONORS



111th General Commencement Exercises

Students who complete their courses with the following ABSOLUTE MINIMUM weighted average grade shall be graduated with honors:

Summa cum Laude	1.20
Magna cum Laude	1.45
Cum Laude	1.75

Provided, that all the grades in all subjects prescribed in the curriculum, as well as subjects that qualify as electives, shall be included in the computation of the weighted average grade; provided, further, that in cases where the electives taken are more than required in the program, the following procedure shall be used in selecting the electives to be included in the computation of the weighted average grade:

1. For students who did not shift programs, the required number of electives will be considered in chronological order.
2. For students who shifted from one program to another, the electives to be considered shall be selected according to the following order of priority:

- a. Electives taken in the program where the student is graduating will be selected in chronological order.
- b. Electives taken in the previous program and acceptable as electives in the second program will be selected in chronological order.
- c. Prescribed courses taken in the previous program but qualify as electives in the second program will be selected in chronological order.

Students who are candidates for graduation with honors must have completed in the University at least 75 percent of the total number of academic units or hours for graduation and must have been in residence therein for at least two (2) years immediately prior to graduation.

In the computation of the final average of students who are candidates for graduation with honors, only resident credit shall be included.

Students found guilty of cheating/dishonesty shall be barred from graduating with honors, even if their weighted average is within the requirement for graduation with honors. Provided, further, that students who have been suspended for one (1) year or more due to conduct as defined in the Rules and Regulations on Student Conduct and Discipline; the Revised Rules and Regulations Governing Fraternities, Sororities and other Student Organizations, and the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995 shall be barred from graduating with honors.

Students who are candidates for graduation with honors must have taken during each semester/trimester not less than 15 units of credit or the normal load prescribed in the curriculum, unless the lighter load was due to justifiable causes such as health reasons, the unavailability of courses needed in the curriculum to complete the full load, or the fact that the candidate is a working student.

To justify underloading under the following conditions, the submission of pertinent documents is required:

1. Health reasons - medical certification from the University Health Service
2. Unavailability of courses - certification by the major adviser and copy of schedule of classes
3. Employment - copy of payroll and appointment papers indicating among others duration of employment

It is the responsibility of the student to establish beyond reasonable doubt the veracity of the cause(s) of his/her light loading. It is required, in this connection, that the documents submitted to establish the cause(s) of the light loading must be sworn to. THESE DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED DURING THE SEMESTER OF UNDERLOADING.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION



Aerial view of Palma Hall. Photo by Jefferson Villacruz

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The academic year is divided into two semesters of at least 16 weeks each, exclusive of registration and final examination periods. Each semester consists of at least 100 class days. A midyear session of six weeks follows the second semester. Class work in the midyear session is equivalent to class work in one semester. The first semester begins in August, the second semester in January and the midyear term in June.

SEMESTRAL SYSTEM

All UPD academic units operate under the semestral system, except for the following programs under the trimestral system: the evening Master of Business Administration program and the Master of Science in Finance program (Cesar EA Virata School of Business), Master of Management Program and Master in Governance and Innovative Leadership (UPD Extension Program in

Pampanga/ Olongapo), the Professional Masters in Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Program (College of Science), and the degree programs under Archaeological Studies Program (ASP)

CREDIT UNIT

The unit of credit is the semester hour. Most classes taught at the University meet three hours a week; these classes carry 48 clock-hours of instruction and three units of credit. Each unit of credit is at least 16 semester-hours of instruction in the form of lecture, discussion, seminar, tutorial or recitation or in any combination of these forms. Laboratory work, field work or related student activity is credited one unit for at least 32 semester-hours.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

English is generally used as the medium of instruction in the University. The

UP Language Policy provides for the development and use of the Filipino language while maintaining English as a global lingua franca. The Policy states that Filipino shall be the medium of instruction in the University at the undergraduate level, within a reasonable time frame or transition period. Graduate courses of study shall be in English, though there could very well be graduate courses of study in which the medium of instruction is Filipino. English shall be maintained as the primary international language in the University to serve as its chief medium of access to the world's intellectual discourse.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The General Education (GE) Program is a set of courses classified under the domains of Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Philosophy, and Mathematics, Science and Technology that give students knowledge and competencies to better prepare them for the basic understanding of various ways of knowing. This makes the UP student a well-rounded person ready for lifelong learning skills.

The liberal education thrust of GE aims to mold the UP student to becoming a holistic person, a more independent, creative, and critical thinker; a morally sound and intellectual individual of high integrity, and well able to adapt to the fast-changing pace of today's living.

The GE Program was first adopted in 1958 and underwent several revisions thereafter.

ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK

UPD's academic framework is divided into four clusters under which the various degree granting units are assigned, namely: Arts and Letters, Management and Economics, Science and Technology and Social Sciences and Law.

CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

On Dec. 23, 2015, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) identified 137 Centers of Excellence (COE) in public and private institutions of higher learning in the country, 23 of which are at UPD. The Commission defines a COE as demonstrating "excellence in performance in the areas of instruction, research and publication, extension and linkages and institutional qualifications." The CHED is the lead in the Philippine higher education system.

Eight COEs are in the College of Science, namely Biology, Cell and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Marine Science, Mathematics and Physics. Five are in the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy as: Anthropology, Foreign Language, History, Political Science and Psychology.

Three are at the College of Mass Communication, namely Broadcasting, Communication and Journalism.

The remaining disciplines are Chemical Engineering and Geodetic Engineering, both at the College of Engineering; English and Literature (College of Arts and Letters); Library and Information Studies (School of Library and Information Studies); Social Work (College of Social Work and Community Development) and Statistics (School of Statistics).

On Mar. 22, 2016, three more COEs were awarded: Metallurgical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Teacher Education.

The designation as a COE is from Jan. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2018 or until sooner terminated, revoked or cancelled.

THE ACADEMIC UNITS

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Colleges in the Arts and Letters Cluster specialize in various fields in the humanities, each college wholly committed to the task of developing the student's aesthetic and physical capabilities and perfecting his/her craft.



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MEMORANDUM NO. OVCAA-JARC 23-007

TO : Deans, College Secretaries, and Heads of Units,
Students and Student Organizations

FROM : 
JOSE ANTONIO R. CLEMENTE, PhD
Officer-in-Charge, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT : Blended Learning Delivery Mode for AY 2023-2024

DATE : 20 April 2023

To guide our faculty and students in planning for the teaching and learning delivery modes for course offerings in AY 2023-2024, please note that we are moving forward with **blended learning**. Similar to our learning delivery mode this semester as indicated in [OVPAA Memo 2022-171](#), **undergraduate courses** will still follow **either Model 2 or 3** of the blended learning delivery models except for clinical rotations, internships, on-the-job training, intensive laboratories, community-based immersion, and similar programs. **Graduate courses**, on the other hand, may still opt to follow **Model 1, 2, or 3**. The description of the blended learning models can be found on pp. 5-6 of [OVPAA Memorandum No. 2022-88](#).

The face-to-face component of Models 2 and 3 should be at least 50% and delivered in a learning-centered context, following, for example, the flipped classroom model. The hyflex model may be adopted, provided its infrastructure is in place. Note that both undergraduate and graduate courses may also be delivered through 100% face-to-face instruction.

Regardless of learning modality, please keep the following reminder in mind: "It is important to think through which learning activities are best done f2f and online, and which activities should be done online synchronously and asynchronously, to foster learner interaction with the content, the teacher, and other learners" (OVPAA Memo No. 2022-88). *Ultimately, the choice of learning delivery mode should be based on the best strategy that will help students attain the course outcomes, as well as the resources available to the academic units.*

Lastly, future announcements on learning delivery modes during the succeeding academic years will be based on the evaluation of blended learning that will be carried out this year. For any questions or concerns, please feel free to send us an email (ovcaa.upd@up.edu.ph).

Kindly disseminate this memo to your academic community. We hope that this semester has been going well so far. Thank you for all your hard work in ensuring the success of the first university-wide implementation of blended learning this semester.



U. P. HEALTH SERVICE
University of the Philippines
Diliman, Quezon City



May 9, 2022

To : All Deans/Directors/Heads of Offices
All Health Liaison Officers

Subject : **Reiteration of DOH Department Memorandum No. 2022-0433
(Updated Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for
the Continued Safe Reopening of Institutions) and Health
Protocols and Guidelines on the Conduct of Face-to-Face Classes**

It has been 3 years since COVID-19 began and it continues to affect our lives. It is important to stay informed about the latest developments and be responsible for checking facts from fake social media posts so as not to cause unnecessary panic. Understandably, there are feelings of anxiety and stress, but it is important to allay fears with fact-checking and scientifically sound decision-making.

Recently, there have been spikes in cases, thus we reiterate the *DOH Department Memorandum No. 2022-0433 and Annex 9 of Memorandum No. FRN 23-002*. Let us practice precautions and remember that we can protect ourselves and everyone around us, by following standard health protocols. These are simple and effective ways to prevent the spread of the virus, reduce the risk of infection and keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

If you are not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home and seek medical attention. If you have not received COVID-19 vaccination or are not updated with your booster dose, please avail yourself of vaccination as soon as possible through your Local Government Vaccination Sites.

Let us all continue to work together to keep ourselves and our communities safe.

Thank you very much.

MYRISSA MELINDA LACUNA-ALIP, M.D. MHA, FPAFP
Director, UPHS

Cc: OCES

NOTED:

LUIS MARIA T. BO-OT, PhD.
Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 13, 2022

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2022- 0433

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD); MINISTER OF HEALTH- BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM); CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; DOH ATTACHED AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Updated Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for the Continued Safe Reopening of Institutions

Administrative Order No. 2021-0043, otherwise known as “*Omnibus Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for the Safe Reopening of Institutions*” set the principles in addressing the public health concerns brought about by the COVID-19 disease following the Prevent, Detect, Isolate, Treat, Reintegrate, Vaccinate (PDITR+) strategy. This Order included regular updating of policies consistent with the directions set by the National Government, through the Interagency Task Force for Emerging and Infectious Diseases (ITF-EID), updated recommendations from the COVID-19 Living Recommendations, and the Department of Health (DOH) and its Expert Groups.

In ensuring responsiveness of national government policies, in recognition of the protective effect of vaccination, and in support of the continued safe reopening of institutions, these guidelines are being issued to reiterate the updated protocols for guidance of all relevant stakeholders.

A. UPDATE ON GENERAL GUIDELINES

Cognizant of the waning immunity provided by the primary series of COVID-19 vaccination, all eligible individuals are strongly recommended to keep up to date with vaccination, including primary series and boosters for their age group. This is especially emphasized for healthcare workers, senior citizens, immunocompromised adults, adults with comorbidities, frontline workers across all sectors, and all other individuals in high-risk community and work settings.

B. UPDATE ON THE PREVENT STRATEGY - Masking Protocols

Pursuant to the Office of the President Executive Order No. 03 s. 2022 entitled, “*Allowing Voluntary Wearing of Facemasks in Outdoor Settings and Reiterating the Continued Implementation of Minimum Public Health Standards during the State of Public Health*”

Emergency Relative to the COVID-19 Pandemic”, the public shall observe the following protocol for the use of face mask:

1. Voluntary Wearing of Face Mask

- a. Wearing of well-fitted face masks shall be voluntary in open spaces and non-crowded outdoor areas with good ventilation.
- b. Partially and unvaccinated individuals, high-risk individuals such as senior citizens and immunocompromised individuals are strongly encouraged to wear their well-fitted masks and continue to observe 1-meter physical distancing at all times.

2. Mandatory Wearing of Face Mask

Face masks shall continue to be worn for indoor private and public establishments, including in public transportation by land, air, or sea, and in outdoor settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

C. UPDATE ON THE DETECT STRATEGY - Testing Protocols

1. Testing for Clinical Management

- a. All suspect and probable cases for COVID-19, especially A2 (senior citizens), A3 (individuals with comorbidities and the immunocompromised) and the high-risk population groups must undergo confirmatory testing prior to the start of any COVID-19 treatment regimen (e.g., as in Annex E and F). Rapid antigen tests shall be used for immediate management of symptomatic cases and when RT-PCR is not readily available. If rapid antigen test is negative, RT-PCR shall be used for confirmatory testing.
- b. All suspect and mild cases who are not at high risk for severe COVID-19 infection, or those that do not belong in the A1, A2, or A3 category, shall not require confirmatory COVID-19 testing for case management. They shall isolate immediately, preferably at home if requirements for home isolation are met (see Annex D), and monitor for progression of signs and symptoms guided by health care workers onsite or through teleconsult for appropriate management.
- c. In principle, testing of suspect cases and individuals with mild symptoms shall be optional. If testing shall be done, rapid antigen tests shall be used for symptomatic cases. If rapid antigen test is negative, RT-PCR shall be used for confirmatory testing.
- d. Testing of the asymptomatic close contacts who are not at high risk for severe disease regardless of vaccination status shall be optional. If testing will be done, use of RT-PCR shall remain the gold standard for COVID-19 testing.

2. Testing for Surveillance

- a. Local and Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (RESUs) shall check their case and health care metrics daily to determine which areas are at increasing risk. Identified areas shall be prioritized for active surveillance. A list of such areas shall be regularly provided by the RESUs to the Epidemiology Bureau.
- b. Priority areas shall implement the following activities:
 - i. Active case finding;
 - ii. Increased RT-PCR testing in the region, especially targeting suspect cases and symptomatic close contacts;
 - iii. Contact tracing, especially for cases confirmed to be positive for Variants of Concern or of Interest and sublineages under close monitoring; and
 - iv. Sending of samples for whole genome sequencing (WGS) to meet the weekly quota of at least 75 samples per week in line with Department Memorandum (DM) No. 2021-0182 “Interim Guidelines for the Biosurveillance of SARS CoV-2 and Management of Cases of Variants of Concern”.
- c. RT-PCR testing shall be used for suspect cases and contacts detected for the purpose of public health surveillance.
- d. Health care workers shall undergo regular COVID-19 testing in schedules determined by their Infection Prevention and Control Committees in accordance with DM No. 2022-0397 “Reiteration on the COVID-19 Testing of Public and Private Health Care Workers”. Results of screening shall be used to determine functional bed capacity and planning. While rapid antigen testing may be used, RT-PCR may be used to:
 - i. Confirm rapid antigen-negative results, and
 - ii. Provide suitable samples from positive cases for WGS.
- e. CHDs shall ensure submission compliance and monitoring of Disease Reporting Units (DRUs) and other health facilities, including those that perform facility-based rapid antigen testing.

D. UPDATE IN ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE STRATEGIES (Summary matrix is available in Annex A)

1. Quarantine of asymptomatic close contacts

- a. Asymptomatic close contacts of probable or confirmed cases who have been vaccinated with at least primary series, shall not be required to undergo quarantine.
- b. Partially vaccinated or unvaccinated asymptomatic close contacts of probable or confirmed cases, shall quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days from the date of the last exposure. Quarantine can be discontinued at the end of this period if they have remained asymptomatic during the whole period, regardless if testing has been done and resulted negative.

- c. All asymptomatic close contacts shall not be required to test, however should symptoms develop, immediate isolation shall be required, regardless of test results. If testing is done, RT-PCR testing is preferred for asymptomatic individuals.
- d. All asymptomatic close contacts shall conduct symptom monitoring for at least fourteen (14) days, regardless of shortened quarantine period. They shall strictly observe minimum public health standards, which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of masks, regardless of vaccination status.
- e. All health facilities and local health offices shall follow the prescribed duration for isolation and quarantine. There shall be no testing for the purpose of ending isolation or quarantine earlier than the prescribed duration.

2. Isolation of individuals with symptoms and suspect, probable, and confirmed cases

- a. All suspect, probable, and confirmed cases who are asymptomatic or present with mild symptoms, and who have been vaccinated with at least primary series, shall isolate for at least seven (7) days from the sample collection date or from onset of signs and symptoms, whichever is earlier. If symptoms develop within or after the prescribed period for the asymptomatic individual, they shall complete the required isolation period counting from the first day of documented symptom onset as the start. Isolation can be discontinued without the need for repeat testing upon completion of the recommended isolation period, provided that they do not have fever for at least twenty four (24) hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and shall have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms.
- b. All suspect, probable, and confirmed cases who are asymptomatic or present with mild symptoms, and who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated, shall isolate for at least ten (10) days from the sample collection date or from onset of signs and symptoms, whichever is earlier. If symptoms develop within or after the prescribed period for the asymptomatic individual, they shall complete the required isolation period counting from the first day of documented symptom onset as the start. Isolation can be discontinued without the need for repeat testing upon completion of the recommended isolation period, provided that they do not have fever for at least twenty four (24) hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and shall have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms.
- c. All suspect, probable, and confirmed cases presenting with moderate symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, shall be isolated for at least ten (10) days from onset of signs and symptoms. Isolation can be discontinued without the need for repeat testing upon completion of the recommended isolation period, provided that they do not have fever for at least twenty four (24) hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and shall have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms.
- d. All suspect, probable, and confirmed cases presenting with severe and critical symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, shall be isolated for at least twenty

one (21) days from onset of signs and symptoms. Isolation can be discontinued without the need for repeat testing upon completion of the recommended isolation period, provided that they do not have fever for at least 24 hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and shall have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms.

- e. All symptomatic severely immunocompromised confirmed cases, as outlined below, shall be isolated for at least twenty one (21) days from onset of signs and symptoms, regardless of vaccination status. These shall include patients with:
 - i. Individuals receiving active chemotherapy for cancer
 - ii. Being within one (1) year out from receiving a hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant
 - iii. Untreated HIV infection with CD4 <200
 - iv. Primary immunodeficiency
 - v. Taking immunosuppressive medications (e.g. drugs to suppress rejection of transplanted organs or to treat rheumatologic conditions such as mycophenolate and rituximab)
 - vi. Taking more than 20mg a day of prednisone for more than 14 days
 - vii. Other conditions as determined by the attending physician

In addition to the minimum isolation period of 21 days, patients should not have fever for at least twenty four (24) hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms prior to discontinuation of isolation.

Repeat RT-PCR testing shall also be recommended for this group upon completion of the recommended isolation period. If results turn out negative, they may be discharged from isolation. If results turn out positive, they shall be referred to an Infectious Disease Specialist who may issue clearance and discharge if warranted.

- 3. Quarantine and isolation of Filipino and foreign nationals entering the Philippines shall comply with the travel protocols set in the latest IATF resolution, and other future issuances of DOH, Department of Transportation (DOTR), Department of Tourism (DOT), and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) as deemed appropriate.

E. UPDATE IN TREATMENT STRATEGIES

Updated list of drugs for the treatment and management of COVID-19 can be found in the following annexes:

- 1. Annex E - Drugs in the Management of Adult Patients with COVID-19
- 2. Annex F - Drugs in the Management of Pediatric Patients with COVID-19
- 3. Annex G - Prophylaxis of Close Contacts of Patients with COVID-19

F. REPEALING CLAUSE

DOH DM 2022-0013 “Updated Guidelines on Quarantine, Isolation, and Testing for COVID-19 Response and Case Management for the Omicron Variant”, DOH Department Circular 2022-0002 “Advisory on COVID-19 Protocols for Quarantine and Isolation” and other issuances inconsistent with or contrary to this DM are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly. All other provisions of existing issuances which are not affected by this DM shall remain valid and in effect. Succeeding issuances shall adopt future amendments from IATF policy and orders from the Office of the President. Clarificatory guidelines and policies may be issued by the Public Health Services Team as deemed appropriate.

For strict compliance.


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Annex A: Updated Quarantine and Isolation Protocols

QUARANTINE		
Asymptomatic close contact*	At least with primary series	0 days
	Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	At least 14 days from exposure
ISOLATION		
Asymptomatic and mild disease	At least with primary series	7 days from the sample collection date or from onset of signs and symptoms, whichever is earlier + afebrile**
	Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	10 days from the sample collection date or from onset of signs and symptoms, whichever is earlier + afebrile**
Moderate disease	Regardless of vaccination status	10 days from onset of signs and symptoms + afebrile**
Severe disease and immunocompromised***	Regardless of vaccination status	21 days from onset of signs and symptoms + afebrile**

* All asymptomatic close contacts should continue symptom monitoring for 14 days, strictly observe MPHS which includes wearing well-fitted masks, physical distancing, among others

**Isolation can be discontinued upon completion of the required days, provided that, they shall not develop fever for at least 24 hours without the use of any antipyretic medications and shall have improvement of respiratory symptoms. Except for immunocompromised individuals, repeat testing nor medical certification shall not be required for safe reintegration into the community (including workplaces, schools, and other settings). Time based isolation is sufficient provided the affected individual remains asymptomatic.

***Immunocompromised includes (1) individuals receiving active chemotherapy for cancer; (2) Being within one year out from receiving a hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant; (3) Untreated HIV infection with CD4 <200; (4) Primary Immunodeficiency; (5) Taking immunosuppressive medications (e.g. drugs to suppress rejection of transplanted organs or to treat rheumatologic conditions such as mycophenolate and rituximab); (6) Taking more than 20mg a day of prednisone for more than 14 days; (7) The degree of immunocompromise is determined by the health care provider, and preventive actions are adapted to each individual and situation. Repeat RT-PCR testing shall also be recommended for this group upon completion of the recommended isolation period. If results turn out negative, they may be discharged from isolation. If results turn out positive, they shall be referred to an Infectious Disease Specialist who may issue clearance and discharge if warranted.

Annex B. Updated Testing Protocols

Who is being tested?	Why is testing being done?	Should you test?	Remarks
Those eligible for COVID-19 medications, especially A2 (senior citizens), A3 (individuals with comorbidities and immunocompromised), and at high risk for disease	<p>For clinical management</p> <p>Confirming COVID-19 to know if investigational drugs can be given</p> <p>Recommended repeat testing of severely immunocompromised upon completion of isolation</p>	YES	<p>Antigen when symptomatic;</p> <p>RT-PCR as confirmatory if antigen negative</p>
Asymptomatic close contact and not high risk	Confirming COVID-19 after exposure to positive case	OPTIONAL	Quarantine, except if vaccinated with at least primary series; RT-PCR test preferred or for active surveillance
Mild symptoms/ suspect case and not high risk	Confirming COVID-19 after onset of symptoms	OPTIONAL	<p>Isolate immediately (Prefer home isolation and teleconsult)</p> <p>Antigen when symptomatic; RT-PCR as confirmatory if antigen negative or if for active surveillance</p>

Annex C. Surveillance Testing

Who is being tested?	Why is testing being done?	Should you test?	Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1 or Health Care Workers 	Surveillance to plan for adequate health system capacity	YES	Antigen test when symptomatic RT-PCR to confirm negative test and to send for WGS
CHDs, LHOs/LESUs, Hospitals	National sampling for genomic surveillance	YES	RT-PCR necessary for Surveillance

WGS - whole genome sequencing

Annex D. Requirements for Home Isolation

- A. Infrastructure
 - 1. Well-ventilated room
 - 2. Line for communication with family and health workers
 - 3. Utilities such as electricity, potable water, cooking source, etc.
 - 4. Solid waste and sewage disposal
- B. Accommodations
 - 1. Ability to provide a separate bedroom for the patient, or separate bed with enough distance (>3 feet or 1 meter) so long as there are no vulnerable persons (e.g. immunocompromised, elderly) in the household
 - 2. Accessible bathroom in the residence; if multiple bathrooms are available, one bathroom designated for use by the patient
- C. Resource for Patient Care and Support
 - 1. Primary caregiver who will remain in the residence and who is 1) fully vaccinated, 2) not at high risk for complications, and 3) is educated on proper precautions
 - 2. Medications for pre-existing conditions as needed; family planning supplies as desired
 - 3. Digital thermometer, preferably one per patient, disinfected before and after use
 - 4. Meal preparation
 - 5. Masks, tissues, and other hygiene products
 - 6. Laundry
 - 7. Household cleaning products
- D. Personal Protective Equipment
 - 1. For the patient: surgical mask per day for each day of isolation
 - 2. For at least one caregiver, but preferably for the whole household: surgical mask per day for each day of isolation
 - 3. For disinfection: gown, head covering, gloves for disinfection
- E. Home Monitoring Kit
 - A. Vital signs recording mechanism
 - B. Thermometer
 - C. Pulse oximeter
 - D. BP apparatus, if with history of hypertension
 - E. Recommended meal plan or information materials on proper nutrition and access to basic necessities, including delivery services
 - F. Psychosocial support materials or proposed activities during isolation
 - G. Family health plan and instructions to caregivers, to include proper wearing, removal, and disposal of PPE, instructions on disinfection, avoidance of all household members being unmasked when eating or drinking, and sharing of personal items for eating and hygiene.
 - H. Medicines to manage common symptoms of COVID-19

Common COVID-19 Symptoms	Medicines for Symptomatic Relief (Supportive Treatment Only)
Fever or chills	Antipyretic (e.g. Paracetamol)
Muscle or body aches	Analgesics/ Pain reliever (e.g. Paracetamol, Ibuprofen*)
Headache	
Cough	
Dry Cough	Antitussive/ Cough suppressants (e.g. Dextromethorphan, Butamirate citrate, Levodropropizine)
Productive Cough	Expectorant (e.g. Guaifenesin, Lagundi*) Mucolytic (e.g. N-acetylcysteine, Carbocisteine)
Nasal itching or sneezing	Antihistamines (e.g. first generation antihistamines such as Chlorpheniramine maleate; second generation antihistamines such as Cetirizine, Loratadine) <i>Note: Antihistamines may cause sleepiness</i>
Congested or runny nose	Saline nasal spray* Decongestants (e.g. Drugs containing Phenylephrine, Phenylpropanolamine) <i>Note: Use decongestants with caution in individuals with elevated blood pressure or hypertension</i>
Itchy throat	Antihistamines (e.g. first generation antihistamines such as Chlorpheniramine maleate; second generation antihistamines such as Cetirizine, Loratadine) <i>Note: Antihistamines may cause sleepiness</i>
Sore throat	Throat lozenges, Gargle and mouthwash* (e.g. Hexetidine, Povidone-Iodine gargle)
Nausea or vomiting	Antiemetics (e.g. Bismuth subsalicylate, Metoclopramide)
Diarrhea	Oral rehydration salts, Anti-diarrheals (e.g. Loperamide) <i>Note: Loperamide can be used by patients without fever or bloody stools</i>
Non-pharmacological supportive management <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Provide adequate nutrition and appropriate rehydration● Provide psychosocial support and counsel patients about signs and symptoms of complications that should prompt urgent care	

**While not recommended by the PSMID COVID-19 Living CPG as adjunctive treatment for COVID-19, these drugs might be of benefit for symptomatic relief only.*

Annex E. Drugs in the Management of Adult Patients with COVID-19

Treatment For Mild-Moderate COVID-19 in Non-Hospitalized Adult Patients*

Recommended Indication (based on COVID LCPG)	Medicine	Regulatory Status as of July 2022 (Philippine FDA)	Link to COVID LCPG Evidence Review
Mild to moderate, non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients with at least 1 risk factor** for progression to severe disease	Bamlanivimab + Etesevimab	With Compassionate Use Permit (CSP)*	https://www.psmi.d.org/bamlanivimab-and-etesevimab-evidence-summary/
Symptomatic, non-hospitalized patients with at least 1 risk factor*** for severe COVID-19	Casirivimab + Imdevimab	With Emergency use Authorization (EUA)**	https://www.psmi.d.org/casirivimab-imdevimab-evidence-summary-2/
Non-hospitalized patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 infection with at least one risk factor**** for progression (within 5 days of symptom onset)	Molnupiravir	With EUA with Conditional Marketing Authorization (CMA)***	https://www.psmi.d.org/molnupiravir-evidence-summary/

*Should be used with the supervision of a physician

**Risk factors: age ≥ 65 years, body-mass index ≥ 35 kg/m², cardiovascular disease (including hypertension), chronic lung disease (including asthma), chronic metabolic disease (including diabetes), chronic kidney disease (including receipt of dialysis), chronic liver disease, and immunocompromised conditions

***Risk factors: age > 50 years, obesity, cardiovascular disease (including hypertension), chronic lung disease (including asthma), chronic metabolic disease (including diabetes), chronic kidney disease (including receipt of dialysis), chronic liver disease, and immunocompromised conditions

****Risk factors: age > 60 years, active cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, obesity, serious heart conditions or diabetes mellitus

*Medicines with CSP are not for commercial distribution (Patients, Doctors, Specialized Institutions, Specialized Society, Hospitals, Importers of Pharmaceutical Products may avail by request from the Philippine FDA)

**EUA is an authorization issued for unregistered drugs and vaccines in a public health emergency. The EUA is not a CPR or a marketing authorization.

***EUA with CMA is an authorization issued for unregistered drugs and vaccines in a public health emergency involving wholesale and retail of C19 drugs by FDA licensed establishments, provided strict compliance with post-authorization conditions and/or obligations is observed.

Treatment For Moderate-Severe COVID-19 in Hospitalized Adult Patients*

Recommended Indication (based on COVID LCPG)	Medicine	Regulatory Status as of July 2022 (Philippine FDA)**	Link to COVID LCPG Evidence Review
Patients with COVID-19 infection who have O2 saturation < 94% and/or requiring oxygen supplementation	Remdesivir + Dexamethasone	With Certificate of Product Registration (CPR)	https://www.psmid.org/remdesivir-evidence-summary/
Hospitalized COVID-19 patients who require low-flow oxygen, high-flow oxygen, and non-invasive ventilation	Baricitinib in addition to Remdesivir + Dexamethasone	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/baricitinib-evidence-summary/
Patients showing rapid respiratory deterioration and/or requiring high doses of oxygen (high-flow nasal cannula, noninvasive or invasive mechanical ventilation) and with elevated biomarkers of inflammation (CRP)	Tocilizumab + systemic steroids	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/tocilizumab-evidence-summary/
Hospitalized patients with moderate, severe or critical COVID-19 disease unless there are any contraindications	Standard dose prophylactic anticoagulation	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/anticoagulation-evidence-summary/
Patients with severe and critical COVID-19 (up to 10 days)	Dexamethasone (6 mg to 12 mg per day)	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/corticosteroids-evidence-summary/

*Should be used with the supervision of a physician

**Medicines with CPR are commercially available, while medicines with CSP are not for commercial distribution (Patients, Doctors, Specialized Institutions, Specialized Society, Hospitals, Importers of Pharmaceutical Products may avail by request from the Philippine FDA)

Annex F. Drugs in the Management of Pediatric Patients with COVID-19

Treatment For Mild COVID-19 in Children*

Recommended Indication (based on COVID LCPG)	Medicine	Regulatory Status as of July 2022 (Philippine FDA)***	Link to COVID LCPG Evidence Review
Non-hospitalized children with COVID-19 infection with at least one (1) risk factor** for disease progression	Remdesivir	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/remdesivir-evidence-summary-2/

*Should be used with the supervision of a physician

**Risk factors: hypertension, cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, obesity, immune compromise, chronic mild or moderate kidney disease, chronic liver disease, chronic lung disease, current cancer or sickle cell disease.

***Medicines with CPR are commercially available; Remdesivir was granted CPR as Drug Products under Emergency Use (DEU) hence validity of the authorization shall depend on the provisions of FDA Circular No. 2020-012

Treatment For Hospitalized Moderate to Severe COVID-19 in Children*

Recommended Indication (based on COVID LCPG)	Medicine	Regulatory Status as of July 2022 (Philippine FDA)**	Link to COVID LCPG Evidence Review
Patients with moderate to severe COVID-19 infection, particularly where there is evidence of systemic inflammation	Tocilizumab + Systemic Steroids	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/tocilizumab-evidence-summary-2/
Hospitalized children with severe COVID-19 infection	Remdesivir	With CPR	https://www.psmid.org/remdesivir-evidence-summary-2/

*Should be used with the supervision of a physician

**Medicines with CPR are commercially available; Remdesivir was granted CPR as Drug Products under Emergency Use (DEU) hence validity of the authorization shall depend on the provisions of FDA Circular No. 2020-012

Annex G. Prophylaxis of Close Contacts of Patients with COVID-19*

Current Indication (based on COVID LCPG)	Medicine	Regulatory Status as of July 2022 (Philippine FDA)*	Link to COVID LCPG Evidence Review
Day 4 post-exposure prophylaxis for COVID-19 close contacts (<i>see definition in Annex B</i>), ages 12 years and above weighing at least 40 kilograms, who are at risk for severe disease or hospitalization**	Subcutaneous use of Casirivimab + Imdevimab	With EUA	https://www.psmid.org/casirivimab-imdevimab-evidence-summary-3/

*Should be used with the supervision of a physician

**This includes the following people: elderly; BMI > 25; those with chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease; those who are not expected to mount an adequate immune response to the vaccine due to immunosuppressive therapy or those in an immunocompromised state

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ANNEX 9

University of the Philippines Diliman

Health Protocols and Guidelines on the Conduct of Face-to-Face Classes Second Semester AY 2022-2023

For the forthcoming second semester and beyond, units and colleges must always take into consideration the health and safety of all students, faculty and staff participating in face-to-face classes and activities. Daily monitoring of public health protocols must be observed throughout the semester.

Several factors can contribute to the likelihood of involved parties getting and spreading COVID-19 during face-to-face interactions. In combination, the following factors may create higher or lower amounts of risk depending on existing conditions:

1. Number of students enrolled in the class
2. Exposure during travel to and from the class
3. Setting of the classroom/venue
4. Length of the daily encounter
5. Number and crowding of students
6. Behavior of students during classes
7. Ventilation condition

These guidelines will serve as an additional safety measure to the existing Interagency Task Force/ UP-IATF, LGU, CHED and other related government guidelines.

A. Health Standards in the Classroom

1. Students, faculty, and staff must conduct a self-assessment of their health condition prior to going to the campus. Any individual experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (dry cough, fever, malaise) is advised to not attend class or work.
2. If a student, faculty, or staff becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19 (dry cough, fever, malaise) during their stay on campus, he/she should go or be brought to the UP Health Service (UPHS) or the nearest health care facility for assessment.
3. Display dispensers of alcohol-based hand rub prominently in classrooms.
4. Infographic materials on different protocols against COVID-19 must be displayed inside the classrooms, at key locations and enclosed spaces in the building. Audio-video materials may also be played at strategic locations.

5. It is highly encouraged to separate the seats in enclosed rooms at least one meter apart. If this is not possible to observe, the reduced physical distancing must be compensated by ensuring better ventilation and/or air purification.
6. Entrance Point
 - a. A temperature scan will be mandatory:
 - i. All delegates/participants will be screened prior to entry into the venue.
 - ii. Only delegates, organizers, and personnel with a temperature of less than or equal to 37.4°C will be allowed entry to the venue.
 - iii. Anybody who is found to have a body temperature of more than or equal to 37.5°C will be referred to the UP Health Service.
 - b. Physical distance of at least one meter is highly encouraged at the queuing area prior to entering the venue.
7. The following ventilation guidelines shall be followed:
 - a. Airflow should not be directed to people, as much as possible.
 - b. There should be an adequate supply of fresh air from outside.
 - c. For facilities that have a centralized ventilation and air conditioning (VAC) system or have air conditioners that provide ventilation in addition to the usual cooled air recirculation, check if the system/unit can adequately ventilate the space being served. Adequate ventilation means cleaning the air in the room six times an hour; indoor air should be exchanged with outdoor fresh air. This may be done by opening doors and/or windows for a few minutes six times for every hour.
 - d. For spaces where the installed air conditioner/s (AC/s) can only provide cooled air recirculation and are not designed to provide ventilation, the following strategies are recommended:
 - i. Doors, windows, gaps and other openings that can be opened during office hours must be identified. Opening these will allow the intake of fresh air and the exhaust of "used" air (assumed to be used/contaminated) to a level that will approximately provide adequate ventilation.
 - ii. Whenever possible, designated intake and exhaust points should be far apart in a specific indoor space. (Example: opening a door and a window on the opposite sides of a room.)
 - iii. Electric fans at the fresh air intakes should be directed upwards at the maximum possible adjustment angle and not swiveled. Exhaust fans should be as close as possible to the exhaust points.
 - e. Keep all toilet exhaust fans always turned on during operating hours to facilitate removal of aerosols, ventilate the toilets and general spaces where the toilets are located.
 - f. In addition to the required ventilation, air filters and purifiers (including disinfection systems) may be used to help in cleaning and disinfecting air in enclosed spaces. While air purification may be added, this does not replace proper ventilation of enclosed spaces. Ensuring ample oxygen level and minimum carbon dioxide removal from spaces is still primary in order to create a safe, healthy and comfortable indoor environment.
8. Provision of hand washing stations and hand sanitizers (70% isopropyl alcohol or ethyl alcohol) in strategic areas such as high traffic areas, entrance/exit points, busy corridors and such should be ensured.
9. Periodic sanitation and disinfection of the venue, tables, chairs and other frequently touched surfaces should be done.
10. Tissue paper and sanitizing hand rub in communal areas should be provided.

11. All toilet facilities should have adequate soap and water for frequent hand washing. Everyone is advised to follow the recommendation to close the toilet seat lid when flushing to minimize the release of droplets into the air after flushing. Tissue paper or paper towel should be used for hand drying; air hand dryers should not be used to minimize release of droplets into the air.

12. Appropriate measures should be implemented to limit the number of persons using toilet facilities, allowing the minimum one-meter physical distancing.

B. Health Standards: Vaccination, Face Masks, Physical Distancing

1. It is highly encouraged that everyone is up to date with their vaccination.
2. All attendees, participants, technical support staff and the venue personnel are advised to wear the recommended facemask consistently and correctly.
3. Avoid crowding especially in enclosed spaces.

C. Recommendation for Unidirectional Flow (One Entrance – One Exit)

1. Signages indicating “entrance” and “exit” and traffic flow should be put up. Floor markers can be installed to facilitate unidirectional foot traffic in the venue.

D. Policy on Detection and Isolation of Symptomatic Individuals

1. An area shall be designated for use to isolate any attendee, participant, technical support staff who become ill during the class while waiting to be fetched by UPHS.
2. The medical assessment shall be made by the UPHS or health care facility where the individual is brought as a basis for immediately isolating symptomatic individuals and/or close contacts.
3. Symptomatic individuals detected at the entrance shall be brought immediately to UPHS or any health care facility of choice.

E. Monitoring

1. If a student, faculty, or staff underwent isolation as a suspected COVID-19 case, they must inform the UPHS-PHU if they were seen by another health care facility. This is to monitor the status of the individual and enable the UPHS to issue them a clearance prior to going back to class or work.
2. If any individual develops even a mild cough or low-grade fever (i.e. a temperature of 37.3 C or more), he/she should stay at home, self-isolate, and inform the UPHS.

F. Cleaning and Disinfection Protocols

1. Frequent disinfection of high contact areas like door knobs, keyboards, elevator buttons, handrails, and others must be done.
2. Daily cleaning and disinfection (soap and water is sufficient) of the building facility must be done.
3. Cleaners must wear appropriate PPEs.

4. If using, cleaners must prepare disinfectants based on the protocols prescribed by the UPHS.

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Pamantasang hirang
Ang tinig namin
Sana'y inyong dinggin
Malayong lupain
Amin mang marating
Di rin magbabago ang damdamin
Di rin magbabago ang damdamin

Luntian at pula
Sagisag magpakailanman
Ating 'pagdiwang
Bulwagan ng dangal
Humayo't itanghal
Citing at tapang
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