



## PhilHealth to prioritize at-risk individuals and health care workers for CoViD-19 testing

Pursuant to RA No. 11469 or the “*Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*”, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) partnered with the Philippine Red Cross (PRC), a DOH-accredited testing laboratory, for the conduct of expanded targeted testing for CoViD-19 disease.

Due to the expanded targeted testing strategy as embodied in DOH Memorandum No. 2020-0180, the PRC shall provide CoViD-19 Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test to the following priority individuals and healthcare workers:

1. Patients or healthcare workers with **severe/critical symptoms**, relevant history of travel/contact;
2. Patients or healthcare workers with **mild symptoms**, relevant history of travel/contact, and **considered vulnerable**;
3. Patients or healthcare workers with **mild symptoms**, relevant history of travel/contact; and
4. Patients or healthcare workers with no symptoms but relevant history of travel/contact.

The RT-PCR tests of the abovementioned individuals is at no cost to them and shall be paid for by PhilHealth. An initial P100 million was provided to the PRC for this undertaking, which will be replenished once liquidated. As of June 1, 2020, a total of 40,941 tests have been availed of amounting to more than P96 M.

For individuals not mentioned in the above priorities, coordination with their respective LGUs, employers, or other private institutions/groups with CoViD-19 testing initiatives is advised.

  
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