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## **CHED, Marikina gov't vaccinate education frontliners**

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the City Government of Marikina partnered to vaccinate higher education frontliners on May 19 in recognition of the essential services they provide amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ceremonial vaccination in Marikina Sports Complex was attended by CHED and Unified Student Financial System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Board Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III; Marikina Mayor Marcelino “Marcy” Teodoro; Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Marikina (PLMar) President Erico M. Habijan; Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the President, Marikina Polytechnic College (MPC); CHED Commissioners Aldrin Darilag and Ronald Adamat and; UniFAST OIC-Executive Director Ryan Estevez.

“Gusto nating iparating na may pangangailangan na mapangalagaan natin at mapaghandaan iyong mga institution of higher education,” Teodoro said.

“Kung hindi umandar iyong educational system natin, wala tayong graduates na magagaling, wala tayong labor force sa susunod na taon,” De Vera said.

The following five HEI frontliners from MPC were vaccinated: Nanette Oliveros, Ester Ravino, Gemili Gracia Nimfa Francisco who are non-teaching personnel and; Vilma Sugay who is a faculty member.

HEI frontliners from PLMar who were vaccinated are Renante Hinanay and Arman Jacinto who are both faculty members; Chary Renos in the Utility Department; Jennifer De Leon and Rubeline Albesa who are both Administration Staff.

These frontliners are under the A4 category, which is a prioritization set by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging

Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) for vaccine to frontliners and skeleton workforce employees in essential sectors like education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Kung mayroong vaccination hesitancy, ibigay nalang ang bakuna sa education sector. Walang hesitancy sa education sector. Ang vaccination po, you're not doing it for yourself. You're doing it for your family, for your grandchildren and the people around you,” De Vera said.



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