

## MAP Statement on Vaccine Procurement and ECQ Extension

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The pronouncement of the President on private sector procurement of vaccines is welcome and we hope the legal issues surrounding this can be addressed immediately.

We obviously hope there will be no further extensions of ECQ as, after a year of lockdowns, even large businesses are hurting and many smaller ones are on the verge of closing or have closed.

We understand that this is contingent on containing the rapid rise in cases. However, we hope the government also takes appropriate measures to avoid further collapse of the economy, such as providing support for businesses to help them mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

The current lockdown and any further extensions should be used to quickly augment our healthcare capacity and infrastructure, including massive testing in areas with high case counts.

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