

MAP supports Mobility Incentives for the Fully Vaccinated

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We must immediately change the *"health mostly"* narrative and action plan to combat the COVID-19 pandemic after 18 futile months of using a Community Quarantine lockdown approach.

We must strongly support a *"Bakuna Bubble"* discussion, especially its Mobility Incentives for the Fully Vaccinated.

To "Safely Reopen the Economy", we need to balance "Vaccinate, Vaccinate, Vaccinate, Vaccinate" with "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs".

Granular lockdowns should be complemented with the ability of fully vaccinated workers and consumers to partially enjoy the fruits of 18 months of Community Quarantine hardship.

The private sector, with the help of LGUs, has cooperated by vaccinating most of its A4 Employees and observing stringent health protocols.

For now, the "*Bakuna Bubble*" approach seems to be the appropriate middle ground for the Metro Manila Mayors and the long suffering NCR economic engine. Additional treatment capacity and improved contact tracing likewise go hand in hand.

We appeal to the IATF to consider this new pilot proposal immediately. Otherwise, ECQ may become known as the *"Economy Casualty Quotient"* with positivity rate of increased poverty and hunger in the 20% to 50% range.

Sadly, we then doom ourselves to becoming the "Permanent Sick Man of Asia".

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