

# The Philippines declared a state of emergency because of Covid-19

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte on Tuesday announced a medical emergency after the country recorded the first new case of the Covid-19 virus in the country.

According to *Rappler* news agency, in the Declaration No. 92 signed on March 8 and published to the media this morning, March 9, Philippine President Duterte asked all government agencies, agencies and units. The local coordinated and mobilized the resources needed to cope with the new corona virus (SARS-CoV-2) causing epidemic of Covid-19 pneumonia.

The decision was made based on the recommendation of Philippine Health Minister Francisco Duque III, who had previously raised the alert on the Covid-19 epidemic in the country after the first case of domestic transmission was detected. The patient is a 62-year-old Filipino man who is in critical condition due to underlying disease. The second domestic case in the Philippines was the patient's wife.



President Duterte earlier said that the declaration of a medical emergency would `` promote the mobilization of resources, facilitate processes including logistics procurement, and strengthening measures. Isolate and update information. '

To date, the Philippines has recorded 10 cases of Covid-19, including the first one from China. In the remaining 9 cases, 2 cases recovered and left the Philippines, other patients continued to be treated.

The Covid-19 outbreak started in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in late 2019. It has now spread to more than 100 countries and territories around the world, causing over 108,000 people to be infected and more than

3,800 deaths. casualties. While the epidemic situation in China began to show signs of being under control with a sharp drop in the number of deaths and new infections, the outbreak began to erupt sharply in many parts of the world. The number of cases of Covid-19 outside China has reached at least 27,000.

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