Bataan remains COVID-19 free

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BALANGA CITY — The province of Bataan remains to be free of any cases of COVID-19 infection.

In its public service announcement released Wednesday noon, the Bataan Provincial Health Office confirmed that all seven patients initially investigated at the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center (BGHMC) relating to the COVID-19 virus have already been discharged.

The news allayed the fears of the people of Bataan even as the provincial government under Gov. Albert Garcia vowed to continue being vigilant in the implementation of precautionary measures to assure the safety and health of the people.

Public and private companies in Bataan are now conducting thermal scanning to determine elevated body temperature from those who go in and out of their establishments. Alcohol and anti-bacterial hand gels were also provided.

The Villar-owned and operated Vista Mall in Balanga City, as well as the management of the M/V XGC Express ferry boat in Orion have been undertaking body thermal scans.

The provincial health office also conducted an orientation last Feb. 14 on COVID-19 to all barangay health workers in Bataan so they can be better equipped in dealing with the crisis as front-liners in the health department.

Some events have also been cancelled in answer to the call of the Department of Health to limit the exposure of people. Two events of the provincial tourism office — “Indak ng Kabataan” worship scheduled on Feb. 20 - 21 at the Bataan National High School, as well as the “Bataan: Ani ng Sining” outreach on Feb. 20 — have been cancelled.