

MAP Statement regarding the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases

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The exponential increase in COVID-19 cases is unfortunate. Should mobility restrictions increase once more, it will set back our country's economic recovery, and cause undue hardship for the business sector and the workers who could lose their jobs.

We note that despite the large number of cases, we have not reached the threshold for moving to higher alert levels, particularly healthcare utilization.

Further, in general, businesses have become accustomed to the precautions required for safe operation in a pandemic; and perhaps, it is time for us to learn to live with the virus as what other countries are doing.

To assist this, the government should ensure that the vaccination campaign continues at a rapid pace and continue to build up our healthcare capacity.

All of us should also do our part by adhering strictly to health protocols.

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