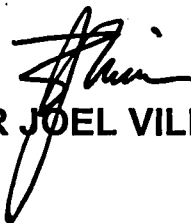


WHEREAS, the Philippine vaccine czar and National Task Force Chief Implementer said that the first priority in the vaccination would be the frontline health workers which account for 1.6% of the population or 1.76 million Filipinos, 2nd priority are the indigent senior citizens (3.78 million or 3.5% of the population), 3rd priority are the remaining senior citizens (5.67 million or 5.3% of the population), 4th priority are the remaining indigent population (12.9 million or 12% of the population), and 5th priority are the uniformed personnel (525,523 or .5% of the population);¹

WHEREAS, considering that vaccine safety and effectiveness can be affected by changes in storage temperature, the government's logistic capacity and strategy should also be scrutinized;²

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development and other appropriate committees of the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the readiness of the National Government in rolling out the effective, equitable, affordable, and timely COVID-19 vaccination of 100% of the Filipino population, especially to members of the labor force.

Adopted,


SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

¹ <https://www.rappler.com/nation/philippines-prioritize-high-risk-areas-sectors-covid-19-vaccine-deployment>

² Most vaccines also require refrigerated storage at between 2 and 8 °C. Some vaccines require temperatures as cold as -20°C. Some of the newer vaccines need to be kept ultra cold at -70°C. For frozen vaccines some of them can be safely stored for a limited time between 2 and 8°C. Source:who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/manufacturing-safety-and-quality-control