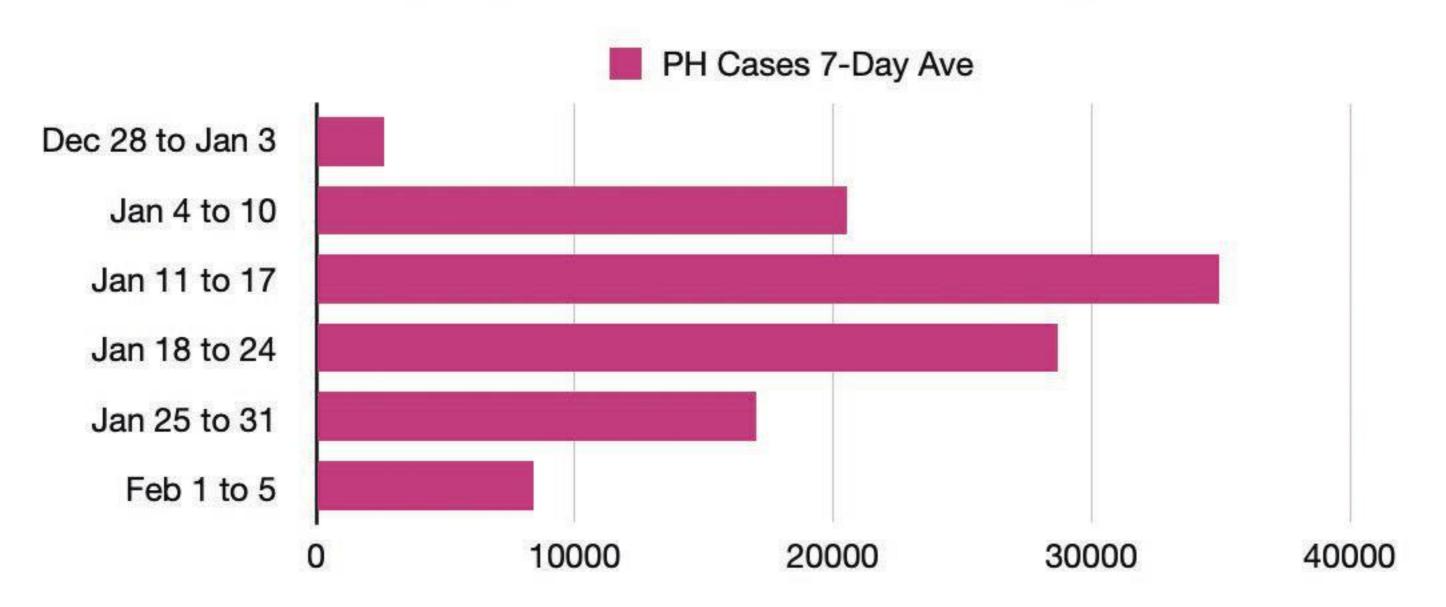


Philippines Daily Average at 8,422 new cases

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The number of new Covid-19 cases around the country continues to decrease. As of February 1 to 5, the daily average was 8,422 new cases, down from 17,025 as of January 25 to 31. From January 18 to 24, the 7-day average was 28,666 and from January 11 to 17, it was at 34,958. The reproduction number in the entire country decreased to 0.55 as of February 2, down from 0.93 as of January 26. The 7-day positivity rate in the entire country decreased from 34% to 24%. Hospital bed occupancy decreased from 49% to 40%. The current trends project to a decrease to 4,000 to 5,000 cases per day by Valentine's day and 1,000 to 2,000 by end of February. Nevertheless, the public is advised to continue observing minimum public health standards. Dr. Guido David (twitter: iamguidodavid).