



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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PCG CHICAGO HOSTS A WEBINAR ON COVID-19 VACCINE AWARENESS



Chicago, 06 April 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago hosted a webinar on COVID-19 vaccine awareness entitled “COVID-19 Vaccines: Facts vs Myths” on 28 March 2021. The webinar’s objective was to educate Filipino Americans in the US about the different COVID-19 vaccines and to encourage them to get a vaccine once available.

This virtual event was a collaboration between the Consulate, Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE Chicago), Filipino American Lawyers Association of Chicago (FALA Chicago), Philippine Nurses Association of Illinois (PNAI), Live Every Second (LES), Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO) and TAYO Help Desk – a project of the Filipino Young Leaders Program.

The webinar featured 5 speakers, namely:

1. Dr. Melissa Palma, MD, MPH – Physician at Cook County Department of Health and the Medical Adviser of TAYO Help Desk.
2. Ms. Samantha Sumait – Registered Nurse and a DNP-FNP Candidate (Doctor of Nursing Practice – Family Nurse Practitioner) at Rush University in Chicago.
3. Ms. Sheena Garcia – PhD Candidate in Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at New York University (NYU).
4. Ms. Mericien Venzon – MD/PhD Candidate in Microbiology and Immunology, also at New York University (NYU).
5. Ms. Megan Yee – MD Candidate at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The Consulate noted that the presenters were an all-female team which was fitting since we also celebrate the National Women’s Month every March.

After the presentation, listeners who joined the webinar through Post’s Facebook page were given the opportunity to ask questions which were answered directly by the presenters.

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