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DUTERTE MAY LOOSEN CURBS IN KEY PHILIPPINE ENGINE AFTER MAY 15

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Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said he may soon ease restrictions to contain the coronavirus outbreak, a move that his spokesperson said will be considered after the lockdown ends in mid-May.

While others are still on lockdown, we might open partially, Duterte said in a televised address Monday night, without specifying a timeline.

The lockdown, which the Philippine leader said helped cushion the economy from the pandemics impact, will only be modified as totally lifting it may cause more infections. The government plans to allow construction and other sectors to gradually restart, making sure that social distancing remains in effect including in the capitals congested railways.

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