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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OVER THE ENTIRE LUZON AND FURTHER GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION**

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Pursuant to a Memorandum issued by the Executive Secretary with the same subject dated March 16, 2020 directing LGUs to adopt and implement the imposition of enhanced community quarantine and stringent social distancing measures in the whole of the island of Luzon including the National Capital Region (NCR). All concerned are reminded to strictly follow the guidelines as enumerated under the said Memorandum, including the provisions on: suspension of classes, mass gatherings, home quarantine, work from home schemes, limitation on operations of establishments, suspension of mass public transportation, and restrictions on travel.

To further clarify some matters in the above cited Memorandum, and to further expound on the roles of the local government units (LGUs), all concerned are informed of the following:

1. The Memorandum covers the region of MIMAROPA;
2. LGUs are to provide for work from home arrangements for their employees as directed under the above cited memorandum, and as promulgated by the Civil Service Commission under Announcement No. 13, Series of 2020 which only exempts frontline services on health, emergency, waste collection, border control, and other critical services, as much as practicable, the exempted services should only have a skeletal workforce to operate it.

However, if there is justifiable need, the LGU may call upon its employees to augment its workforce for the delivery of essential basic services. The LGU may also call upon the PNP or the BFP to request for any possible manpower augmentation;

3. LGUs are to utilize their quick response fund (QRF) to purchase food packs for identified indigent families, the Punong Barangays are directed to closely coordinate with their mayors to immediately provide assistance to the said families. Mayors are directed to coordinate with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for any augmentation to fully provide for the needs of the city/municipality, governors are also directed to assist the LGUs within their areas of jurisdiction in fulfilling this task;
4. LGUs are also to include daily wage earners who have been affected by the quarantine in their list of families to be provided assistance. this shall include but

shall not be limited to municipal fisherfolk, construction workers, small farmers, vendors, and other members of the informal economy;

5. LGUs are to provide for transportation arrangements to skeletal workforces of allowed establishments, specially health and emergency frontline service workers, border control personnel, and other critical services including those providing basic necessities. Transportation should also be provided by the LGU for those seeking to avail of basic services such as those needing to go to hospitals or clinics, and those who have limited access to establishments providing basic necessities. In the provision of transportation, LGUs are reminded to exercise strict social distancing measures including appropriate health protocols.

Further, LGUs, in coordination with the PNP and the AFP, are directed to allow and authorize the unrestricted movement of the following personnel from their residences to their place of work, the LGUs are to also to provide such personnel priority in any transportation arrangements it may have:

- a) All Department of Health (DOH) officials and staff;
  - b) All health and service personnel stationed at the local government unit (LGU) health facilities;
  - c) All Philippine Red Cross vehicles bearing the Red Cross logo and staff with Red Cross identification;
  - d) Core staff from the World Health Organization Country and Regional Office; and,
  - e) All medical professionals, hospital administrative staff and aides from private facilities, as well as their service providers.
6. LGUs are to ensure that no violations of human rights are committed by any border patrol staff nor any employee or officer granted authority by it to perform tasks relative to the implementation and maintenance of community quarantine;
  7. Curfews are to be construed in effect for the whole 24 hours pursuant to the general intent of enhanced community quarantine; and
  8. Tricycles, *padyak*, and other similar forms of public transportation shall likewise be suspended.

LGUs in Visayas and Mindanao are directed to continue to implement social distancing measures as guided by issuances of concerned National Government Agencies and by Presidential Proclamation 922 Series of 2020.

The DILG Regional Directors are advised to cause the widest dissemination of this advisory and to report to the Office of the Secretary any LGU or LGU official that will violate the directives as stated above and as enunciated in the Memorandum of the Executive Secretary, and to report also LGU Officials who shall take advantage of their positions to either circumvent or procure for themselves or for any other person any undue advantage in the implementation of these directives.

For your strict compliance.



  
EDUARDO M. AÑO  
Secretary