



Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS; THE CHIEF, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION

DATE : MAR 17 2020

In view of the President's declaration that there exists an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout the Island of Luzon, where the emphasis is placed on the role of the Mayors and the Punong Barangay in promoting the health and safety of their residents, maintaining peace and order and preserving the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants; the NDRRMC Resolution No. 02, s. 2020 recommending the declaration of a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019; and the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020 on Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation, all Local Chief Executives (LCEs) and the Chief, Philippine National Police (PNP) are hereby directed to adopt, coordinate and implement the following guidelines:

1. The Mayors and the Punong Barangay shall strictly enforce and monitor the home quarantine, which shall be observed in all households. The movement of persons shall be limited to accessing basic necessities;
2. The Mayors and Punong Barangay shall strictly enforce the suspension of classes and all school activities in all levels until 14 April 2020, and ensure that measures and arrangements are in place to allow the students to continue fulfilling their requirements, in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The Mayor and the Punong Barangay shall also be responsible for implementing measures to ensure that students remain in their homes during the class suspension;
3. The Mayors and Punong Barangay shall strictly enforce the prohibition of mass gatherings;
4. The Chief, PNP shall ensure the heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures, and assist the LCEs in enforcing the prohibition of mass gatherings, and in other LGU actions related to the management of the COVID-19 crisis;
5. LGUs must coordinate closely with the PNP;

6. LGUs and the PNP shall ensure that the movement of cargoes within, to and from the entire Luzon shall be unhampered, following the guidelines set forth by the Department of Transportation;
7. The LGUs and PNP shall designate special lanes in major thoroughfares for emergency vehicles, and others transporting essential goods and personnel. In coordination with concerned authorities, a special lane may also be designated at toll gates;
8. LGUs must use their Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, including the Quick Response Fund (QRF), following the President's declaration of a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, to procure and provide adequate supplies of family food packs and other basic needs for their indigent residents. In the event that the QRF will not be sufficient to cover the needs of the LGUs for this purpose, they may request for augmentation from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
9. LGUs shall provide transportation services for their constituents and residents whose work are vital to the government's overall efforts in managing the COVID-19 situation (such as health workers, hospital workers, emergency response personnel, among others) and in the delivery of basic services within the LGU and the community;
10. Using all possible means, LGUs must conduct extensive information dissemination in order to inform their constituents of the enhanced community quarantine procedures, proper social distancing, including proper hand hygiene, and discourage them from leaving their respective homes unless absolutely necessary;
11. LGUs shall encourage the private sector, especially those providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medical services, i.e., public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities, to remain open to serve the public;
12. The Provincial Governors shall extend all necessary assistance to the LGUs and the PNP units within their respective jurisdictions in order to ensure the successful implementation of all actions necessary to manage the COVID-19 crisis.

Provincial Governors and Mayors of highly urbanized cities are allowed to travel to Manila on official business. Mayors of component cities and municipalities maybe allowed on a case-to-case basis.

For strict compliance.


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