



Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education

REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 099, s. 2020

**VARIOUS ISSUANCES FROM OTHER AGENCIES RELATIVE TO
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-2019 (COVID-19)**

To: **Asst. Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief CID, SGOD
PSDS, Education Program Supervisors
Section Heads
All Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

- 1. The field is hereby informed of the following issuances from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Health (DOH) with regards to Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19).

Document	Subject
CSC Memorandum Circular No. 08, s. 2020	Revised Interim Guidelines on the Use of Leave Credits for Absences Due to Quarantine and/or Treatment Relative to the Coronavirus Disease- 2019 (COVID-19)
DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0090	Interim Guidelines on the Management of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) suspected with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-10) for Home Quarantine

- 2. For information, guidance and compliance.

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Under the following subjects:

ATTENDANCE CORRESPONDENCE EMPLOYEES POLICY

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MC No. 08, s. 2020

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

- TO** : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENT, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
- SUBJECT** : Revised Interim Guidelines on the Use of Leave Credits for Absences Due to Quarantine and/or Treatment Relative to the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19)

President Rodrigo R. Duterte declared the Philippines under State of Calamity pursuant to Proclamation No. 929 dated March 16, 2020. Consequently, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated March 16, 2020 was issued placing the entire Luzon, including the National Capital Region (NCR), under *Enhanced Community Quarantine* while a number of local government units (LGUs) have simultaneously implemented Community Quarantine in their respective jurisdictions.

In line with President Duterte's proclamation and the above-mentioned Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, the Commission promulgated CSC Resolution No. 2000522 on 02 April 2020, adopting the following Revised Interim Guidelines on the Use of Leave Credits for Absences Due to Quarantine and/or Treatment Relative to the Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19).

1.0 Purpose

These revised guidelines provide for the procedure of availment of leave privileges for absences incurred in relation to the required period of quarantine and/or treatment of public sector officials and employees relative to the COVID-19.

Moreover, said guidelines seek to contribute to ensuring that precautionary measures are adopted in government agencies to avoid the spread of the said virus in the public sector workplace.

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These guidelines shall apply to all public sector officials and employees regardless of status of appointment (permanent, temporary, provisional, substitute, coterminous, casual, contractual or fixed term) including local elective officials.

3.0 Guidelines

- 3.1 It is the responsibility of each government official/employee or any individual serving the public sector to ensure that he/she employs the necessary measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection in the public sector workplace.
- 3.2 All officials and employees in the public sector who came from official or personal travel from countries with or without localized COVID-19 transmissions shall undergo the required fourteen (14) calendar days quarantine in their homes or any appropriate health facility.
- 3.3 All officials and employees in the public sector who came from official or personal local travel who were categorized as Person Under Monitoring (PUM) and Person Under Investigation (PUI) shall undergo the required fourteen (14) calendar days quarantine in their homes or any appropriate health facility.
- 3.4 Absence from work due to the required period of quarantine and/or treatment for the COVID-19, as applicable, shall be treated, as follows:

Categories	Nature of Absence from Work; Applicable Leave of Absence	Procedure Upon Return to Work
1. Officials and employees coming from official or personal travel from countries with or without localized COVID-19 transmissions who underwent the required quarantine period and/or treatment for COVID-19 2. Officials and	1. Absence from work during the fourteen (14) calendar days required quarantine period and treatment for COVID-19, shall be considered as excused absence ¹ (required quarantine leave and/or COVID-19 treatment leave). 2. After the lapse of the	Submit to agency's HR office/Unit the following: 1. Application for Leave of absence 2. Certificate issued by government /private physician that he/she has submitted himself/herself for

¹ "Excused Absence" as used in this Resolution shall refer to the period when government personnel are not required to report for work (required quarantine and/or treatment, and work suspension), but are entitled to pay, as declared by the President or the appropriate and competent authorities.

<p>employees coming from official or personal local travel from areas under community quarantine who underwent the required quarantine period and/or treatment for COVID-19</p> <p>3. Government officials and employees who underwent the required period of quarantine and/or treatment for COVID-19 due to localized transmissions while in the performance of their official functions, namely:</p> <p>a. Frontline Service Workers, such as:</p> <p>i. Public Health Workers (doctors, nurses, and other members of the health care team);</p> <p>ii. Immigration officers and consular officers;</p> <p>iii. PNP members and barangay officials assigned in checkpoints, including personnel of PCG, BOC and other agencies assigned as border patrols; and</p> <p>iv. Those who are assigned as frontline service</p>	<p>14-day period, and that there is a need for treatment of COVID-19, the subsequent absences incurred shall be treated, as follows:</p> <p>a. For those on official travel under categories 1 and 2, and category 3, the period of their treatment shall be considered as excused absence (required COVID-19 treatment leave).</p> <p>For those under category 3.a.i (Public Health Workers), excused absence shall be allowed for every instance of required quarantine and/or treatment due to repeated exposure to the disease while in the performance of their duties;</p> <p>b. For those on personal travel under categories 1 and 2, and category 4, the period of their treatment shall be considered sick leave chargeable against their leave credits, if any.</p> <p>However, in case work suspension is declared during the required period of treatment, it shall be</p>	<p>monitoring/investigation, as applicable, (for PUM and PUI);</p> <p>3. Completion of Quarantine Certificate issued by the local quarantine/health official; and</p> <p>4. Medical Certificate that he/she is cleared to report back to work;</p> <p>and</p> <p>Medical Records showing that he/she was treated of the COVID-19 signed by the attending physician (for those under treatment of COVID-19).</p> <p><i>NOTE: They shall only report to work after the lifting of the "Enhanced Community Quarantine", where it is declared safe to return to work.</i></p>
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<p>workers in all government agencies</p> <p>b. Those who are under alternative work arrangements, such as but not limited to work-from-home, skeletal workforce, four-day workweek, and staggered working hours</p> <p>c. Those who had exposure with co-employees who contracted the COVID-19</p> <p>4. Government officials and employees infected through local transmissions due to personal or non-work related activities, who:</p> <p>a. Underwent quarantine in public health facility for observations; or</p> <p>b. Went straight to the hospital for treatment and/or advised to go on quarantine at home because of mild to moderate symptoms.</p> <p><i>Note: This includes those living with family member/s who are either considered as patient under investigation (PUI) or patient under monitoring (PUM).</i></p>	<p>considered excused absence and shall be not chargeable against their earned leave credits.</p>	
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<p>5. Officials and employees, on personal travel from countries with or without localized transmissions WITHOUT APPROVED TRAVEL AUTHORITY BEFORE OR AFTER the declaration of THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 threat, who underwent the required period of quarantine and/or treatment for COVID-19</p>	<p>Absence from work during the fourteen (14) calendar days required quarantine period for COVID-19 shall be considered as sick leave and shall be deducted from their earned sick leave credits, if any.</p> <p>Treatment for COVID-19 shall be charged against their earned sick leave credits.</p> <p>However, in case work suspension is declared during the required period of quarantine and/or treatment, it shall be considered excused absence and shall not be chargeable against their leave credits without prejudice to administrative sanctions as determined by their respective agency/office head.</p>	
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3.5 In the event of circumstances above mentioned wherein the employee has exhausted his/her sick leave credits, Section 56 of the Omnibus Rules on Leave shall apply allowing the use of vacation leave credits in lieu of sick leave credits. In case the vacation leave credits have been exhausted, the employee may apply for sick leave of absence without pay.

3.6 For government officials and employees not covered under items 3.4.1 to 3.4.4, in case of work suspension, they are considered on excused absence, thus it shall not be deducted from their earned leave credits.

3.7 For government officials and employees, covered by the Interim Guidelines under Categories 1 to 3 whose period of quarantine and/or treatment was deducted against their leave credits prior to the issuance of these Revised Interim Guidelines can have the said leave credits restored through their respective agencies' Human Resource/Personnel Office/s/Units.

3.8 The Updated Decision Tool as of March 10, 2020 issued by the DOH including its Department Circular No. 2020-0080 and/or Department Memorandum No. 2020-0090 shall apply. Moreover, future instructions/advisories issued by the Office of the President based on the recommendation/s of the IATF-EID on the assessment and management of COVID-19 shall also be subsequently applied. For announcements and public advisories, you may visit the following official DOH channels:

- a. Website: <https://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCoV>
- b. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficialDOHgov/>
- c. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOHgov>

3.9 Office heads shall also ensure that efficiency and productivity work standards are met, and that delivery of public service is not prejudiced during the required quarantine and/or treatment of concerned officials and employees.

3.10 Other documents that may be required in support of absences due to required quarantine period or treatment in relation to COVID-19 are the following:

Documents	On Official Business	Personal Travel
Travel Authority (<i>International</i>)	/	/
Office Order (<i>International/Local</i>)	/	x
Certificate of Appearance (<i>Local</i>)	/	x
Laboratory Test Results	/	/
Waiver	x	/
Other Travel Documents	/	/

4.0 Responsibilities of the Agency head

The agency head through the Human Resource Management Office/Officer shall monitor the implementation of the use of leave credits for absences due to quarantine and/or treatment relative to COVID-19 based on these Interim Guidelines.

5.0 Repealing Clause

All other existing guidelines which are inconsistent with these Revised Interim Guidelines are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

6.0 Effectivity

This Resolution shall take effect retroactively on March 16, 2020, the start of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, and shall remain in force until the State of Public Health Emergency and the Community Quarantine has been lifted by the Office of the President.


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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

17 February 2020

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2020 - 0090

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO); EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Interim Guidelines on the Management of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) suspected with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Home Quarantine

I. BACKGROUND

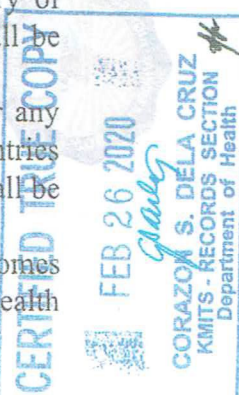
After a cluster of pneumonia cases of unknown etiology was reported in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China last December 31, 2019, Chinese health authorities preliminarily identified the cause of this viral pneumonia as a new or novel type of coronavirus.

With an increasing number of cases spreading to various territories and confirmed human-to-human transmission, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) last January 30, 2020.

The Department of Health (DOH) hereby issues interim guidelines on the management of persons under monitoring (PUMs) suspected with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for home quarantine.

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A. Any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, who does not exhibit any sign nor symptom, has history of travel to other areas of China and/or history of exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19, within the past 14 days, shall be required to undergo monitored home quarantine.
- B. Any person, regardless of nationality, race and age, who exhibits fever or any symptom of lower respiratory illness, and has a history of travel to other countries with a confirmed case of COVID-19 but without any history of exposure, shall be advised to undergo monitored home quarantine.
- C. Those undergoing home quarantine shall be prohibited to leave their rooms/homes where they are quarantined until they have been certified by the local health official to have finished the 14-day requirement for quarantine procedures.



- D. Initial coordination should be done with the Local Government Epidemiologic Surveillance Unit on the logistical, administrative and clinical parameters to be standardized in any attempt to refer a PUM for transfer or consultation.

III. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

A. Room Isolation and Contacts of Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)

1. Place the PUM alone in a well-ventilated room, preferably with toilet and bathroom. If this is not possible, maintain a distance of at least 1 meter from the PUM (e.g. sleep in a separate bed).
2. Assign one person who is in good health as caretaker of the PUM.
3. Visitors, family members and even caregivers are not allowed in the PUM's room, if possible.
4. Confine activities of the PUM in his/her room only. If this is not possible, ensure that shared spaces (e.g. kitchen, bathroom) are well ventilated (e.g. keep windows open).

B. Use of Disposable Surgical Mask

1. The PUM should wear a surgical mask fitted tightly to the nose, mouth, and chin when in the same room with another household member or when talking to other people. The use of masks is not required for the person/s the PUM is/are interacting with.
2. If alone, the PUM is not required to wear a mask.
3. Masks should not be touched or handled during use. If the mask gets wet or dirty with secretions, it must be changed immediately and disposed properly.
4. Discard the used mask after a maximum use of 8 hours. Masks are not reusable and should not be washed. After removal of mask, wash hands using water and soap, or rub hands with 70% alcohol or any hand disinfectant.

C. Hand Hygiene Practice for ALL

1. All PUMs and household members should perform hand hygiene following contact with PUM or if in contact with their immediate environment.
2. Perform hand hygiene by washing hands with soap and water. If hands are not visibly soiled, 70% alcohol or any alcohol-based hand rub can be used.
3. When using soap and water, disposable paper towels to dry hands is desirable. If not available, use dedicated cloth towels and replace them when they become wet.
4. Hand hygiene should also be performed before and after preparing food, before eating, after using the toilet, and whenever hands look dirty.
5. Address safety concerns (e.g. accidental ingestion by children and fire hazards) on the use of alcohol-based hand rubs.

D. Respiratory Hygiene and Standard Precaution for ALL

1. Respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette should be practiced by all at all times. Respiratory hygiene refers to covering the mouth and nose during coughing or sneezing using surgical masks, tissues, flexed elbow, sleeves of clothes, or inside the neckline of shirts, followed by hand hygiene.
2. Avoid direct contact with body fluids, particularly oral or respiratory secretions, and feces. Use disposable gloves to provide oral or respiratory care and when handling feces, urine and waste. Wash hands before putting on and after removing gloves.

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