



**COVID-19 ADVISORY NO. 009**  
**EASTERN VISAYAS**  
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**MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUIs) and  
PERSONS UNDER MONITORING (PUMs)**

Pursuant to the Department Memorandum Order No. 2020-0108 re: Guidelines for Management of Patients with Possible and Confirmed COVID-19 and in handling PUMs and PUIs, we would like to emphasize the following protocols:

1. Those with travel history in the past 14 days to areas with local transmission are to be considered PUMs and /or PUIs;
2. In the Philippines, the National Capital Region (NCR), Luzon and Cebu are as of now the only areas with local transmission and our reference in categorizing PUMs and PUIs;
3. The confirmed cases outside NCR, Luzon and Cebu are still related with the recent travel to areas with local transmission and countries with confirmed COVID-19 cases;
4. Those who traveled from other places (e.g. Northern Samar, Surigao, Bohol, Dumaguete, Cagayan, etc.) with confirmed cases are not automatically considered PUMs and PUIs since there is no evidence of LOCAL TRANSMISSION yet from those areas. Health Workers shall ensure complete client history for efficient triaging;
5. An exposure to a PUM will not render you as a PUM or an exposure to PUI will not render you as PUM. One should have an exposure to an area with LOCAL TRANSMISSION and/or with CONFIRMED case before being classified as PUM/PUI.

Furthermore, the following protocols are subject for updating depending on the changes of the situation. The concerned Local Government Units are advised to refer to the Algorithm for Triage of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Infection in Health Care Facilities under the Department of Health Memorandum order mentioned.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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