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Center for Health Development



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TO: ALL DOH-EV CHD STAFF AND PERSONNEL INCLUDING HRH
DEPLOYED IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)

FROM: 
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DATE: March 13, 2020

SUBJECT: POLICY FOR LOCAL TRAVELERS COMING FROM IDENTIFIED
AREAS WITH COVID 19 LOCAL TRANSMISSION

The WHO has declared a Global Pandemic of COVID-19 last March 11, 2020 and the Philippine epidemiologic data have recorded an increasing local transmission of the said virus in Metro Manila. The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease headed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III, in a Resolution dated March 12, 2020 recommended to President Rodrigo R. Duterte to raise the Code Alert System for the COVID-19 public health event to Code Red Sublevel Two (2) and further imposing stringent social distancing measures in the National Capital Region be adopted for thirty (30) days. The Chief Executive decided to approve said recommendation also on the same day.

Aside from local transmission in NCR, Dumaguete and Cagayan de Oro have also reported local transmission in their area.

The **DOH EV CHD** strongly urges local travelers from areas with reported confirmed local transmission to adhere to the set of protocols to protect public health safety especially in Eastern Visayas. They are already considered **Persons Under Monitoring** or **PUMs**.

In view thereof, in the exigency of the service and in compliance with the Memorandum dated March 12, 2020 issued by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III on the Directive to Assume Regular Working Days Until Further Notice, the local travelers on official business are required to report to work upon their return.

As **PUMs** reporting to work, they shall observe the following preventive measures for 14 days:

1. Compulsory wearing of the surgical mask;
2. Standard precautionary measures including hand and respiratory hygiene and safe waste management;
3. Social distancing interventions of at least 1 meter from the next person or client;
4. Daily checking/recording of temperature, twice daily;
5. Self- monitoring for influenza like symptoms and diarrhea; and
6. In the event that they present the signs and symptoms, they will be advised for strict home quarantine. Their leave of absence from work during the fourteen (14) day prescribed period of observation shall not be deducted from their earned leave credits in accordance to CSC Memorandum Circular No. 5, series of 2020 dated February 20, 2020.

Please be guided accordingly.

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