

## Republic of the Philippines Department of Health

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR No. 2020 - 0042,

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, 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 OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT:** 

Reiteration of the Interim Guidelines on 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) Response in Schools & Higher Education Institutions

The Department of Health reiterates Department Memorandum No. 2020-0055 entitled "Interim Guidelines on 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) Response in Schools & Higher Education Institutions."

This is to provide guidance to all school administrators, both public and private, to take the necessary steps to prevent, contain, and mitigate the possible transmission of 2019-nCoV ARD in communities.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

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