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Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

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**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR**

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**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 for 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) Response in Hospitals and Other Health Facilities**

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The Department of Health reiterates Department Memorandum No. 2020-0072 entitled “Interim Guidelines for 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD) Response in Hospitals and Other Health Facilities.”

This is to provide guidance to all health facilities and institutions whether public or private on the necessary precautions, preparations of the health facilities, and management of persons under investigation (PUI) and confirmed cases of the 2019-nCoV ARD.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

  
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