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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2020- 0118

TO : ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, MEDICAL CENTER CHIEFS AND CHIEFS OF DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND FACILITIES

SUBJECT : Suspension of Admissions and Group Activities in all Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers, Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitation Facilities, and Community Based Drug Rehabilitation Centers and Community Based Recovery Clinics and other Guidelines During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Situation

In view of the COVID-19 situation in the Philippines and in response to the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated March 16, 2020, "*Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Situation*", and the Memorandum of the Department of Health dated March 16, 2020 "*Directive to all DOH Officials and Employees Under Enhanced Community Quarantine and Those Residing Outside the National Capital Region (NCR)*", admissions and visiting privileges of all Persons Who Use Drugs in all Residential Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers, Out-Patient Treatment Rehabilitation Center, Recovery Clinics and those undergoing Community Based Drug Rehabilitation Program located in quarantine areas are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Likewise, Individual activities, such as Brief Intervention, Counselling, Assessments and Drug Dependency Examination, and Group Sessions or Activities in all Outpatient Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation centers and related facilities located in quarantine areas are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Furthermore, all Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Facilities, Out-Patient Treatment Rehabilitation Center, and Recovery Clinics are hereby directed to observe Social Distancing and Infection Prevention and Control measures at all times. Facilities may establish their own respective guidelines to ensure the daily operation of the facility.

For compliance and dissemination to all concerned.

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