



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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FOR : ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH - BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEFS/HEADS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA, AND OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES

SUBJECT : Mobilization of Health Workers in Response to COVID-19 Health Emergency

In the exigency of service, Executive Directors and Chiefs of medical centers, hospitals, sanitarium and institutes have the discretion to coordinate with affiliate institutions and organizations to mobilize health workers who can voluntarily render assistance to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in response to the COVID-19 health emergency.

Prior to deployment, health workers shall be oriented using the Department Memorandum No. 2020-0072 re: "Interim Guidelines for 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Diseases Response in Hospitals and Other Health Facilities"; Department Memorandum No. 2020-0108 re: "Guidelines for Management of Patients with Possible and Confirmed Covid-19" and its amendment; and all other relevant policies, guidelines, and procedures of the facility. Concerned health facilities should ensure that the health workers are provided with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and provided with temporary quarters for quarantine procedures, as needed.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

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