

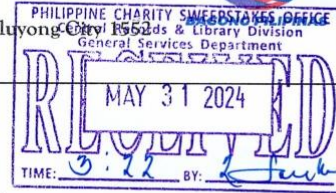


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**MEMORANDUM NO. MSD 0524-20**

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**FOR : ALL PCSO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**

**FROM : THE MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

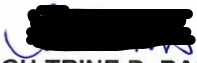
**SUBJECT : REITERATION OF SAFETY and HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19**

**Reference:**

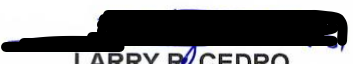
Department of Health (DOH) tracker for COVID-19

1. The Department of Health (DOH) reported as of 21 May 2024, that despite the slight increase in COVID-19 cases, all Philippine regions remain to be at low risk for COVID-19. A total of 877 new cases, with an average of 125 cases per day were noted from 7 to 13 May 2024. Hospital occupancy for both dedicated ICU and non-ICU beds were also noted to be low at 11% and 13%, respectively.
2. According from a report of the World Health Organization (WHO), there are three (3) new variants under monitoring (VUM): JN.1.18, KP.2 and KP.3 which are all descendants of JN.1. However, even with the appearance of these new variants the World Health Organization (WHO) stressed that there is no current evidence associating the new variants with increased disease severity.
3. Nonetheless, to ensure the well-being of all PCSO officials and employees in the workplace, prevent the spread of respiratory diseases and safeguard the continuity of office operations, the following relevant COVID-19 health and safety protocols are hereby reiterated as follows:
  - a) Wearing of face mask within the office premises is recommended for those engaged in the provision of direct healthcare and frontline services to the public. Likewise, it is highly encouraged to wear a face mask within the office premises, during meetings, and in crowded or poorly ventilated areas;
  - b) The practice of proper respiratory hygiene is highly encouraged. Cover your nose and mouth while coughing and sneezing to prevent the spread of infectious respiratory droplets;
  - c) Frequent hand washing with soap and water or the use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol;

- d) Limit congregations in restricted spaces. The elderly, employees with chronic co-morbidities and pregnant personnel are advised to refrain from attending gatherings or assemblies with a large number of people; and
  - e) If experiencing any COVID like symptoms such as cough, cold, fever etc., employees are enjoined not to report to the office and to seek consult with their healthcare provider for persistent or severe symptoms.
4. For your information and guidance.

  
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