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PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

**OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

MEMORANDUM NO. 2020 – 001
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DATE : March 7, 2020

TO : All Council Member Agencies
: All Local Chief Executives
: Provincial COVID-19 Task Force members
: Provincial Health Board members
: IPHO/COHs/MHOs/DRRMOs
: PDs of DILG/PNP/DTI/All SDS within Isabela

FROM : RODOLFO T. ALBANO, Governor, PDRRMC Chairman

RE : COVID-19 RED Alert System Sublevel 1

cc : DOH RO2/OP/File

In the light of the declaration by the Department of Health that it has raised the COVID-19 Alert System to code **RED** sublevel 1 as it has confirmed localized transmission in the country and in anticipation of POSSIBLE sustained community transmission, and as a pre-emptive call to ensure that the province of Isabela can prepare for possible increase in suspected cases of COVID-19, the following directives are adopted as mandatory protocols:

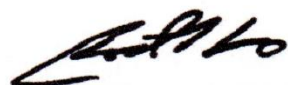
1. The PDRRMC and ALL hospitals owned and operated by the provincial government of Isabela are likewise advised to raise their status to the highest alert level. All PDRRMC member agencies are requested to assist the council in the dissemination of advisories that are emanating from the WHO, DOH, IPHO, PIO, PSO and PDRRRMC only. All C/MDRRMOs are requested to do the same;

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2. All Mayors are requested to activate their DRRMCs and Local COVID-19 Task Forces, raise the alert status level to RED and ensure that DOH recommended protocols are followed. All LCEs are likewise enjoined to direct local health providers, Punong Barangays and BHERTs to be ready to implement LGU planned response measures. If you still do not have one, you can refer to the Provincial COVID-19 Plan of Action and adopt the same for your LGU;
3. The Isabela Provincial Health Officer in coordination with the Provincial Health Board and the Provincial COVID-19 Task Force shall make a daily determination of the COVID-19 status in the province and to implement the prepared Isabela Plan of Action to combat local transmission;
4. The Provincial COVID-19 Task Force shall ensure a timely recommendation for the declaration of a Provincial State of Public Health Emergency to afford the provincial and other local governments ample time and opportunity to mobilize resources, ease procurement processes of critical logistics and supplies and intensify information gathering and reporting;
5. The COHs and MHOs are directed to ensure that all hospital personnel are to report for duty. COH and MHOs are also required to improve hospital/RHUs preparedness, intensify surveillance up to the level of barangays and enhance your respective hospitals/RHUs capacity to diagnose COVID-19 cases by continuously updating yourselves and your medical staff with the latest news, advisories and medical technology. Augmentation of health staff for hospitals and RHUs with COVID-19 cases is recommended;
6. The Provincial Office of the Department of Trade and Industry is hereby requested to activate the Provincial Price Monitoring Council to ensure that unscrupulous business establishment do not take advantage of the alert level to increase the prices of basic necessities especially medicines and medical supplies;
7. The Provincial Director of the Philippine National Police is hereby directed to alert all local police stations and ensure that they extend assistance to LGUs and medical personnel in the enforcement of DOH and local protocols;
8. The PIO, as the Task Force's official spoke-person, is requested to be active in information dissemination especially in social media and be at the forefront in our appeal for responsible sharing of information and to exercise utmost prudence in sharing sensitive information especially about suspected or confirmed cases. Only those advisories coming from the WHO, DOH, PDRRMC and the COVID-19 Task Force should be shared;

9. The SDS of Isabela, City of Ilagan and Cauayan City are advised to take all precautions necessary to ensure COVID-19 free schools and to refer to the Provincial COVID-19 Action Plan as to protocols to be observed in schools. Pre-scheduled school activities that involve student/mass gathering are to be reviewed and possibly postponed pursuant to your evaluation. All SDS are also recommended to make localized assessment of status of alert and to make timely suggestions as to action to be taken relative to school operation and a well-informed and fact-based suggestion as to cancellation of classes;
10. The Provincial Director of the Department of the Interior and Local Government is likewise requested to cause the dissemination to ALL LGUs and LCEs including ALL Punong Barangays this Memorandum and all related notices and advisories emanating from the WHO, DOH, PDRRMC, PIO and Provincial COVID-19 Task Force;
11. All government agencies are requested to continue to advise the public, as they are hereto advised, to practice personal protective measures including but not limited to hand hygiene, wearing of medical mask, social distancing or avoidance of public places and/or where there is a mass gathering of people and practice proper cough etiquette. Moreover, unnecessary and non-urgent travel are discouraged but community surveillance and reporting is encouraged;

For urgent and strict compliance.



RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor
Chairman - PDRRMC

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