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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
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**TO :** ALL, PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** GUIDELINES IN THE STRICTER CONDUCT OF HOME QUARANTINE FOR MILD AND ASYMPTOMATIC COVID-19 PATIENTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "OPLAN KALINGA"

**DATE :** 17 JUL 2020

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In an effort to contain and prevent community transmission of Covid-19 and amidst the continuing spike in the number of individuals positive for the virus in the country, it is imperative that immediate isolation of positive individuals from their family members and community and transfer to quarantine/isolation facilities be effected immediately.

Hence, all local chief executives are enjoined to immediately perform the identification and transfer of Covid-19 positive individuals to identified quarantine/isolation and medical facilities through "Oplan Kalinga" in their respective area of jurisdiction. Home quarantine, when circumstances warrant, shall be permitted as a recourse for mild or asymptomatic positive individuals only when they meet all of the following conditions:

"Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahan"

- A. The patient has his/her own room;
- B. The patient has his/her own bathroom; and
- C. There is absence of household members who are vulnerable or have co-morbidities (i.e. senior citizens, people with underlying health conditions, and pregnant women)

Such action is consistent with the provisions of Republic Act 11332 or “An Act Providing Policies and Prescribing Procedures on Surveillance and Response to Notifiable Diseases, Epidemics, and Health Events of Public Health Concern,” particularly Section 4 (f) which empowers public health authorities to have the statutory and regularly authority to ensure (3) quarantine and isolation and (4) rapid containment and implementation of measures for disease prevention and control. Said Law even prohibits and penalizes non-cooperation of persons and entities identified as having the notifiable disease, or affected by the health event of public concern.

The conduct of house visitations for the identification and immediate transfer of Covid-19 positives who will not meet the above-cited criteria shall be carried out by the local epidemiological surveillance units and health workers including the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs), who/which may also call on the local police for assistance when needed or warranted.

The DILG Regional Directors are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this directive, and to assist and monitor the LGUs within their respective jurisdictions with regard to ensuring their compliance.

For strict compliance.

  
**EDUARDO M. AÑO**  
Secretary

