



**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE (RIATF-EID) XII – REGIONAL TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID-19 (RTF) JOINT VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2021, 9:30 AM**

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**GUEST:**

<b>PD MARGARITA H. BAYNOSA</b>	<b>DILG SULTAN KUDARAT PROVINCE</b>
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27-A**  
December 9, 2021

**RESOLUTION ENJOINING LGUs OF REGION XII TO DEPLOY THEIR RESPECTIVE BHERTs AS CONTACT TRACERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 UNTIL DILG CAN PROVIDE AN AUGMENTATION IN TIME FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA)**





**WHEREAS,** Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS,** on September 10, 2021, the President issued a Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant due to the public's failure to comply with minimum health protocols and sudden spike of new COVID-19 cases in the country;

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) bio-surveillance have detected a new B.1.1.529 variant designated as Variant of Concern and named Omicron. To address this, proactive measures must be established by LGUs of Region XII for all sectors to strictly follow;

**WHEREAS,** Contact Tracing as one of the main public health interventions for COVID-19 response is essential to stop the ongoing transmission and reduce the spread of infection with Omicron Variant that is considered highly transmissible;

**WHEREAS,** in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-62, provides that "Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs)" are to be designated to help combat the spread of COVID-19 by managing, at the barangay level, PUIs and those who came in contact with them. BHERTs are also tasked to monitor and report the PUIs, navigate contact tracing works, and monitor the health status of all close contacts;

**WHEREAS,** the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) hired 740 contact tracers from June to December 2021 to augment the existing Local Contact Tracing Teams (LCTT) and BHERTs at the barangay level to conduct contact tracing works.;

**WHEREAS,** the Body recognized that with budgetary constraints in hiring and rehiring contact tracers for CY 2022, LGUs being at the forefront in curbing community transmission need to mobilize their respective BHERTs along with other local volunteers to do contact tracing efforts;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on motion of ARD Jerome S. Barranco of OCD XII, and seconded by RD Macario D. Gonzaga of LTO XII; **BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, to enjoin local government units of Region XII to deploy their respective BHERTs as Contact Tracers effective January 1, 2022 until the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) can provide an augmentation in time for the approval of 2022 General Appropriations Act (GAA);


**RESOLVED FURTHER,** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all members of the RIATF-EIDX II and RTF-COVID-19 XII for their information. Same Resolution be also




forward to all provincial, municipal and barangay local government units for their information and immediate action.


**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** as to the appropriateness of the foregoing Resolution.


Attested by:

  
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