



PLGU Davao Oriental Guidelines No.3, s. 2020 on Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19)

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Relative to Presidential Proclamation no 922 and the increasing rise of Coronavirus (COVID 19) cases in the Philippines, the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental hereby undertakes the following stringent measures in the community setting:

Active Screening

- a. All provincial entry points shall be identified. These shall be manned by personnel from the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippines National Police. Screening at entry points using infrared thermometers will be installed;
- b. Travel history (Information of travel to other countries and places of high COVID infection rate) shall be elicited at the entry sites;
- c. All will be screened at this area for respiratory symptoms including cough, colds, fever, sore throat, chills, and fatigue.

Containment and Referral

- a. It will be the duty of the respective municipal and city local government units to transport suspected patients from the entry- point screening areas to the pre-identified containment areas. The containment areas are the following:

Pintatagan Welcome Park	-	DOPH Lupon
Marayag Entry Point	-	DOPMC
Davao De Oro- Cateel Entry Point	-	DOPH Cateel
Surigao-Boston Entry Point	-	DOPH Cateel
Coastal Areas	-	DOPH Governor Generoso

- b. Containment duration of these suspected individuals shall be not more than 24 hours. Within the time limit they will be referred to higher facilities such as SPMC, DRMC, and DOPMC.

Facility Referral in cases of COVID 19 surge.

- a. In the event that isolation areas in both Southern Philippines Medical Center and Davao Regional Medical Center are fully occupied, DOPMC, being a level 2 health facility, shall be compelled to receive such PUIs pending the availability of slots at these referral hospitals. As such, all district hospitals/Infirmaries will serve as transitory areas only. Initial treatment for symptomatic patients may be instituted at DOPMC in cases of patient surge;
- b. A dedicated isolation ward shall be used to isolate patients under investigation for COVID 19. If the isolation ward can no longer accommodate and hold more number of patients, the SP dormitel shall serve as the contingency holding area for COVID 19 patients.

Information, Education Campaign

- a. IEC materials including but not limited to pamphlets, brochures, and other paraphernalia will be distributed in key areas including entry points, offices, and establishments, places of worships, schools, among others;
- b. Infographics using all media platforms to include radio, television, and social media shall be instituted;

Monitoring of patients

- a. Following the recent decision tool issued by the Inter-Agency Taskforce for Emerging Infectious Disease, the classification of patients For COVID 19 are as follows: Patients Under Monitoring and Patients Under Investigation;
- b. Patients Under Monitoring (PUM) – PUM may institute home quarantine provided that they won't have flu-like symptoms and fever. Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, and the barangay level shall ensure that these patients adhere to quarantine measures. This may include but not limited to random check of patients at their homes, calling to monitor patient's whereabouts;
- c. Patients Under Investigation – PUI shall be admitted to the isolation facilities such as SPMC or DRMC, or in DOPMC in case, the number of patients surges.

- d. Proper coordination shall be put in place by all surveillance officers from the municipal/city level to the provincial level;
- e. Daily monitoring of PUMs and PUIs shall be instituted.
- f. All Punong barangays are also directed to activate their respective BHERTs and to closely monitor residents who are exhibiting respiratory symptoms including cough, colds, fever, sore throat, chills, and fatigue, has a history of travel abroad or places within the Philippines with high COVID 19 infection rate;
- g. Barangay Health Workers and other barangay personnel shall also be oriented to the nature of the disease, contact tracing and to be proactive in monitoring individuals within their area of responsibility. The Punong Barangays are also directed to assign one specific person who shall assist the surveillance officer from the municipal/city level to conduct contact tracing.

We enjoin the public to follow these measures in the hopes of keeping the province COVID 19 free!

All issuances on COVID 19 shall be coursed through official channels by the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental.

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For widest dissemination.



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