



## **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

### **ADVISORY NO. 30**

#### **IMPOSING STRICTER CONDUCT OF HOME QUARANTINE FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "OPLAN KALINGA"**

With the continued rise in the number of COVID-19-affected individuals in the country, the number of available hospital bed capacities have decreased. Thus, in Memorandum Circular No. 2020-101 dated July 17, 2020, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) emphasized the need for immediate "isolation of positive individuals from their family members and community and transfer to quarantine/isolation facilities", with emphasis on who should be prioritized in availing hospital quarantine/isolation.

Hence, the following are hereby reiterated pursuant to the above-mentioned DILG issuance:

1. All Local Chief Executives (LCEs) of the component City/Municipalities are hereby directed to implement "Oplan Kalinga" within their respective jurisdictions. Thus, proper identification and transfer of COVID-19 positive individuals to their respective quarantine/isolation and/or medical facilities shall be performed by them simultaneously with the conduct of contact tracing performed by their Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs).
2. For those tested to be infected with COVID-19 but are asymptomatic or having mild symptoms, they shall be permitted to undergo home quarantine only under the following circumstances:
  - 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 comorbidities (i.e. senior citizens, people with underlying health conditions, and pregnant women).



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3. LCEs, in coordination with the local epidemiological surveillance units and health workers including the BHERTs, shall ensure that house visitations are regularly conducted in order to effectively carry out these directives. When necessary, the local police may be called upon for assistance when COVID-19 patients having severe symptoms, or those who cannot undergo home quarantine due to non-compliance with the above conditions, refuse to be confined at the established quarantine/isolation and/or medical facilities of the locality.
4. Non-cooperating individuals may be penalized under the provisions of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as "An Act Providing Policies and Prescribing Procedures on Surveillance and Response to Notifiable Diseases, Epidemics, and Health Events of Public Health Concern."

For your information and strict compliance.

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