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**NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Philippines

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO :** ALL CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY, MUNICIPAL LEVELS AND BARANGAY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, HEADS OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, GOVERNMENT OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS.

**SUBJECT :** Cancellation of the CY 2020 First Quarter NSED

The Department of Health (DOH) has been undertaking preventive measures to contain the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

On 07 February 2020, the DOH released a health advisory on concerts, public events and mass gatherings, which strongly urged the public to refrain from attending, participating in, and organizing events that draw a huge number of attendees and recommended the cancellation of planned big events or mass gatherings until further advice.

On 18 February 2020, a Joint Statement with DOH, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Tourism (DOT) on Public Gatherings was released, which stated that it is safe to organize and attend public gatherings, meetings and festival provided that the identified precautionary measures by the DOH to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 are observed.

On 07 March 2020, the DOH raised the COVID-19 Alert System to Code Red sublevel 1 as a preemptive call to ensure that national and local governments and public and private health care providers can prepare for a possible increase in suspected and confirmed cases following the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) confirmed case in the country.

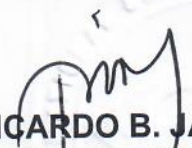
On 08 March 2020, the DOH reported four (4) new confirmed cases of the COVID-19, increasing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to ten (10).

Due to the developing situation on the COVID-19, the Presidential Proclamation No. 922 or the Declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency was issued this 09 March 2020 to mobilize governmental and non-governmental agencies to respond to the emerging threat of the COVID-19.

In view thereof, the conduct of the **CY 2020 First Quarter NSED** on **12 March 2020** at **1400H** is hereby cancelled to ensure public health safety of the drill participants and to prevent the possible risk of contracting COVID-19. All Chairpersons and members of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils at the National, Regional, Provincial, City, Municipal Levels and Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committees, Heads of National Government Agencies, Constitutional Offices, State Universities and Colleges, Government Owned and/or Controlled Corporations, and Private stakeholders are hereby advised to undertake maximum and continuous precautionary measures prescribed by the DOH.

For information and guidance.

For the Chairperson, NDRRMC:

  
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