



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26

SERIES OF 2020

"AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING AND CONSTITUTING A TASK FORCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN DAVAO CITY, AND DEFINING THE RESPECTIVE POWERS, TASKS, AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF"

WHEREAS, Davao City has been confronted with public health challenges such as the re-emerging infections which include the outbreak of measles and the polio virus type 2 and most recently, an emerging infection which is the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Corona Viral Disease-19 (COVID-19) outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020 due to its massive transmission worldwide resulting to thousands of people infected and numerous deaths;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is one of the countries with emerging COVID-19 suspects and confirmed cases which if remain unabated, may possibly cause far-reaching consequences such as recession, social dislocation, panic, serious fatality and deaths;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 provides, among others, that the local government unit shall ensure and promote the health and safety of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, there is a paramount need for Davao City to create a team to effectively respond to and address emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases to protect the health and safety of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of Davao City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF A TASK FORCE. There shall be created a **TASK FORCE ON EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE**, and the same shall be composed of the following persons or heads of the following offices, to wit:

Chairperson : City Mayor, or in her absence, the City Administrator

Co-Chairperson : City Health Office

Members :

Rapid Action Team

Focal Agency : City Health Office

Members : Department of Health- Region XI

Southern Philippines Medical
Center (SPMC)
Bureau of Quarantine- Region XI

Surveillance Team

Focal Agency : City Health Office
Members : Bureau of Quarantine- Region XI
City Health Office- District Health
Offices
Department of Health-Region XI
Overseas Workers Welfare
Administration-Region XI
Disease Reporting Units of all
private hospitals and clinics
Southern Philippines Medical
Center (SPMC)
Civil Aviation Authority of the
Philippines (CAAP)- Region XI
Liga ng mga Barangay
Barangay Cultural Communities
and Affairs Division (BCCAD)

**Transportation
Team**

Focal Agency : Central 911
Members : City Health Office
Department of Health- Region XI

Security Team

Focal Agency : Public Safety Security Command
Center (PSSCC)
Members : Philippine National Police (PNP)-
PRO XI
Task Force-Davao
PNP Aviation Security Unit II
PNP Maritime Police- Region XI
Maritime Industry Authority
Eastern Mindanao Command
(Eastmincom)

Information Team

Focal Agency : City Information Office
Members : City Health Office, Health
Promotion and Development
Division (HPDD)
Sangguniang Panglungsod
Committee on Health
City Social Welfare and
Development Office
City Information Technology
Center
City Veterinarian's Office
City Agriculturist office

Barangay Cultural Communities
and Affairs Division (BCCAD)
Davao Medical Society
Philippine Red Cross- Davao City
Chapter
Department of Education- Region
XI
Commission on Higher Education-
Region XI
Davao City Overland Transport
Terminal (DCOTT)
Philippine Information Agency-
Region XI

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE. Each team of the Task Force shall have the following functions, to wit:

2.1 RAPID ACTION TEAM

- a. Carry out the immediate assessment of suspected cases and the initiation and implementation of containment procedures; and
- b. Submit reports to the Chairperson.

2.2 SURVEILLANCE TEAM

- a. Provide a report and analysis on surveillance activities on persons under investigation (PUI) and suspected cases and monitor discharged patients;
- b. Coordinate with district health officers for contact tracing and verify/ check rumors circulating in the communities; and
- c. Ensure the utmost confidentiality of the private information of the PUIs and suspected cases.

2.3 TRANSPORTATION TEAM

- a. Provide immediate transportation to the members of the Task Force when needed for surveillance and for other purposes which are related to the functions of the Task Force.

2.4 SECURITY TEAM

- a. Implement control and security measures on the mobility of individuals and communities suspected or actually affected by the emerging or re-emerging disease.

2.5 INFORMATION TEAM

- a. Ensure adequate awareness of the public on matters related to the emerging or re-emerging disease.

In general, the Task Force shall submit a periodic consolidated report on all of its activities to the Chairperson and/or as the need arises as determined by the Chairperson of the Task Force.

SECTION 3. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. There is hereby created an Executive Committee (EXECOM) to be composed of the following:

Chairperson : City Mayor
Co-Chairperson : City Administrator
Members : Focal agencies from each team of
the Task Force
City Legal Office
Department of the Interior and
Local Government, Region XI,
Davao Region

SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECOM. The Executive Committee shall have the following powers, functions, and duties:

- a. Formulate the plans and programs and draft protocols, policies and guidelines to enforce the roles and functions of the Task Force;
- b. Ensure that all government issuances and orders related to emerging and re-emerging disease are properly implemented;
- c. Ensure the proper coordination between and among government agencies and private institutions to effectively address the public health concerns;
- d. Provide regular status report on the progress of the implementation of the plans addressing the public health situation to the City Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod; and
- e. Perform other functions which are necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents in Davao City.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS. The Executive Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis or as the need arises as determined by the City Mayor to respond to emergency health situation.

SECTION 6. SECRETARIAT. The City Health Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the TASK FORCE and EXECOM tasked to handle all administrative and secretarial functions.

The City Administrator may hereinafter identify additional City Government personnel who will provide administrative support for the efficient operation of the TASK FORCE and EXECOM.

SECTION 7. FUNDING AND OPERATING COSTS. All costs pertaining to the operations of the TASK FORCE and EXECOM shall be chargeable against available funds and resources of the government, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous Executive Orders inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this 20 APR 2020.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator

