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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70
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AN ORDER CREATING THE HOSPITAL EPIDEMIOLOGY SURVEILLANCE UNIT (HESU) FOR LGU HOSPITALS, AND ENCOURAGING THE SAME TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the people's right to health;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost";

WHEREAS, monitoring, surveillance, investigation of and response to health threats are vital capabilities for an effective health system, and the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005 requires countries to maintain an integrated, national system for public health surveillance and response;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332, also known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act", recognizes the importance of disease surveillance and response systems of the Department of Health and its local counterparts as the first line of defense to epidemics and health events of public health concern that pose risk to public health and security;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11332 also further dictates the establishment of Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (ESUs) in public health facilities;

WHEREAS, there are two public hospitals funded by the City Government of Davao, the Paquibato District Hospital and the Marilog District Hospital.

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

SECTION 1. CREATION. There is hereby created a Hospital Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (HESU) in the Paquibato District and Marilog District Hospitals.

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF HESU. The HESU shall have the following functions:

1. Capture and verify all reported notifiable diseases and health events of public health concern that occur in the hospitals;
2. Provide timely, accurate, and reliable epidemiologic information to appropriate persons and agencies especially the Chief of Hospital, the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit, the City Health Officer, the City Mayor, DOH Regional Office XI, and DOH Central Office;

3. Conduct disease surveillance and epidemiologic response activities including contact tracing;
4. Recommend needed response to ensure continuation of operations of the hospital;
5. Report all available essential information (e.g., medical records, clinical description, laboratory results, numbers of human cases and deaths, sources and type of risk) immediately to the next higher levels; and
6. Implement appropriate epidemic control measures immediately.

The HESU shall also perform the functions as stated under Section 4, Rule VII of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 11332.

SECTION 3. DISEASE SURVEILLANCE COORDINATORS. There shall be an appointed Disease Surveillance Coordinator (DSC) as head of the HESU in these hospitals.

The roles of the DSCs are the following:

1. Notify case/s of disease/syndrome/event classified as "immediate notification" within 24 hours of detection to the City Health Officer, Department of Health Regional Director, City Mayor, and the Department of Health Central Office.
2. Notify the City Health Officer, Department of Health Regional Director, City Mayor, and the Department of Health Central Office of suspect epidemics within 24 hours of detection and perform preliminary investigation.
3. Conduct preliminary investigation of suspect epidemics in their respective areas.
4. Assist in epidemic investigations conducted by the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU), Department of Health - Davao Center for Health Development - Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (DOH-DCHD RESU), and/or the Epidemiology Bureau (EB).
5. Record in the Weekly Notifiable Disease Report (WNDR) all cases of notifiable diseases admitted in the hospitals.
6. Submit Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) report forms to the next higher level. Retain a copy of PIDSR forms and perform regular basic data analysis (time, place, and person).
7. Prepare and disseminate weekly/monthly disease surveillance reports.
8. Participate in workshops, seminars, training, scientific meetings and other surveillance-related activities.

The DSC is also allowed to recommend to the Chief of Hospital the hiring of additional personnel that can help the DSC in the functions of HESU.

SECTION 4. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE IN THE DISTRICT HOSPITALS. The Marilog District and Paquibato District Hospitals should update their organizational structure to reflect the HESU.

SECTION 5. HESU IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS. The private hospitals are also encouraged to establish a HESU in their institutions. These hospitals should update their organizational structure reflecting their HESU.

SECTION 6. GUIDING PROVISIONS. The HESU will be guided by the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2007-0036 or Guidelines on the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) Framework which provides a framework for PIDSR to guide its implementation at all levels of the health care delivery system in both the public and private sectors.

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The HESU will also be guided by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 11332, the Act Providing Policies and Prescribing Procedures on Surveillance and Response to Notifiable Diseases, Epidemics, and Health Events of Public Health Concern, and Appropriating Funds Therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Act 3573, Otherwise Known as the "Law on Reporting of Communicable Diseases", which is also known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act.

All related Manual of Operations, as well as related issuances from the national and local governments are to be honored. The City Epidemiology Surveillance and Disaster Response Unit shall also be encouraged to create policies related to their functions for the improvement of the delivery of services of the HESU beneficial to the City Health Office and of the City.

SECTION 7. BUDGETARY ALLOCATION. The budget for personnel, trainings, logistics, and other incidental expenses of HESU in the Marilog District and Paquibato District Hospitals shall be appropriated from the Annual Budget/Supplemental Budget of the City Health Office to finance for the daily operations and in the fulfillment of the tasks and functions of the HESU. Full-time HESU personnel from the abovementioned hospitals shall be sourced from the regular staff of the City Health Office.


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

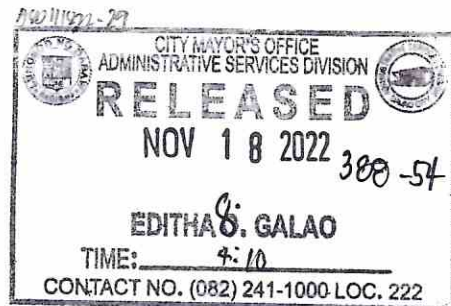
SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous Executive Orders inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Done this NOV 18 2022 in Davao City, Philippines.


SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:

ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG
Acting City Administrator



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