



MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Directors of the Jail Bureau
Provincial Jail Administrators
Wardens

ATTN : BJMPRO and Jail COVID-19 Task Forces

SUBJECT : **BJMP COVID-19 ADVISORY #9: SUPPLY OF FOOD, WATER, AND MEDICINE FOR PDL AND PERSONNEL**

DATE : MAR 27 2020

I. REFERENCES:

1. Presidential Proclamation No. 929 *Declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019* dated March 16, 2020;
2. Memorandum from the Executive Secretary on *Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Situation* dated March 16, 2020;
3. Presidential Proclamation No. 922 *Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines* dated March 8, 2020;
4. BJMP OPLAN on the 2019 Novel Corona Virus dated March 8, 2020;
5. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #5: *Implementation of Absolute Lockdown in All Jail Facilities* dated March 19, 2020; and
6. Memorandum re: *Activation of the BJMP COVID-19 Task Force and Supplemental Guidelines* dated March 13, 2020.

II. ISSUE, CONCERN, AND IMPLICATION:


1. Each jail unit must have enough storage and supply of food, water and medicine to sustain the needs of PDL and personnel during the lockdown period.

III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. With the guidance and support from the BJMPRO COVID-19 Task Force, should have a contingency plan that directs sufficient supply of food and food products (especially non-perishables) to last for two weeks or until the cessation of the COVID-19 crisis. Appliances related to food preparation, distribution, and storage must be provided and made available.
2. Alternative sources of food supplies and other basic commodities such as local farmers and other industries may be engaged as support groups to prioritize jails in meeting its needs.
3. The provision of "halal" food that observes compliance to required nutritional value, must be provided for. Particulars on "halal" food preparation must be taken into consideration.

4. Jail Units should account for PDL and staff who need maintenance medicine. Immediately request for medicines including vitamins from respective Regional Offices or through LGU or other donors/partner providers.
5. Ensure that donations to be received such as goods (eg. sack of rice, canned goods, packed foods/ready-to-eat goods like noodles, biscuits, etc.), medicine, toiletries (like soap, shampoo, and toothpaste) and disinfectants from LGU or partners/providers must come from legitimate sources only. Receipt of donations shall be subjected to the approval of the Jail or BJMPRO COVID-19 Task Force. All donations shall be properly documented and accounted.
6. The BJMPRO COVID-19 Task Force should always be updated for proper and equitable allocation and distribution of goods, food products and medicines in their respective jurisdiction.
7. Contingencies on the continued supply of food, water, and medicine must be acted upon to include coordination with LGU as necessary. Clean drinking water should be sustained and always be available observing strict protocols that prohibit contamination.
8. All of the foregoing must be conducted while observing precautionary protocols subject to the approval of Jail COVID-19 Task Force.
9. Please be guided accordingly.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF, BJMP:


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