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MEMORANDUM

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

ATTN : BJMPRO and Jail COVID-19 Task Forces

SUBJECT : **BJMP COVID-19 ADVISORY #17:**
SUSTAINED TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISITATION OF PDL

DATE : APR 17 2020

I. REFERENCES:

1. Memorandum from the Executive Secretary on *Extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon Until April 30, 2020*, dated April 7, 2020;
2. Directives of the Chief, BJMP during the 1st Management Conference CY 2020, dated April 6, 2020;
3. RA No. 11469, Bayanihan to Heal as One Act of 2020, dated March 24, 2020
4. Presidential Proclamation No. 929 *Declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019*, dated March 16, 2020;
5. 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;
6. Presidential Proclamation No. 922 *Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines*, dated March 8, 2020;
7. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #5: *Implementation of Absolute Lockdown in All Jail Facilities and Supplemental Guidelines*, dated March 19, 2020; and
8. DOH Advisory re: Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov), dated February 1, 2020.

II. ISSUES, CONCERNS, AND IMPLICATIONS:

1. Due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the country, extension of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) was deemed essential by the National Government to fully control the spread of the contagion.
2. Related to the extension of the ECQ is the temporary suspension of visitation among PDL. This may affect their outlook in life and the morale of their families and relatives. It is therefore incumbent upon us to enlighten our PDL that the temporary suspension of visitation is necessary to protect them as well as the community from possible infection by COVID-19.

III. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. All wardens shall continue to implement temporary suspension of visitation as a precautionary measure in preventing the entry of COVID-19 into their respective jail facilities.

The warden, through the regional or jail community relations officer, shall inform the relatives of PDL regarding the temporary suspension of visitation and how to avail the alternative scheme of visitation.

2. Other means of communication with relatives such as Electronic Dalaw (E-Dalaw) and use of telephones and official cellular phones of each jail units are strongly encouraged. The jail administration shall ensure that rules and regulations relevant to safety and security of the jail will be strictly implemented. Likewise, the sanitation and disinfection of the area and equipment used by PDL must be also observed.

3. A regular dialogue must be conducted to monitor both the morale and mental health of the PDL including personnel during the entire duration of jail lockdown.

4. Please be guided accordingly.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF, BJMP:



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