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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : Regional Directors of the Jail Bureau

ATTN : BJMPRO COVID-19 Task Force  
All Jail Wardens

SUBJECT : **BJMP COVID-19 ADVISORY #32: PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF JAIL VISITATION**

DATE : JUL 07 2022

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1. References:

- a. R.A. No. 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act;
- b. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #5 dated March 19, 2020;
- c. Presidential Proclamation No. 929 s. 2020;
- d. Presidential Proclamation No. 922 s. 2020; and
- e. IATF Resolution No. 29.

2. The Jail Bureau temporarily suspended visitation for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 inside our jail facilities. However, recent developments require the Jail Bureau to adopt to a new normal due to easing of quarantine level in localities, as long as the health and safety of PDL and personnel will not be compromised.

3. The following general guidelines are the minimum safety standards that must be observed in the conduct of the regulated no-contact jail visitation:

**Jail Facility Preparation**

- a. No-contact jail visitation shall be observed by PDL and their relatives to be properly disseminated to all PDL, their family/visitors, and counsels concerning the new visitation schemes such as time limitations, visit by appointment, etc.
- b. Visitation guidelines and protocols shall be displayed outside the jail facility, and ensure that these materials are readable and understandable.
- c. The triage area must be utilized to strictly screen and assess the visitors using the COVID-19 screening tool particularly the thermal scan for body temperature before they can be allowed to proceed to the decontamination area inside the jail facility and the designated visitation area.
- d. A physical barrier (i.e. glass or plastic screen) shall be installed at the triage area to limit contact between personnel and visitors. Likewise, barriers shall be installed in the visitation area to prohibit contact between PDL and visitors.
- e. Disinfection mats/foot baths shall be installed at the gate and entrance of the visitation area. Likewise, observance of temperature screening at the gate.
- f. Gater and searchers must wear face shields, masks, and gloves while conducting searching procedures and screening of visitors.
- g. Signages and flow markers indicating traffic flow while inside jail shall be installed.



- h. PDL must wear a face mask upon leaving his/her respective cell and during the duration of visitation period.
- i. Visitation area shall be retrofitted/modified to accommodate only 50% of its ideal capacity to ensure the observance of physical distancing.
- j. Installation of handwashing area at the visitation area and posting of signages on proper hygiene.
- k. Regular disinfection and sanitation procedures of the visitation area shall be observed every 30 minutes or scheduled visitation period.
- l. Provision of alcohol or sanitizer at the gate and visitation area.

**Jail Visitor**


- a. Observance of physical distancing at the waiting area outside the jail facility.
- b. Only one (1) visitor per PDL should be allowed to enter into the jail facility provided that he/she passes the required screening test and assessment.
- c. One (1) hour maximum limit of visitation period for each PDL.
- d. No mask, no entry rules must be implemented to all visitors.
- e. Visitors must fill-out the registration form and undergo a disinfection procedure before, and after visitation.
- f. Strictly no conjugal visits are allowed for the time being.
- g. Legal counsel visits shall be on an appointment basis.
- h. Only maintenance medicine and dietary supplements as prescribed by attending physician shall be allowed inside jail subject to precautionary measures.

4. In addition to the above paragraph, all Wardens are directed to prepare and submit their respective IMPLAN re: possible resumption of jail visitation of PDL to their BJMPRO COVID-19 Task Force in compliance with the minimum safety standards in the conduct of no-contact jail visitation. The RCTF shall then submit to the BJMP National COVID-19 Task Force the additional applicable guidelines for jail visitation, if any.

5. Further, resumption of jail visitation shall only commence upon approval of recommendation of the National COVID-19 Task Force by the Chief, BJMP. It is still emphasized that e-Dalaw and other modes of communication must be strengthened and maximized by all jail units.

- 6. For guidance and strict compliance.

**BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF, BJMP:**

  
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