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MEMORANDUM

TO : Regional Directors of the Jail Bureau

ATTN : BJMP Regional COVID-19 Task Force
Wardens

SUBJECT : **BJMP COVID-19 ADVISORY #38: GUIDELINES IN RELATION
TO IATF-EID RESOLUTION NO. 63 AND 64**

DATE : **AUG 18 2020**

1. References:

- a. Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 64, dated August 17, 2020;
- b. IATF-EID Resolution No. 63, dated August 14, 2020;
- c. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #34 dated July 28, 2020;
- d. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #27 dated May 18, 2020;
- e. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #21 dated April 24, 2020; and
- f. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #5 dated March 19, 2020.

2. The Jail Bureau needs to implement preventive and proactive measures through the dissemination of advisories and guidelines to ensure the safety and security of personnel and Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) from contracting and spreading COVID-19 inside jails. Thus, with the recent proclamation of IATF-EID regarding the community quarantine classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) based on the epidemic risk level, economic, social, and security considerations, the conduct of Changing of the Guards (COG) shall be allowed/approved regardless of the community quarantine classification.

3. Pursuant to COVID-19 Advisory #21, the following minimum health requirements shall be observed in the conduct of COG:

- a. Observance of 14-day quarantine (home/facility quarantine);
- b. Conduct of RT-PCR (swab test) on the 5th day of quarantine period and should have negative result; and
- c. Personnel shall not manifest any COVID-19 related symptoms within 14-day quarantine period prior to COG. If a personnel manifests symptoms while inside jail, he/she shall be immediately isolated and referred to a medical officer or to the Local Health Unit for proper evaluation and treatment.

4. Further, the Regional COVID-19 Task Force and Wardens shall strictly monitor and implement the quarantine guidelines and protocols to all personnel undergoing quarantine before the conduct of COG.

5. For guidance and strict compliance.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF, BJMP:



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