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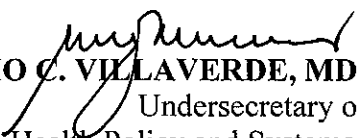
**TO: ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT;
MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS
REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; AND ALL OTHERS
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Ensuring that people in GIDAs, Indigenous Cultural Communities/
Indigenous Peoples are well-informed on COVID-19 and have access
to Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities and Referral
Hospitals**

In view of the increasing COVID-19 cases in the country, all Centers for Health Development and the Ministry of Health – Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MOH-BARMM) are hereby enjoined to coordinate with the different Local Government Units (LGUs) in ensuring that the people living in Geographically-Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) and the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) are also well informed on COVID-19. In addition, mechanisms that would ensure access by these population groups to Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities (whether national- or LGU-managed) and COVID-19 referral hospitals are introduced and maintained.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:


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