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TO: ALL DIRECTORS AND HEADS OF RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL MEDICINE, SUB-NATIONAL LABORATORIES, VICTORIANO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-NATIONAL INSTITUTES FOR HEALTH, AND PHILIPPINE GENOME CENTER

SUBJECT: Advisory on the Use of RT-PCR Testing Kits for COVID-19 Manufactured by Manila HealthTek Inc.

The Department of Health reiterates that **GenAmplify™ Corona Virus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) rRT-PCR Detection Kit** manufactured by Manila HealthTek Inc. shall be only used once the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine issues out positive recommendation from its performance validation.

The Department shall notify once RITM releases the results of the validation of the said RT-PCR testing kit for SARS-CoV-2.

For strict compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health,


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