



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Health  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 30, 2020

**DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

No. 2020 - 0062-A

**TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF HEALTH; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM); DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES, AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH (CHDs); EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS; CHIEF OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, AND SANITARIA; AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT: Amendment to the Department Memorandum No. 2020-0062 dated February 4, 2020 entitled “Guidelines on the Standards of Airborne Infection Isolation Room and Conversion of Private Rooms and/or Wards into Temporary Isolation Rooms for the Management of Patients Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (nCoV)”**

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The Department Memorandum No. 2020-0062 “Guidelines on the Standards of Airborne Infection Isolation Room and Conversion of Private Rooms and/or Wards into Temporary Isolation Rooms for the Management of Patients Under Investigation (PUI) for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (nCoV)” is hereby amended to reflect the following changes:

1. Per Administrative Order 2020-0013 “Revised Administrative Order No. 2020-0012 “Guidelines for the Inclusion of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the List of Notifiable Diseases for Mandatory Reporting to the Department of Health” dated March 17, 2020”, PUIs shall be reclassified as suspect and probable cases.
2. Suspect and probable COVID-19 cases shall be placed separately in a single-patient room with the door closed at all times.
3. Cohorting of confirmed COVID-19 patients in a converted ward may be done provided that standards and principles of cohorting are followed.
4. Precautions shall be undertaken when performing aerosol-generating procedures (e.g. cardiopulmonary resuscitation, tracheal intubation, tracheotomy). The procedure shall be performed in an adequately ventilated room with airflow of at least 160 L/s per patient or in an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR). Appropriate personal protective equipment shall be used.

As thus amended, all other provisions of Department Memorandum No. 2020-0062 dated February 4, 2020 shall remain in effect.

  
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