



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29 Series of 2020

AN ORDER CREATING THE TASK-FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (TASK FORCE- ERID) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULAKAN.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the *"State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them"*;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution as well as Section 16 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines or Republic Act 7160, state that *"local government units (LGUs) are in-charge in the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdictions"*;

WHEREAS, the emergence of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Avian Influenza, Ebola, the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus and the Novel Corona Virus (nCoV) infections have been acknowledged by the global community to cause potential public health emergencies of international concern;

WHEREAS, there are recurrent threats of other diseases, such as Meningococemia, Leptospirosis, Antimicrobial Resistance of Tuberculosis, Polio, Malaria and other bacterial, viral and parasitic diseases that contribute to the high incidence of infectious diseases in the country;

WHEREAS, the international proliferation of these disease persists due to increased globalization and mobility of travelers and products, and thus, threatens the lives and safety of Filipinos, including Bulakenyos both here and abroad;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2020-018, all local government units (LGUs) in the country are enjoined to effectively intensify information education campaign against Coronavirus and implement programs, projects and services that will promote the health and well-being of every Filipino;

WHEREAS, in the event that any or a combination of these diseases result in multi-country outbreaks that can lead to epidemics and even worldwide pandemic, there is a need to create a task-force to establish preparedness and ensure efficient government response to assess, monitor, contain, control and prevent the spread of any potential epidemic in the Municipality of Bulakan, Bulacan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VERGEL C. MENESES, Municipal Mayor of Bulakan, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation and Composition. The **Task Force on Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases** in the Municipality of Bulakan, Bulacan, hereinafter referred to as "**Task Force ERID**", is hereby created to be composed by the following:

Chairperson	Vergel C. Meneses Municipal Mayor
Vice-Chairperson	Dr. Reynaldo P. Gloria Municipal Administrator
ACTION OFFICERS	
Information Officer	Evelyn Villaluz Municipal Information Officer
Crisis Officer	Dra. Elisa Villanueva Municipal Health Officer
Environmental Health Officer	Rizaldy Zamonte MENRO
Members	Roberto R. Morelos ABC President
	Dr. Joseph Cruzcosa Chief of Hospital Gen. Gregorio delPilar Dist. Hospital
	Jayson Magpayo Municipal Veterinarian
	Hector Madlangsakay Community Affair Officer
Secretariat	Candelaria Martinez DRRMO – OIC

SECTION 2. Functions. The Officers/Chairperson of the Task Force ERID shall have the following functions:

Information Officer:

1. Consult Local Health Offices on the guidelines and protocol relative to the safety measures, prevention and control of the Corona virus in their respective localities;
2. Disseminate information materials i.e., flyers, brochures, fosters, billboards against Coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases;
3. Tap the local media in communication what corona virus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases is and is not, and the measures to prevent their spread;
4. Conduct public dialogues with health authorities, police authorities, business community, civil society, and the general public on coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases prevention and control; and

5. Dispel rumors and calm down the people when hysteria and panic grip the community because of false and misleading information about coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

Local Crisis Officer:

1. Organize Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) to help manage coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases suspects and their contacts;
2. Provide, when necessary, protective gadgets such as masks, goggles, gowns, gloves etc., to each member of BHERT and other local health personnel;
3. In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the referral and transport of a coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases suspect to the DOH-designated referral center or hospital;
4. In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the establishments of check points, as need arises;
5. In coordination with health and police see the protection from unnecessary harm of a coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases suspect, the next of kin and contract(s); and
6. Monitor prices of medicines and preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

Environmental Health Officer:

1. Ensure that garbage is properly disposed;
2. Ensure that public places and areas such as offices, malls, theaters, enclosed recreational areas, restaurants, public markets, schools, churches, public toilets, etc., are disinfected and maintained of their cleanliness;
3. Esteros and canals are cleaned regularly; and
4. An ordinance on health, sanitation and cleanliness is enacted and/or enforced.

For the Mayor:

1. On Containment and Control:

- a. Receive copy of record directly from the Bureau of Immigration (BI) record and other sources on persons arriving in the Municipality from a coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious disease-affected country and send it immediately to the Punong Barangay for monitoring and surveillance. In the absence of such records, generate information on arrivals from a coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases-affected country through the Punong Barangays, Municipality or Barangay Health Workers or through other sources, e.g., Barangay Intelligence Network;
- b. Monitor the measures and actions taken by the Punong Barangays and the BHERTs in the prevention, containment and control of coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases;
- c. Provide logistical assistance to the BHERTs in carrying out their tasks;
- d. Direct the Municipal Health Office to supervise the BHERTs and submit report(s) to the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit on the outcome of home confinement;
- e. Refer, and transport, a coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases referral center or hospital;

- f. Order the Philippine National Police or the Punong Barangay to effect the compulsory home confinement of persons arriving from a coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases affected country who violate home confinement to complete the 14-day prescribed period, in case the Punong Barangay or the BHERT fails to impose the 14-day home confinement; and
- g. Extend appropriate assistance and support to those home confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs.

2. On Prevention:

- a. In coordination with DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, train the Municipal Health Workers especially hospital or rural health personnel in handling and managing coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases suspect;
- b. In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to the local health workers, members of the BHERTs and barangay tanods on coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases preventions, containment and control;
- c. In coordination with the DOH, DILG-PNP and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to local health workers members of BHERTs and Barangay Tanods in enforcing the required home confinement procedures for persons arriving from coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases affected country;
- d. Conduct a municipal wide information campaign on coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases prevention, containment and control;
- e. Coordinate with Punong Barangays in the conduct of municipal-wide clean-up campaign; and
- f. Monitor prices of medicines and coronavirus/emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.
- g. Establish a system to identify, screen and assist Bulakenyos suspected or confirmed to be infected with ERID;
- h. Prevent and/or minimize the entry of suspected confirmed patients with ERID into the Municipality;
- i. Prevent and/or minimize the spread of ERID in the Municipality through the establishment of reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with ERID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;
- j. Prevent and/or minimize mortality through the effective clinical management by capacitating healthcare facilities, government and private practitioners, healthcare workers, and public safety enforcers;
- k. Educate the public on ERID and its prevention, control and management to promote positive health behaviors, and address public fear and anxiety through the conduct of municipal-wide ERID awareness campaign;
- l. Adopt measures to strengthen the Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases Program of the DOH or its equivalent in other local health units;
- m. Notify the DOH of the ERID cases in the Municipality and its assessment of the ERID situation;
- n. Perform such other functions and activities as may be necessary to carry out the provision of this Order.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions unaffected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 5.Repealing Clause. All orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6.Effectivity. This ORDER shall take effect upon signing of the Local Chief Executive.

DONE, in the Municipality of Bulakan, Bulacan this 17th day of July in the year of Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.


VERGEL C. MENESES
Municipal Mayor