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KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 008

**TO ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
ALL HEADS OF SERVICES, OFFICES AND PROGRAMS
PROSECUTORS OF THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE
ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR THE DURATION OF THE ENHANCED
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)**

DATE : 28 March 2021

Pursuant to relevant resolutions of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID), and in view of the Memorandum of the Executive Secretary dated 27 March 2021, placing the National Capital Region and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal (NCR+) under ECQ, and to ensure the continuity of public service, Department of Justice (DOJ) employees in the subject area shall adopt a work-from-home arrangement, except those identified as skeletal staff at the frontline services and the Administrative and Finance Services, from 29-31 March 2021.

Prosecutors and their support staff shall continue to conduct inquest proceedings online and/or in person, and attend to urgent matters that require immediate action, as may be determined by the heads of the prosecution offices concerned. Accordingly, all prosecution offices are directed to ensure the availability at all times of inquest prosecutors who shall be on-call for the duration of the ECQ. The conduct of inquest proceedings shall proceed in accordance with the Rules of Court and existing rules and regulations of the Department.

On-site operational capacity of thirty percent (30%) of the total workforce in the DOJ Main Office and Annex Offices shall resume on 05 April 2021.

This Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force for the duration of the ECQ, subject to any such extension or amendment as may be declared or issued by the IATF-MEID or other competent authority.

For strict compliance.

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