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Department of Justice
Manila

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 10

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 GENERAL
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (15-31 MAY 2021)

DATE : 14 MAY 2021

In line with the approval by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on 13 May 2021 of the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) to de-escalate the community quarantine classification of Metro Manila and the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan, and Rizal (NCR Plus) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions from 15 May 2021 to 31 May 2021, on-site work at the DOJ shall be adjusted to 30% of the personnel of each office or unit. The rest shall continue to work from home. All other existing rules and regulations, insofar as they remain applicable under GCQ, shall be observed.

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 GCQ. The conduct of inquest proceedings shall proceed in accordance with the Rules of Court and existing rules and regulations of the Department.

This Circular takes effect immediately and shall remain in force for the duration of the GCQ, 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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