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TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Reiteration of the Temporary Suspension of Taraweeh Prayers in Muslim Mosques and Prayer Rooms during Ramadan 2020

As the holy month of Ramadan begins, the Department of Health reiterates the directive of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos, in the Memorandum Order dated April 18, 2020, to temporarily suspend *Taraweeh* prayers in mosques and prayer rooms all over the country. For the duration of the community quarantine, all are enjoined to stay at home and perform prayers and other religious activities at home.

Likewise, the DOH reiterates to the general public the need for strict observance of the guidelines for community quarantine, physical distancing, and other prevention measures in order to prevent the further spread of the disease.

Dissemination of the information to all concerned is requested.


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