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FOR : ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD), MINISTER OF HEALTH OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM), CHIEFS OF THE REGULATION, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED), CHIEFS OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU (HFSRB), HEADS OF HOSPITALS AND CLINICAL LABORATORIES, ALL REGULATORY OFFICERS AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS

SUBJECT : Deferment of Participation to the 2020 Online Polio Laboratory Containment Survey

As one of the strategies to sustain a polio-free Philippines, the Department of Health through the National Task Force for the Laboratory Containment of Polioviruses issued Department Memorandum No. 2017-0069 titled "Online Survey for the Laboratory Containment of Polioviruses as Part of the Requirement for the Application and Renewal of License to Operate," issued on 10 January 2017 to document all possible sources of the virus and implement containment measures, if needed.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretariat of the Task Force for the Laboratory Containment of Poliovirus announced that the online survey for 2020 has been cancelled (Annex A).

Hence, the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau and the Center for Health Development through its Regulation Licensing and Enforcement Division shall not look for proof of participation in the said online survey from clinical laboratories during the monitoring activities in year 2021 until further notice from the Secretariat Task Force for the Laboratory Containment of Poliovirus.

For your information and guidance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

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Online Survey for Labcontainment of Polio 2020-2021 CANCELLED

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Dear Atty. Lutero

Greetings from the National Poliovirus Laboratory- Research Institute for Tropical
Medicine!

This is to inform you that the online survey for the 2021 licensing period is cancelled due
to the ongoing polio outbreak in the country. This means that the certificate of
participation to the online polio laboratory containment survey will not be a requirement
for 2020-2021 licensing period.

The Secretariat of the Task Force for the Laboratory Containment of Polio will notify all
key stakeholders for any update in the future.

Thank you very much!

Stay safe and healthy!

All the best,
Darren Gazzingan

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