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## Service Alerts

### **DOH: STILL NO CONFIRMED 2019-NCOV CASE IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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The Department of Health (DOH) today informed the public that there are still no confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the country as it convened the first Interagency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases Meeting with the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Local and Interior Government, Justice, Labor and Employment, Tourism, Transportation, and Information and Communications Technology.

At present, there are 2,798 confirmed cases of the 2019-nCoV globally, 37 of which were reported in 11 countries outside of China. The current global case fatality rate of the 2019-nCoV is 2.9%, with all 80 deaths recorded in China. World Health Organization (WHO) has classified the risk level for the spread of the 2019-nCoV as very high in China, and high at the regional and global levels.

DOH revealed that it is closely monitoring 22 Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) – 13 in Metro Manila, 3 in Western Visayas, 3 in Central Visayas, 1 in MIMAROPA, 1 in Eastern Visayas, and 1 in Northern Mindanao.

As of today, three of the PUIs have already been discharged as their laboratory results revealed other diseases. DOH is now awaiting results for 13 PUI from the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine for screening, and 6 PUI laboratory results from the Victorian Infectious Disease Reference Laboratory for confirmation.

**“I urge the public to remain vigilant. Let us continue practicing good hand hygiene, observing proper cough etiquette, maintaining distance from people manifesting flu-like symptoms, cooking food properly, and adopting healthy lifestyles,” the Health Secretary concluded.**

Source: [doh.gov.ph](http://doh.gov.ph)

#### CONTROL MEASURES

To safeguard the safety of all employees and global maritime professional (GMPs) at First Maritime Place (FMP), the following measures will be immediately implemented:

1. **Temperature screening to detect potential cases upon entry.** All employees, agency personnel, GMPs and guests entering the company premises shall undergo a temperature check to be conducted by the Security Guard. Individuals with a body temperature of 37.8-degree Celsius and above shall be endorsed to the company doctor for a medical check-up.
2. **Observe proper hand and respiratory hygiene.** The World Health Organization recommends the following measures to help reduce the transmission of illnesses:
  - A. Clean your hands frequently with the use of alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
  - B. Cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or a clean tissue when coughing or sneezing. Properly dispose your used tissue and immediately wash your hands afterwards.
  - C. Wear a face mask for protection.
3. **Travel advisory/ Self quarantine.** GMPs who recently disembarked from China will be advised by their respective Crewing Offices to go on self-quarantine for two (2) weeks prior to reporting to PTC.

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