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PTC BCM ALERT: DOH CONFIRMS FIRST 2019-NCOV CASE IN THE COUNTRY; ASSURES PUBLIC OF INTENSIFIED CONTAINMENT MEASURES 30 JAN 2020 – ADVISORY #3

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The confirmed case arrived in the Philippines from Wuhan, China via Hong Kong last January 21, 2020. The patient sought consult and was admitted in one of the country's government hospitals last January 25 after experiencing mild cough. She is currently asymptomatic.

"I assure the public that the Department of Health is on top of this evolving situation. We were able to detect the first confirmed case because of our strong surveillance system, close coordination with World Health Organization and other national agencies, and the utilization of DOH's decision tool. We are working closely with the hospital where the patient is admitted and have activated the Incident Command System of the said hospital for appropriate management, specifically on infection control, case management, and containment. We are also implementing measures to protect the health staff providing care to these patients," Health Secretary Francisco T. Duque III said.

DOH is also in close coordination with the Inter-agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) which includes representatives of the Departments of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Interior and Local Government (DILG), Justice (DOJ), Labor and Employment (DOLE), Tourism (DOT), Transportation (DOTr), and Information and Communications Technology (DICT). The Task Force will convene a high-level meeting tomorrow, January 31, 2020, to discuss the first confirmed case and developments arising from this health event.

The Bureau of Quarantine remains on high alert and is in constant coordination with authorities from all ports of entry for stricter border surveillance. DOH assured that its health facilities are equipped and prepared to receive and care for PUIs and confirmed 2019-nCoV cases.

DOH has recorded a total of twenty-nine (29) PUIs – eighteen (18) in Metro Manila, four (4) in Central Visayas, three (3) in Western Visayas, one (1) in MIMAROPA, one (1) in Eastern Visayas, one (1) in Northern Mindanao, and one (1) in Davao. Twenty-three (23) PUIs are currently admitted and five (5) have been discharged but are still under strict monitoring. DOH also reported one PUI mortality.

"I urge the public to stay calm and remain vigilant at all times. Let us continue to practice good personal hygiene and adopt healthy lifestyles," the Health Secretary concluded.

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CONTROL MEASURES

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