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**SUBJECT : Construction Safety Guidelines
for the Implementation of All
DPWH Infrastructure Projects
During the COVID-19 Public
Health Crisis**

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020, which declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines ("OG") dated 29 April 2020, and in view of the current COVID-19 public health situation and the extended implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in specified areas, please be informed that the Construction Safety Guidelines supplemental to the existing safety standards, herein attached as **Annex "1"**, must be strictly observed at all times in the implementation of all public and private infrastructure projects for the duration of this public health crisis.

**TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT MAY BE IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO
OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY
QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES DATED 29 APRIL 2020**

1. In the areas covered by Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). The following construction projects are allowed:

- a. Quarantine facilities and isolation facilities (for Persons under Investigation, Persons under Monitoring and confirmed COVID-19 patients);
- b. Facilities for health sectors dealing with the said abovementioned persons;
- c. Facilities for construction personnel who perform emergency works, flood control and other disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation works

The Head of the Implementing Office shall issue accreditations to the contractors undertaking the aforementioned projects.

2. In the areas covered by General Community Quarantine (GCQ). The following essential public and private construction projects are allowed, such as but not limited to:

- a. sewerage projects
- b. water services facilities projects
- c. digital works
- d. health facilities
- e. priority projects

- f. other similar construction projects related to the basic human needs such as but not limited to food production, agriculture, shelter necessary to address housing backlog, energy, and communication.

PENALTIES

Violation of any provision under the Construction Safety Guidelines (**Annex "1"**) shall be subject to the following penalties, without prejudice to the imposition of additional administrative sanctions as the internal rules of DPWH may provide and/or further criminal action that may be filed against such erring concessionaires, contractors, sub-contractors, and suppliers, as may be provided by applicable laws:

- *Termination of contract* for breach thereof resulting to default pursuant to Item III(A)(2)(c)(i), Annex I of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184 in relation to Section 37.2.3 of the same, which provides that bidding documents requiring bidders to know and be familiar with all existing laws, decrees, ordinances, acts, and regulations, including the Department Orders of DPWH, shall form part of the contract awarded, and refusal or failure to comply with the valid instruction of DPWH, as the procuring entity, shall justify the contract's termination;
- *Contract termination/rescission* under Section 12.21(b) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 6957, as amended by Republic Act No. 7718 (BOT Law);
- *Referral to the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board* of any such violation by the contractor/sub-contractor, which shall constitute as prima facie case of construction malperformance of grave consequence due to negligence, incompetence, or malpractice contemplated under DOLE D.O. No. 13, Series of 1998 and DPWH D.O. No. 56, Series of 2005 in relation to Republic Act No. 4566 (Contractors' License Law); and
- Institution of criminal action under Republic Act 11469 (Bayanihan to Heal as One Act).

These guidelines may be modified or revised as the circumstances may warrant or should the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases or the Office of the President issue new rules pertinent to these matters.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



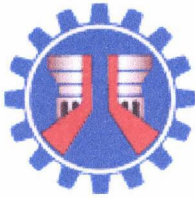
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Construction Safety Guidelines for the Implementation of Infrastructure Projects During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation Nos. 922 and 929, Series of 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency and Calamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 and in view of the extended implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and General Community Quarantine (GCQ), the following construction safety guidelines, supplemental to the existing safety standards, are hereby established for the construction of all private and public infrastructure projects, as the case may be.

A. Prior to Deployment

1. Only persons from Twenty-One (21) to Fifty-Nine (59) years of age, without pre-existing health conditions, such as, but not limited to, immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, including any person who resides with the aforementioned; and who did not come into contact with someone with COVID-19 shall be allowed to be included in the workforce. Employees or consultants who are Sixty (60) years of age or above may be part of the workforce for construction projects as may be allowed under GCQ and ECQ guidelines under Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines ("OG") dated 29 April 2020.
2. Construction personnel shall be required to undergo any available COVID-19 test, as may be prescribed by DOH, and retested as the need arises. In this regard, consultation with medical doctors (duly accredited by DOH, if possible) prior to the conduct of COVID-19 test shall be made.
3. The head of the concerned Implementing Office (IO) shall issue construction quarantine pass (QP) to the individual qualified personnel of the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers, clearly stating the identification, designation, nature of work, validity and destination. (See **Annex "A"** – *Construction Quarantine Pass Format*) It is understood that the QP shall cover transit of personnel from (a) GCQ area to ECQ area, and vice versa and (b) an area not under community quarantine to a GCQ or ECQ area, and vice versa.
4. The concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers shall provide for their personnel/workers the necessary welfare facilities and amenities, such as employees' quarters for board and lodging, ensuring compliance to social distancing, proper hygiene,

etc. Contractors shall submit the design for the said welfare facilities and amenities, for monitoring, to the District Engineering Offices or Regional Offices concerned.

5. Contractors shall ensure that their projects are in compliance with DOLE D.O. NO. 13 series of 1998. Contractors shall provide their personnel and workers continuous supply of vitamins, particularly vitamin C, other over-the-counter medicines, quarantine facilities, and oxygen tanks for emergency purposes.
6. Contractors shall provide disinfection facilities in their respective project sites in compliance with pertinent DOH and IATF Guidelines, to be placed at strategic locations to ensure the safety and welfare of all personnel.
7. Proper information dissemination regarding COVID-19 construction protocols on top of existing construction safety practices shall be conducted by Safety Officers to all personnel.
8. For Government construction projects, personal records of all personnel necessary for contact tracing shall be submitted by the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers to the DPWH IO and shall be resubmitted and updated monthly, or as the need arises. (See **Annex "B"** – *Worker's Records Log Format*)

B. During Deployment

1. Conduct an inventory of works for the construction sequencing to be followed and undertaken to uphold the required social distancing. Break times shall be conducted in a staggered manner.
2. Employees shall be housed in their respective quarters for the entire duration of the project covered by the ECQ and GCQ. Otherwise, "Prior to Deployment" procedures shall be conducted at every instance of re-entry.
3. Errands to be conducted outside the construction site premises shall be kept to a minimum. Number of personnel running errands shall be limited and shall be properly disinfected and closely monitored for symptoms within fourteen (14) days upon re-entry.
4. Field offices, employees' quarters, and other common areas shall be regularly maintained including the daily disinfection of such facilities.
5. Adequate food, safe/potable drinking water, disinfectants, and hand soaps shall be made available by the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers to its in-house personnel.

6. Daily monitoring of the pre and post work health conditions of workers shall be undertaken by the concessionaires, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers including, but not limited to, temperature, health, and exposure monitoring, as preventive measures. Personnel with manifestations or symptoms relative to COVID-19 shall be immediately isolated and quarantined for fourteen (14) days and if necessary, brought to the nearest DOH COVID-19 treatment facility under strict confidentiality and privacy. Proper protocols in accordance with the DTI and DOLE Interim Guidelines on Work Place Prevention and Control of COVID-19 shall likewise be strictly observed. For Government construction projects, a daily health monitoring report to be prepared by the Safety Officer shall be submitted to the DPWH IO. (See **Annex "C"** – *Daily COVID-19 Surveillance Fill-Up/Checklist Form*)
7. Work activities shall be under daily strict monitoring by the Safety Officer at site to ensure compliance with safety standards and quarantine protocols.
8. For Government construction projects, the DPWH Engineers assigned at the site shall ensure strict compliance to DOLE D.O. 13, series of 1998, and implementation of wearing additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required such as, but not limited to, face masks, safety glasses/goggles, face shields, and long sleeve T-shirts, to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. On the other hand, contractors for essential private construction projects under GCQ shall assign a full time safety officer devoted to ensure compliance with D.O. 13, series of 1998 and implementation of social distancing measures provided herein.
9. For off-site employees' quarters, transport service, duly disinfected before and after use, shall be provided, with social distancing observed.
10. Sharing of construction and office equipment is discouraged. However, if necessary, the shared equipment must be disinfected in between transfers amongst personnel.
11. All material and equipment delivery and disposal shall be conducted by a specific team of personnel on an isolated loading/unloading zone while limiting contact with the delivery/disposal personnel. All material and/or equipment entering the construction site shall be duly disinfected, as possible.
12. Non-essential personnel, visitors, and the general public shall be restricted to enter the construction site, employees' quarters, and field offices. Otherwise, all personnel entering the construction site premises on a temporary basis (e.g. Delivery truck drivers, inspectors, etc.) shall be properly logged and checked for symptoms. Gatherings, Liquors, and/or merry – making are strictly prohibited within the construction site premises.
13. Clustered and staggered deployment of employees within the construction site shall be observed to minimize personnel contact and for easier contact tracing.

14. Proper waste disposal shall be provided for infectious waste such as PPEs and other waste products coming from outside the construction premises.

For strict compliance



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(Annex "A")

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

PRIVATE SECTOR - CONCESSIONAIRE/ CONTRACTOR/
CONSULTANT/SUPPLIER

ACCREDITATION/ CONSTRUCTION WORK PASS

Temporarily issued to

**DELA CRUZ,
JUAN**

PROJECT ENGINEER

(Name & Designation)

EPP CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT CO.

*(Company Name: Concessionaires, Contractors, Consultants/
Subcontractors, and suppliers)*

CITY OF MANILA

(Project Location - City/ Municipality/ Province/ Region)

NCR DIRECTOR ADOR G. CANLAS

Head of Implementing Office

Date of Issue: MAY 4 , 2020

Valid for 90 days from date of issue

Control No. : **NCR-2020-0001**

DPWH ACCREDITATION

PRIVATE SECTOR - CONCESSIONAIRE/ CONTRACTOR/
CONSULTANT/SUPPLIER

(Name of Project)

On the basis of the present situation, bearer must observe physical distancing in the workplace and follow existing Construction Safety Guidelines for the Implementation of Infrastructure Projects During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis for workers of DPWH and private entities.

This work pass is deemed revoked or cancelled if not used according to its purpose.

IMPORTANT:

Upon inspection at workplace, present this ACCREDITATION I.D. together with your valid company I.D.

**For further verification,
please contact :**

(# of Issuing Office)



(Annex "C")

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
<IMPLEMENTING OFFICE>
 <Address>

DAILY COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE FILL-UP/CHECKLIST FORM

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|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| Pangalan: | | Petsa: |
| Edad: | Kasarian: | Telepono: |
| Lugar ng Tirahan: | | Trabaho: |
| Lugar ng Trabaho: | | |
| Kontraktor: | | |
| FEVER | RESPIRATORY INFECTION | |
| ≥38°C | Presensya ng mga sumusunod (<i>Presence of the following</i>): | |
| ___ Oo (<i>Yes</i>) | ___ Ubo (<i>Cough</i>) (productive or non-productive cough) | |
| ___ Hindi (<i>No</i>) | ___ Igsi ng paghinga (<i>Shortness of breath</i>) | |
| | ___ Sipon (<i>Colds</i>) | |
| | ___ Namamagang lalamunan (<i>Sore throat</i>) | |
| | ___ Tumutulong sipon (<i>Runny Nose</i>) | |
| | ___ Naninikip na ilong (<i>Nasal Congestion</i>) | |
| | ___ Nananakit na kalamnan (<i>Muscle Pains</i>) | |
| | ___ Sakit ng ulo (<i>Headache</i>) | |
| | ___ Hirap sa paghinga (<i>Difficulty of Breathing</i>) | |
| | ___ Pagtatae (<i>Diarrhea</i>) | |
| | ___ Pagkawala ng pang-amoy (<i>Loss of Sense of Smell</i>) | |
| | ___ Pagkawala ng panlasa (<i>Loss of Sense of Taste</i>) | |
| | ___ WALA (<i>NONE</i>) | |
| | Kung mayroong presenya ng mga nasa taas, simula kailan. (<i>If identified with presence of the above, since when</i>)? | |
| | _____ | |

Pagpapahayag: Ang mga impormasyon na aking ibinigay dito ay totoo, tama at kumpleto. Aking na-iintindihan na ang hindi pagsagot sa mga katanungan o ang maling sagot ay maaaring may seryosong kinahihinatnan. (Article 171, & 172 of the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines and Republic Act No. 11332.)

PIRMA SA TAAS NG NAKALIMBAG NA PANGALAN