

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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ATTENTION TO ALL CONCERNED COVID-19 DISEASE REPORTING UNITS

The Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases reiterates the responsibility of all Disease Reporting Units (DRUs), Health Facilities, Laboratories, and Local Government Units to provide accurate, complete, and timely data on COVID-19 cases through COVIDKaya or information systems via an application program interface (API).

Specifically highlighting for compliance the following information necessary to initiate contact tracing, which should be provided to the Department of Health (DOH) and to the Local Government Units of the patient's current address:

- a. Patient's full name,
- b. Complete address (House number, Street, Barangay, Municipality, City/Province),
- c. Contact number of the cases who were tested for COVID-19, and
- d. Completely filled-up Case Investigation Form (CIF).

Laboratories are tasked to ensure that DRUs/Facilities/LGUs sending specimens for testing shall provide the information above and a completely filled-out CIF prior to testing, provide the results directly to patients and the sending DRUs, and submit the same to the DOH through any of the following means:

- a. Scan individual copies of CIF and upload via COVID Document Repository System (CDRS)
- b. Daily linelist extraction and uploading via CDRS
- For those with an existing information system, provision of access to DOH via Application Program Interface or other similar means, or
- d. In special circumstances that are pre-coordinated with the DOH, submission of hard copy forms for centralized encoding.

The DOH will publish a list of non-compliant facilities/LGUs and enforce necessary sanctions" as indicated in the Republic Act 11332 or the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases Act," RA 4266 or the "Hospital Licensure Act," and RA 4688 or the "Clinical Laboratory Law".

For strict compliance.

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