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**PRESS CONFERENCE OF CABINET SECRETARY KARLO NOGRALES, PCOO SECRETARY
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MENARDO GUEVARRA & DILG SECRETARY EDUARDO AÑO
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USEC. ROCKY: Magandang gabi, MPC! Kasama na natin si Presidential Communications Secretary Martin Andanar.

SEC. ANDANAR: Magandang gabi sa iyo, Rocky; at magandang gabi din sa lahat ng mga miyembro ng Malacañang Press Corps at ang mga manonood natin ngayon sa iba't-ibang TV network companies pati na rin sa social media at nakikinig sa radyo.

The President met the IATF this afternoon for more than three hours and at the same time he placed the entire Luzon under the Enhanced Community Quarantine. After the meeting, the IATF ironed out the guidelines of the Enhanced Community Quarantine and to discuss the guidelines we are joined by Secretary Ed Año of the DILG. Magandang gabi, sir!

SEC. AÑO: Magandang gabi naman!

SEC. ANDANAR: We are also joined by Secretary Menardo Guevarra of the DoJ. Good evening, sir!

SEC. GUEVARRA: Good evening!

SEC. ANDANAR: We also have Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles. Good evening, sir!

SEC. NOGRALES: Magandang gabi po!

SEC. ANDANAR: And by the way, Secretary Karlo Nograles is also the new spokesperson of the IATF as appointed by the President just this afternoon. And the Department of Health Secretary Francisco Duque, good evening!

SEC. DUQUE: Good evening!

SEC. ANDANAR: We are holding this special press conference tonight to discuss the initial guidelines that the IATF has drafted a few moments ago.

CabSec Karlo Nograles will now read the guidelines of the Enhanced Community Quarantine for the entire Luzon.

SEC. NOGRALES: Maraming salamat, Secretary Martin Andanar.

Mga kababayan, magandang gabi po sa inyong lahat. Narito po ang guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Community Quarantine and the stringent social distancing measures over the entire Luzon including the National Capital Region effective at twelve midnight of 17 March 2020 and expiring on twelve midnight of 13 April 2020.

Therefore, the following shall be implemented:

1. Classes and all school activities in all levels shall continue to be suspended until 14 April 2020. The same directives to the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and such other regulatory agencies, LGUs and the Department of the Interior and Local Government with respect to the class suspension are reiterated;
2. Mass gatherings shall be prohibited;
3. A strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households; movements shall be limited to accessing basic necessities, provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated and there will be heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures;
4. A work from home arrangement shall be implemented in the Executive Branch except the PNP, AFP, PCG and health and emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services which shall ensure a skeletal work force;
5. Only those private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e. public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drugstores, food preparation and delivery services, water-refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water, and telecommunications supplies and facilities shall be open;

In all such open establishments, their respective managements shall ensure the adaptation of a strict skeletal work force to support operations as well as all strict social distancing measures.

Business Process Outsourcing establishments and export-oriented industries shall remain operational subject to the condition that strict social distancing measures are observed, their respective personnel are provided appropriate temporary accommodation arrangements by 18 March 2020, and that a skeletal work force shall be implemented.

Media personnel shall be allowed to travel within the quarantine area provided that within seventy hours from the issuance of this memorandum, media personnel intending to travel within the quarantine area shall secure an identification card from the Presidential Communications Operations Office.

For purposes of the foregoing, transit to and from the above establishments anywhere within the area covered by the Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be allowed, security personnel of the establishments in the contained area shall likewise be allowed to travel within the quarantine area;

6. Mass public transport facilities shall be suspended;

7. Land, air and sea travel shall be restricted. Outbound passengers intending to depart the Philippines from any of the international airports in Luzon shall be allowed to travel for a period of seventy two hours (72) from effectivity of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Inbound international passengers in transit upon effectivity of the Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be allowed entry subject to applicable quarantine to procedures if coming from countries with existing travel restrictions imposed by the IATF.

All inbound Filipino citizens including their foreign spouse and children if any, holders of permanent resident visa and holders of 9E diplomat visas issued by the Philippine government shall be allowed entry subject to applicable quarantine procedures if coming from countries with existing travel restrictions imposed by the IATF.

The movement of cargos within to and from the entire Luzon shall be unhampered. For this purpose, guidelines for the accompanying crew or personnel of transiting cargoes shall be formulated by the Department of Transportation.

Land, air and sea travel of uniformed personnel for official business especially those transporting medical supplies, laboratory specimens related to the COVID-19 and other humanitarian assistance shall be allowed; and

The Department of Social Welfare and Development and Department of Labor and Employment in coordination with the Department of Finance, Department of Budget and Management and Department of Trade and Industry shall formulate programs, projects and measures for the social amelioration of affected workers and residents of the areas subject of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

These measures may include but shall not be limited to moratorium on lease rentals, advancing a pro-rated 13th month pay, reprieve in utility bills and assistance to micro, small and medium scale enterprises.

The DSWD is further directed to institute measures to expedite the distribution of food assistance to the most affected residents of the entire Luzon.

Failure to abide by the forgoing guidelines and measures shall be subjected to appropriate action both criminal and administrative with accordance with relevant laws and regulations. For this purpose, the Department of Justice is directed to initiate appropriate charges as may be warranted.

The IATF together with the Executive Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Secretaries of National Defense, Environment and Natural Resources, Trade and Industry, Social Welfare and Development, Finance, Education, Agriculture, Chief-of-Staff of the AFP, heads of the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, Philippine Air Force, PCG and the PNP and such other agencies or entities as the IATF may invite shall continue to convene daily to study and continuously review the measures and guidelines in addressing the COVID-19 situation until such time that the health event subsides.

The IATF thru the DoH is directed to disseminate information to the public on the steps and measures to be undertaken relative to the COVID-19 situation during the period of Enhanced Community Quarantine for the entire Luzon.

For immediate compliance! Thank you very much.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Sir, good evening! Sir, just a clarification about the suspension of mass transport. Meaning LRT, MRT, bus and jeepney, wala po talaga?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes, that's correct.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Pero iyong mga private vehicles, sir, are allowed to travel? Puwede po iyon?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes! But only for those who are exempted. Kasi may mga exemptions tayo sa public and sa private establishments. For government, mayroon po tayong exemptions 'di ba especially the frontline services and then sa private

establishments, mayroon din tayong mga exemptions. But mass transportation will be suspended.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Meaning, sir, iyong mga private cars of ordinary people they are not allowed to travel even if they are going out to buy groceries, food supplies and medicines? Not allowed?

SEC. NOGRALES: No, they will be allowed subject to—

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Exemptions?

SEC. NOGRALES: Iyong exemptions, hindi ba? So, nakasulat dito iyong basic necessities like public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, so those will continue to operate so therefore, you may go to them, if there's no public transportation then private or you'll have to walk.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: And iyong mga allowed, sir, na bumiyahe like iyong mga health workers and mga BPOs, same pa rin po iyong requirement like they'll just have to show their IDs or certificate of employments?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Wala pong changes doon?

SEC. NOGRALES: Correct, correct. The idea here is to keep everybody on home quarantine. We try not to dwell doon sa mga exemptions, the rule, in fact iyong exemptions ang ano natin dito, ang mindset dapat natin dito is 'in case of doubt, stay at home.'

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Thank you, sir.

ANJO ALIMARIO/CNN PHILIPPINES: Good evening, sirs! Sir, can you walk us through how did the President reached the decision to declare an Enhanced Community Quarantine? I understand several CabSecs have already recommended lockdown. Why not lockdown?

SEC. NOGRALES: Mayroon lang tayong—nakita naman ninyo even in the previous declarations, mayroon tayong General Community Quarantine and then mayroon po tayong Enhanced Community Quarantine. So, we never use the word 'lockdown,' like I said because this is a technical term and we try to use a technical term in a medical term because this is a medical emergency, this is a public health emergency. So, we only use terms that have a definition at ang definition nga natin ngayon from a generalized—general quarantine—community quarantine, nandito na po tayo sa level ng Enhanced Community Quarantine.

And the reason why we are going to an Enhanced Community Quarantine all of the indicators show us the need to including iyong declaration na pandemic ng WHO, including iyong mga rising cases natin and including the fact that many of our LGUs anyway have already began declaring their own LGUs as community quarantine,

So, therefore, by declaring an Enhanced Community Quarantine in the entire Luzon, then all LGUs now pantay-pantay na iyong ating mga... kumbaga, na lahat na tayo nasa common ground na po tayo ang buong Luzon.

ANJO ALIMARIO/CNN PHILIPPINES: Sir, I understand mayroon tayong—ayon nga, sir, may General Community Quarantine then nag-progress tayo to Enhanced Community Quarantine, many are wondering may next step pa ba doon, may next phase for that after?

SEC. NOGRALES: We'll take it on a day to day basis. So, right now, like we just announced na daily po magmi-meet, mag-a-assess po and ating IATF to study the numbers, to look at the COVID-19 cases and to determine iyong on the ground, make adjustments kung ano iyong mga nakikita nating realities on the ground.

ANJO ALIMARIO/CNN PHILIPPINES: Justice Secretary... Sir, so the people will not be alarmed, what will be the basis for them to be arrested during this times of ano...?

SEC. GUEVARRA: Considering the gravity of the present situation, our police and other law enforcement agents may effect arrest against violators 'no, arrest of violators under any of the following laws:

1. Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code on Resistance or Disobedience to a Person in Authority. You will please note that this offense is punishable by *arresto mayor* and a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand pesos. If committed with acts of violence, then the person may be liable to direct assault and that is a much more serious offense which is punishable by *prision correccional* or a fine of not more than two hundred thousand pesos.
2. Any violation may also be punishable under Republic Act 11332. This is a recent statute and this is entitled Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases. And the provision that is penalized is that one for non-cooperation and the penalty that may be imposed by the court if found guilty is a fine of not more than fifty thousand pesos or imprisonment of not more than six months.

And there are also provisions under our Quarantine Act and the penalty would be more less the same as the more recent statute on Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases.

So, this will come into play only kapag talagang mayroong serious resistance or disobedience to our law enforcers. So, I plead to everyone to just simply give your cooperation and this is something that is temporary, this is for the good of all of us. The police officers and supported by the Armed Forces are not the enemy, they are not there to harass us but to protect us.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Secretary Nograles, you've mentioned that everyday naman may meeting iyong Inter-Agency Task Force and this is in effect iyong nabanggit po natin na Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 13. Does that mean pupuwedeng hindi umabot hanggang April 13 iyong implementation ng Enhanced Community Quarantine?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Puwede siyang mapaikli?

SEC. NOGRALES: Puwede siyang mapaikli if the circumstances warrant; at ayaw ko rin sabihin pero puwede ring humaba depende nga sa situation. That's why it's a day to day basis assessment.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Okay. How will this coincide iyong strict home quarantine with the curfew being implemented or being enforced by LGUs? Bakit hindi na natin isinama iyong—

SEC. NOGRALES: Superseded na siya ng curfew, because curfew is back to home ka kapag sinabi mong curfew but this time, it's strict home quarantine. So, superseded na iyong mga curfews that were being imposed by the LGUs.

So, this is now strict home quarantine. Wala ng curfew na pinag-uusapan because kumbaga, sa words po ni Secretary Año, twenty four hours curfew na ito because ang rule, ang general rule is stay at home. If you leave your home for this establishments to buy the necessities ng bahay ninyo, only one person ang puwedeng bumili, hindi puwedeng isama iyong buong pamilya. Hindi puwedeng dalawa iyan, dapat isa lang ang bibili because again, ang general rule is that home quarantine muna tayo, wala munang galawin except for this necessary industries and establishments and of course, iyong vital government services.

Gusto natin iyong walang galawin kasi we want to stop the virus from spreading. So, put it in your head that the general rule is 'stay at home.'

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Pero sir, iyong idea for example of a curfew kasi hindi ba may limited hours, meaning, anyone from the family, kahit isang member of the family, can buy necessities even beyond 8:00 P.M.?

SEC. NOGRALES: So, I know what you're saying pero siguro we will ask the establishments also. Perhaps in the next—maybe tomorrow we will ask establishments to close at a certain time perhaps. It's something that we'll take up para kapag magsarado iyan, then you have no business already being out of your home.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Sir, doon sa meeting ng Inter-Agency Task Force, napag-usapan ba iyong recommendation na magkaroon ng isang place lang for all COVID-19 positive cases para mas confined? Was it discussed or was it approved by the President?

SEC. NOGRALES: It wasn't discussed but may I ask Secretary Duque to state something?

SEC. DUQUE: Hindi po ito napag-usapan sa IATF, pero ganun pa man ito po ay napag-usapan, in fact, noong nagkaroon ng hearing sa Kamara de Representantes, this was I think last Wednesday last week. So, tinitingnan po natin ang Lung Center kung puwede siyang maging COVID-19 hospital but ang sabi sa akin ng Executive Director, si Mr. Vincent Balanag, medyo sa ngayon mahihirapan dahil mayroon na rin silang mga pasyente na kahit na hindi siya—mayroon siyang mga COVID-19 patients.

In fact, sabi niya mayroon pa siyang fifteen available isolation rooms ngunit iyong iminungkahi ko nga sa kaniya mula sa Congress na kung puwedeng gawin specialized COVID-19 hospital. Sabi niya mahihirapan siya ngayon dahil marami pa rin silang mga non-COVID-19 patients. So, kinakailangan talagang planuhin itong maigi - saan ilalagay itong mga non-COVID-19 patients. Conceptually, okay naman to consider this but the operationalization needs further study.

SEC. NOGRALES: May gusto rin pong idagdag si Secretary Año.

SEC. AÑO: On the part of the local government, kasama doon sa aming memo circular iyong pag-identify ng isolation unit - this could be a private house, this could be building or this could be one condominium - depende sa kakayahan ng local government unit.

Sa mga COVID patients na positive na asymptomatic or with mild symptoms, kaya siyang i-accommodate ng local government unit at sa designated isolation unit ay doon lang ilagay iyong mga pasyente kasi asymptomatic naman ito para ang ating hospital magko-concentrate na lang sa mga mayroong mga serious symptoms na kailangan talaga ng interventions.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Kay Secretary Nograles, Sir, you said that outbound passengers shall be allowed to travel within 72 hours from the effectivity of the quarantine. Ibig sabihin, sir, land, air and sea travel po ito?

SEC. NOGRALES: This is outbound passengers intending to depart from the Philippine from any of the international airports in Luzon—

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: So, international?

SEC. NOGRALES: —shall be allowed to travel for a period of 72 hours. Napag-usapan kasi ito because ayaw nating—baka mayroong mga gustong pumunta ng abroad, iniwasan po natin iyong mga maii-stranded na mga pasahero. So, ito iyong mga napag-usapan namin sa Inter-Agency Task Force, kung paanong treatment natin sa airports, mga tourists na gustong umalis ng bansa at bumalik sa kanilang mga bansa.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: What about iyong mga nasa Luzon, sir, na gustong umuwi sa kanilang mga residence sa Cebu, for example, or in Mindanao?

SEC. NOGRALES: No more, no more. As we said, that falls under ‘mass public transport facilities shall be suspended,’ sa number six.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Sir, iyong inbound passengers, they will be allowed to enter Luzon until when, sir?

SEC. NOGRALES: Inbound international passengers in transit upon effectivity of the Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be allowed entry subject to applicable quarantine procedures.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: So, until when, sir? Wala namang time?

SEC. NOGRALES: Secretary Año?

SEC. AÑO: This provision is applicable to Filipinos and holders of permanent resident visa. Sila iyong pupuwede nating tanggapin but they’ll be subjected to mandatory 14-days quarantine.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: So, to be clear sir, after 72 hours no one can go out of the country from Luzon, sir?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes, out of the country, international, yes. But again the general rule is mass public transport facility shall be suspended. Iyon po ang general rule, exception to the rule na iyong number seven.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Okay, sir. Sir, will we be closing the borders of Luzon? Kailan po mag-ii-start iyon, sir?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes, tonight, twelve midnight.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Sir, ano na po iyong mga naging paghahanda po natin, sir?

SEC. NOGRALES: While we're speaking, the entire Philippine National Police is already discussing their protocols and their procedures para doon sa implementation ng Enhanced Community Quarantine of the entire Luzon.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Kay SILG Año. Sir, up until kanina noong nag-uuwian po iyong mga tao may mga checkpoints pa rin po kahit na-announced na iyong Enhanced Community Quarantine. What will happen to the checkpoints around Metro Manila, sir?

SEC. AÑO: Well, ang mangyayari iba na ngayon ang magiging configurations. Mayroon pa rin tayong uniformed services sa mga key positions, key strategic areas, mayroong tayong mga roving patrols at kasama natin ang governors, mayors, barangay captains na mag-i-implement nitong ating Enhanced Community Quarantine. So, naka-tandem iyan, iyong ating mayor, iyong ating chief of police at saka iyong ating local military field commander. So, sila iyong magpapatupad nito in the entire island of Luzon.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Sir, I'm sorry marami pong questions, sir. Kasi you said that iyong mga health workers will still be able to go to work, iyong mga BPOs. How will they get to work, sir, kapag suspended iyong public transportation?

SEC. AÑO: Initially, kasi ganito ano... Inano namin iyong lahat ng public transportation and then from there, each LGUs will determine now the requirement and then LGUs can provide transportation, we can also require some public utilities to operate certain numbers of vehicles to—this commensurate to those who will use.

We don't want to open all public transportation because that would actually encourage people to move. Our objective is to restrict movement of people to the maximum. So, nag-a-adjust kami habang ipinatutupad natin ito.

SEC. NOGRALES: Siguro to clarify everything, ano na ito eh... parang ang atin—ano natin dito, ang situation natin dito is it's as if calamity, hindi ba? So, in a calamity, suspended, walang transportation because there is a calamity that happened in certain zone. So, that is how we operationalize now. That's why we are on a state of calamity.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Sir, maraming nagtatanong. Sir, TNVS, sir? Papayagan pa Grab, Angkas?

SEC. NOGRALES: No more.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Taxi?

SEC. NOGRALES: No more. Public transportation is suspended. Like I said, as if a calamity—on a state of calamity, so public transportation in a state of calamity suspended iyan because of the calamity, correct? So, this is where the LGUs come in, dito iyong papasok iyong coordination natin with the LGUs to provide the means for transportation especially doon sa mga exempted.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Sir, can you enumerate ano po iyong mga establishments that will be allowed to open? So, we have groceries, we have supermarkets, what about restaurants, fastfoods?

SEC. NOGRALES: Restaurants—iyong colatilla lang natin lang natin sa restaurants, it's supposed to be food preparation and delivery services. So, not restaurant sit down but restaurants—not even restaurants, it's food preparation and delivery services.

So, magde-deliver, hindi ka pupunta doon sa establishment para kumain at umupo at kumain, it's for delivery. The mindset, the idea is that instead of the person going to the market, it's the delivery person delivering to the home; so mas less ang movement kung ganoon.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Delivery services will be available, sir? Grabfood—

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes, food preparation is limited only to the food delivery.

PIA GUTIERREZ/ABS-CBN: Sir, may Grabfood delivery? Food panda? So, open iyon, sir?

SEC. NOGRALES: Ang iniisip kasi namin it's the establishment that is delivering. The establishment that's—again, like I said, in case of doubt, no! in case of doubt, 'no!'

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Secretary Duque, ilan na ho ba iyong na-test natin for COVID since we started iyong testing?

SEC. DUQUE: Almost a thousand—

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Almost a thousand...

SEC. DUQUE:—close to a thousand, oo. I was trying to open my PUI summary pero ang hirap-hirap lang mag—anyway, mga ganun, a thousand.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Kay Secretary Nograles. Kasi may mga nabanggit na mga exemptions - iyong BPOs, export and then we have health workers - but then

we also suspended public transport. So, how can they go to their workplaces? For example, they don't have their own car?

SEC. NOGRALES: Kaya nga sa BPO, if you notice that the conditions for the BPO is that by March 18 of 2020, they must provide appropriate temporary accommodation arrangements. Otherwise, they will not be allowed to operate. Because again, we are trying to limit the movement and so Secretary of the DTI Mon Lopez has committed to the IATF that he will reach out and talk to the BPO establishments and the export-oriented industries to operationalize this directive.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Okay. How about iyong health workers, iyong media, paano sila—

SEC. NOGRALES: Like I said, we're trying to limit the movements here. So, we cannot say open ang public transportation for certain people because that's very difficult to control anymore. So, again, when in doubt, stay at home.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Okay. Isa na lang po, pinapa-clarify lang. So, iyong foreign travelers leaving Manila will not allowed after 72 hours from midnight tonight?

SEC. NOGRALES: Because iyong—based on the discussion sa IATF, those who really want to leave will really leave within 72 hours. Those who cannot—then they have to make up their minds: do you leave or not leave. So, we have to put a time limit and the 72 hours is the time limit.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: So, otherwise, stuck sila dito?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Stranded sila dito?

SEC. NOGRALES: Not stranded, it's by their voluntary—that's their choice, voluntary choice nila iyan—

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: So, may leeway silang mag-rebook ng flight?

SEC. NOGRALES: Yes.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Iyong three days na iyon—

SEC. NOGRALES: Basta ang inihiwasan po natin ay may mga involuntarily stranded here. So, we are giving them 72 hours to fly so that—we assume that after 72 hours, it is your decision to stay here.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Salamat po.

MELA LESMORAS/PTV 4: For CabSec. Nograles. I know marami rin pong media na nagmo-monitor today. Sir, just to clear. Paano po iyong magiging sistema for media accreditation?

SEC. NOGRALES: So, ang sa media accreditation, gaya nga ng sinabi natin, again within 72 hours, you are supposed to get an issuance of an identification card to be issued by the PCOO. So, ang PCOO naman mayroong... mayroon naman silang sistema for accrediting media, accredit media personnel even for the entire Luzon. And the reason that we are doing this is to—in order for us to facilitate and help the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine especially in the enforcement ng PNP. And I think we'll probably Secretary Andanar a chance to explain.

SEC. ANDANAR: Again, we reiterate the media can avail PCOO/IPC media ID so they can continue with their day to day work informing the public. All media workers must obtain their identification cards from the News and Information Bureau. I will now give you the details on how to do this.

Special media pass for journalists covering different beats in Metro Manila during the state of public health emergency will issued by the PCOO through the International Press Center. For those interested, please send through this email addresses: intlpresscenter@gmail.com or IPC0182@gmail.com;

And these are the following requirements:

1. Letter of request from your respective media agencies; and
2. A passport size photo.

The contact person is: Lorina de los Reyes and you may contact her on 0918-979-2861 or 5336-6095.

In the meantime, all bonafide media IDs will be honored by the Philippine National Police for the next 72 hours. So, it is very important that all media workers in Metro Manila submit their credentials to the IPC.

And also to add to that, we discussed at the IATF na mayroong gagawin na apat na live points ang ating PTV kung saan itong mga live points na ito doon pupunta iyong mga miyembro ng IATF kung mayroon silang mga public address.

So, ito iyong mga live points:

1. Here at the Palace, the Press Briefing Room;
2. NDRRMC sa Camp Aguinaldo at puwede rin sa Camp Crame, palitan;
3. Sa tanggapan ng Department of Health;
4. Sa PTV.

Now, we are doing this so that those media organizations that are very careful also na ayaw nilang mahawa ng COVID-19 ang kanilang mga media workers ay puwedeng maghook-up lang sa PTV 4, mag-hook-up din sa Radyo Pilipinas at we also have arranged for virtual presser. Puwede rin kayong magtanong through the internet using Skype or what have you and you can also call our live point by phone patch.

So, iyon lang po. Thank you.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Secretary Andanar, clarification lang. So, does it mean that once you're a bonafide media practitioner, automatic na approved iyon? Hindi naman siya like, we won't limit the representative per TV network or media organization?

SEC. ANDANAR: Hindi po kasi naiintindihan po natin na halimbawa sa isang diyaryo, hindi lang naman iyong reporter ang kailangan, mahalaga din iyong mga technical staff, iyong nag-iimprenta, iyong mga editors, iyong mga photographers. The same way sa telebisyon, iyong ating mga engineer na magpapatakbo ng ating mga transmitter. Lahat ho ng ito this is a long value chain of important people na nagpapatakbo ng ating industriya. So, that's why I said 'media workers.' So, as long as mayroong requirement na ibibigay, iyong sulat galing sa ating mga tanggapan at iyong passport photo.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: So, PCOO will not deny any media practitioner for as long as they complete requirements?

SEC. ANDANAR: Yes, ma'am.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Okay. Thank you, sir.

SEC. ANDANAR: Thank you.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Secretary Año, clarification lang po. How are we going to address the issue on the slum area? Kasi hindi ba technically, we want to implement iyong mga social distancing pero paano iyong mga ganung lugar?

SEC. AÑO: Well, talagang iyan ay malaking challenge but they have to follow social distancing. Mayroon tayong magro-roving doon, may mga iikot doong barangay officials, LGUs. Kailangan talagang i-implement pero nasa kanilang pagdidisiplina din eh, kailangan talagang sumunod. So, it's really a challenge but kailangan din ng information dissemination para malaman nila kung anong mga dapat gawin on their

own personal effort. So, tuloy-tuloy iyong ating pag-info campaign sa mga lugar na ito.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Kasi sir, for example, doon sa Payatas area, iyong isang bahay nila eleven agad iyong tao. Sometimes they sleep nang nakaupo. So, are we going to provide let's say, areas for them to stay or...?

SEC. AÑO: Well, kaniya-kaniyang initiative ng LGUs 'no, kaya nga ang ano dito, ang key talaga dito ang mga local chief executives. The President is the chief executive. Sa mga bawat political subdivisions natin from the province, municipalities, barangays, they have to do their job.

Now, stay at home. Kung halimbawa sa isang bahay ay naka-quarantine sila doon sa loob at wala naman infected doon, okay sila doon. Now, kung halimbawa, may mag-manifest ng symptom doon, papasok na naman iyong ating barangay, iyong barangay health emergency response teams dadalhin iyong person under monitoring or person under investigation doon sa isolation unit. So, doon sila papasok doon.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: Secretary Duque, mayroon na po ba tayong concrete plan doon sa test kits. because I understand medyo kulang po iyong test kits natin ngayon. So, mayroon na po ba tayong ginagawa for that?

SEC. DUQUE: May tatlo pong panggagalingan ang karagdagang test kits natin, kasi sa ngayon puros galing sa WHO ngunit alam naman natin na may global supply chain limitations 'no. So ang UP-NIH ay mayroong pakikipag-ugnayan sa isang pribadong sector na pinangungunahan ni Dr. Destura - I think you've heard about this person - at mayroon nga silang naimbento na rapid diagnostic test, PCR-based. PCR, ibig ho sabihin, Polymerase Chain Reaction, ito po iyong parang pinaka-makina na nagpi-fingerprint noong COVID-19 virus para sigurado na katulad na katulad ito noong galing sa Wuhan ano.

Iyan ay—ang unang plano diyan ay patatakbuhan iyan parallel with the RITM para masiguro ang accuracy and the measurement of accuracy is actually two: number one, is specificity of the test, ibig sabihin talagang for COVID-19 siya, hindi kung anumong mga viruses na iba ang puwedeng ma-pickup; and sensitivity, ibig sabihin noon, at a certain concentration noong virus dapat ay napi-pickup na niya kahit na mababa pa. So once all of these are satisfied and after say 200/300 parallel runs are achieved with high level of confidence as to the results, puwede na nating i-roll out iyan sa ating UP-NIH lab or sa Lung Center of the Philippines lab or doon sa lima nating sub-national laboratories.

So kanina may dumating—well actually, Friday may dumating na 500 test kits from the South Korean government at kanina may dumating na—500 iyong last Friday, magdadagdag ng another five to ten thousand this week; tapos iyong sa China

naman dumating iyong donation, two thousand; and then by Wednesday kung walang problema ngayon, by Wednesday another ten thousand. So unti-unti, nagkakaroon na tayo ng maraming mga kakayahan o rapid diagnostic test. Pero siyempre ang kinakailangan po rito, masiguro natin ang kaniyang quality, iyong kaniyang accuracy.

MARICEL HALILI/TV5: And once na ma-ensure na iyong accuracy, do we also plan sir na magkaroon noong parang ginagawa sa Korea na drive thru test for all kaya bumaba iyong kanilang mga cases?

SEC. DUQUE: Iyong sa South Korea kasi, dahil sila mismo ang nag-manufacture noong rapid diagnostic test, ang kanilang kakayahan ay hindi bumababa sa 15,000 tests a day. So kung anuman iyong ating nakuha rito, talagang ika nga mga excess lang na nakiusap tayo para mabigyan. Ganoon pa man, kung ang ating sariling test na ginawa ng UP-NIH at saka iyong HealthTech - isang pribadong kumpanya - ay mapalawig natin ito, ay hindi magtatagal makakapag-test tayo nang mas marami.

MANNY VARGAS/DZBB: Sir good evening po, Secretary Nograles. Sir, Manny Vargas po DZBB. Sir, nagpapatanong lang po iyong iba sa mga listeners namin ngayon. Nabanggit po iyon banks, kasama rin po ba iyong bangko sa bukas at iyong mga money remittance centers, iyong mga pera padala? Papaano daw po—siyempre hindi po kasama sa exempted iyong mga taong lalabas, will they be allowed para po pumunta sa bangko or doon po sa mga pera padala centers para kumuha ng kailangan nilang pera or magpadala ng pera?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Yes. Banks, money transfer services will continue, so these are part of those basic necessities. So patuloy pa rin po, bangko and money transfer services.

MANNY VARGAS/DZBB: Opo. Sir, mayroon din pong nagpadala rin po sir listener namin; sabi naman niya may payment daw po sa BIR, VAT... hindi ako familiar. Papaano raw po iyon sir, iyong mga—

CABSEC NOGRALES: We will make the pronouncement when the time comes. We have to discuss this with our economic team muna with regard doon sa BIR. So one step at a time muna tayo.

MANNY VARGAS/DZBB: Opo. Sir tapos kay Secretary Año po. Sir, nabanggit po kasi kanina doon sa statement po ni President Duterte about iyong karinderya saka po iyong sari-sari store. Alam naman natin sir na 'pag eskinita, maliliit ang kalye, minsan mas mahirap pigilan iyong paglabas po ng tao at any given time. Papaano po natin magagawa iyon na ma-ensure na mali-limit din iyong paglabas nila or mapapakisuyuan na magsasara sila pagdating po ng curfew hours?

SEC. AÑO: Yes, ili-limit talaga natin dito sa delivery service ‘no. Kasi halimbawa sari-sari store, ini-encourage mo iyong mga tao na pumunta diyan eh. So dapat ang tao nag-i-stay at home, kaya nga delivery eh para nasa bahay lang talaga iyong tao. Iyong karinderya, kung mayroon siyang delivery service, okay din iyon. Pero kung pupunta iyong tao doon kakain, hindi pupuwede iyon.

MANNY VARGAS/DZBB: Sir finally po, I don’t know kung si Secretary Andanar or kayo po Secretary Año ang better na sumagot. Alam ni Secretary Andanar ito, iyong roving reporters po, mayroon po bang guidelines doon po sa limitation ng coverage po ng media during this time? Iyong pupunta kami sa mga borders or sa mga... kung saan man nag-o-operate ang mga pulis or kinakailangan lang po ang allowed lang sa amin is from sa bahay namin papunta sa mga opisina namin?

SEC. AÑO: Si Secretary Andanar actually ang magma-manage sa inyo. Mayroong daily reporting pagkatapos at least mayroon tayong tinatawag na daily checking of your vital signs also to make sure na okay kayo and then alam din dapat ni Secretary Andanar iyong area na iko-cover ninyo para may coordination din sa enforcer.

SEC. ANDANAR: As long as after noong 72 hours na binibigay sa atin ng DILG at ng PNP ay makapagbigay tayo o makakuha tayo ng ID mula sa IPC because that’s the only way na—‘pag mayroon ka nang ID, hindi ka na sisitahin ng pulis after 72 hours. So doon sa mga roving, sa mga night beat reporters, graveyard reporters, they can still go around and gather their news. Pero kailangan lang na magpa-check sila araw-araw doon sa kanilang kumpanya or doon sa police station na kung saan sila tatambay. And at the same time, you know, I think it’s your civic responsibility to wash your hands and also be hygienic.

USEC. IGNACIO: May tanong muna dito si Henry Uri. Iyon daw pong sa mga advertiser nila, puwede ba daw ma-exempt sa quarantine ang mga employee and distributor ng mga medical supplies especially alcohol and sanitizers?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Basta mahulog sila sa Number 5 ano, nakalagay naman dito ‘food and medicine production.’ Ang advertiser hindi naman, like I said when in doubt, no.

SEC. DUQUE: Can I make a clarification? Isa sa mga exemptions ay ang pharmacist o botika, ‘di ba? So normal lang na itong mga alcohol, dapat doon ay puwedeng mabili, hindi kung saan-saan. Salamat.

MARGAUX: Good evening, Health Secretary. Given po iyong mga donations natin na mga test kits from South Korea and sa China, magiging sapat na po ba iyong test kits natin para mas mabilis iyong pag-confirm ng cases ngayon?

SEC. DUQUE: Yeah. Palagay ko magiging sapat kasi unang-una, mayroon din tayong pondo na 240 million na inaprubahan ng Economic Development Cluster last week at 6,000 per test, that's 40,000 is the target testing capacity. So that will require a budget of 240 million; that's of course on top of the donations coming from South Korea and China. So mapaparami na po ang ating kakayahan, mapapalaki ang kakayahang makapanuri ng throat and nose swabs ng mga persons or patients under investigation.

MARGAUX: Sir, clarification ko lang din. Iyong may mga symptoms lang po iyong puwedeng makapag-test?

SEC. DUQUE: Sa ngayon dahil nga mayroon tayong limitasyon pa, iyon lang muna ang priority natin. Kinakailangan kasi ma-rationalize natin iyong testing in the face of limitations.

MARGAUX SALCEDO/INQUIRER: Sir last na, iyong kay Senator Zubiri. Bakit po kailangan na makapag-test nang twice to further confirm his condition na positive siya sa COVID-19? Kasi ang sabi niya after 10 days, magkakaroon siya ulit ng test and he's hoping na negative po iyong result.

SEC. DUQUE: Yeah, ganoon naman po iyong protocol natin at ito ay susundin natin para makapaniguro tayo na wala na iyong virus sa kaniyang katawan.

MARGAUX SALCEDO/INQUIRER: So lahat po ng—kahit mga ordinary patient sir, twice po natin natse-check o tsini-check kung confirmed sila sa COVID-19?

SEC. DUQUE: Mayroon kasi itong history of exposure with two other persons who had an exposure to a positive COVID patient, one of their resource persons they had during one of their hearings I think about early last week or two weeks ago.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Sir, just to emphasize na open iyong mga supermarkets and yet hindi pupuwede ang mass transportation; and then iyong nabanggit ninyo kanina Secretary Nograles, maglakad na lang. Papaano po iyong location if for example talagang malayo doon sa particular household iyong supermarket; and then only one person from the family is allowed to go, hindi po ba mahirap iyon? Will the LGU should be providing transportation for them?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Maaring puwedeng mag-ganoong initiative na lang siguro ang LGU, that could be an option. Like I said, mahirap mang gawin 'no itong mga guidelines na ito, pero kailangan nating gawin, kailangan nating istriktuhan ang lahat ng mga ito otherwise kung magbibigay tayo puros ng mga exemptions, eh babalik din po tayo roon sa maraming galawan. So humihingi po kami ng paumanhin, ito'y ginagawa po natin para sa proteksiyon ng bawat isa.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: And you also mentioned sir that food assistance will be given to poorest families in the communities.

CABSEC NOGRALES: Yes.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Papaano po natin gagawin iyon sir and iyong process noon, and what kind of food assistance we will be giving to them?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Yes, so right now state of calamity na po ano ang entire Luzon. So because of that state of calamity, then iyong mga iba't ibang mga LGUs can also declare a state of calamity within their LGUs, respective localities para sila po ay maka-tap na doon sa kanilang calamity funds ano, at ang QRF nila, ang Quick Response Funds po nila. And based on that, then it is incumbent upon the LGU 'no to first be able to be the first responders doon sa mga constituents po nila na kailangan natin mapangalagaan in terms of iyong mga marginalized 'no and impoverished communities natin at ang ating mga constituents.

So like I said, ang mindset po natin dito, kumbaga we are under a state of calamity so ang operationalization is as if iyong LGU is under a calamity. So tulad noong—kung may nangyaring calamity po as inyong LGU, alam naman ng LGU kung ano ang dapat gawin.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Ano po iyong specific na food assistance? Bigas... ano po iyong particular na matatanggap nila?

CABSEC NOGRALES: So based doon sa LGU, mayroon naman tayong mga food assistance packages na alam ng LGU anong gagawin ano. And then—just like in a calamity nga po.

Just like in a calamity, the LGU already knows what type of food packs or food assistance ang ibibigay nila sa constituents nila na affected by the calamity and then mag-o-augment po iyong DSWD. So even si DSWD now is already preparing iyong mga calamity and food assistance packs that they usually use in times of calamities. So iyon po ang magiging effect po noong state of calamity and iyong pag-operationalize natin nitong mga ito.

So in other words, iyong mga may kaya, iyong mga may means will have to provide for their own means. We will have to prioritize those who have no means just like in any calamity.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: To Secretary Duque, pinapatanong lang po. As per the WHO, all nations have to be ready with respirators and oxygen as we expect the need for these as COVID cases at a rise. Do we have an inventory of this?

SEC. DUQUE: Oh yes we do, hindi ko lang memoryado. Pasensiya na po, hindi ko maalala. But kasama po iyan sa paghahanda, iyong pagsusukat ng kakayahan ng atin pong mga ospital na makapangasiwa ng mga critical or serious COVID-19 infection. So mahalaga po iyan dahil kapag nagkaroon ng tinatawag nating massive pneumonia or acquired acute respiratory distress syndrome ay kinakailangan i-hook up sila sa respirator dahil on their own, hindi nila kayang huminga.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: So we guarantee that we have enough supply?

SEC. DUQUE: Well as of this time, yes, I think we have enough supply. But we still don't know to what extent the transmission or the rate of infection will go.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: To Secretary Año, pinapatanong lang din po. Are we going to impose a gun ban?

SEC. AÑO: Actually hindi na nga puwedeng lumabas iyong mga tao sa bahay, so automatically kahit na walang gun ban, wala na ring puwedeng gumala na mayroong baril. At kung halimbawa mayroon siyang exemption, the rule of the law will apply. Kung wala siyang PTC, ah hindi siya puwedeng magdala ng baril.

So sa ngayon nakikita natin na maximum talagang limited ang movement ng mga tao. Dapat lahat nasa bahay ngayon, mandatory home quarantine tayo lahat.

USEC. IGNACIO: For Secretary Duque, kay Bella Cariaso: Exempted daw po ang BPO pero iyong health cards nila, nagbigay ng notice just now na 'di daw po covered ang pandemic like COVID.

SEC. DUQUE: Gobyerno na lang ang mangangalaga kung saka-sakaling kinakailangan silang maospital. Pero patitingnan ko iyong policy nila with the HMOs, kung baka naman mayroon na kolatilya doon na masyadong maliit iyong letra, eh baka iyon ang lagyan natin ng—basahin nating maigi, baka mayroong opening for additional protection.

CABSEC NOGRALES: We also have PhilHealth 'di ba, iyong commitment ng PhilHealth.

SEC. DUQUE: Ah, yeah. Thank you very much. Iyong PhilHealth pala ay mayroong inaprubahan din ng Economic Development Cluster o EDC sa halagang 420 million pesos. This is to cover for Isolation Benefit Package at P14,000 each. So that's the PhilHealth contribution to the national government response. But of course the P14,000 doesn't end there, because assuming any of the patients who are under investigation might develop moderate pneumonia, the P14,000 plus P16,000 moderate pneumonia benefit package, so that's P30,000. In case the moderate pneumonia deteriorates into a massive or a serious pneumonia package which is

P32,000. So malaki, plus kung ilalagay mo pa iyong P6,000 testing na times 3, on the average, P18,000. So P18,000 plus plus P32,000 plus P14,000, it's about P58,000.

IAN CRUZ/GMA7: Secretary Duque, good evening sir. Sir pinapatanong po ano, dahil wala pong public transport, wala ring iyong mga TNVS. Paano daw po halimbawa nagkasakit iyong isang tao, papaano siya makakarating sa ospital? Sapat ba iyong mga ambulansiya natin?

SEC. DUQUE: Oo naman. Lahat naman ng ating mga ospital may ambulansiya at mayroon din ang Philippine Red Cross, maraming-maraming ambulansiya ang Philippine Red Cross. So we complement our ambulance capacity with that of Philippine Red Cross. In fact, pati iyong mga tents ng Red Cross ay available for the use of our hospitals for setting up a triaging sites within the grounds of the hospital.

IAN CRUZ/GMA7: So wala pong dapat ipangamba iyong mga walang sasakyan na magiging mga pasyente?

SEC. DUQUE: Wala naman dahil gaya noong sinabi ko, mayroon naman tayong sapat na ambulance service.

IAN CRUZ/GMA7: Opo. CabSec, ang BPO exempted ano. Ang POGO po ba may operation pa rin sila ngayon kahit po... siyempre mayroon tayong enhanced community quarantine?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Hindi namin napag-usapan, so kung hindi namin napag-usapan then closed. Wala siya sa aming ano... wala siya sa mga establishments na napag-usapan namin. So like I said 'in case of doubt, no!' And then we'll just siguro—like I said, day-to-day nga ang aming assessment, so day-to-day magkakaroon tayo ng panibagong mga resolutions.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Mayroon pa daw po bang border checkpoints sa metro after this?

SEC. AÑO: Mayroon pa rin, at saka mga strategic areas. Iyong mga expressway, iyong mga main... tinatawag nating high speed express highways, they will be manned by the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Okay. Iyong concern naman po ng educators, kasi doon sa bagong memo po ni ES, magkaiba po iyong regarding sa holding ng classes. Iyong bagong memo po ngayon is clear about the suspension in calamity situations where no classes are conducted. So ibig sabihin po ba nito, any form of classes dapat wala including iyong online?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Ah no, because ang sinasabi lang naman dito “shall continue to be suspended.” So kung anuman iyong napag-usapan, hindi ka naman mako-COVID sa online so...

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Okay. So, they can conduct online classes?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Yes.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Okay. So will stoppage of manufacturing apply for alcohol, soaps and other critical hygiene products? How about supply to the stores if they stop?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Ano naman dito eh, food products and medicines so...

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Hindi po medicine kasi iyong mga hygiene, hindi rin sila food. Hygiene products - soaps... alcohol...

SEC. DUQUE: Manufacturing?

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Opo.

SEC. DUQUE: Kailangan iyan because those are support health related products like alcohol, soap. ‘Di ba always say frequent handwashing, tapos we say alcohol. So dapat ay makasama sila. Basic ‘yan eh.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: So they can continue? Medical supplies, ganoon din po?

SEC. DUQUE: Lalo na.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: They can continue with that, okay. May mga concern din po, paano daw iyong mga homeless sa mga probinsiya. Baka si Secretary Año ito, kasi may mga homeless sa probinsiya ‘di ba and then exposed sila sa mga elements, and then nag-quarantine. How do we address iyong ganoong mga concern?

SEC. AÑO: Katulong natin ang LGU at saka DSWD pag-address dito.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Last na lang po. May nag-comment po dito, kasi sabi po niya: Sa sari-sari store, iyong pisong bawang, pisong suka at pisong toyo dapat daw bang magpa-deliver? Pero iyong mayayaman na may pera ‘pag naka-stock ng pagkain, so iyong walang pera magpapa-deliver ng tingi-tingi, halimbawa isang canton? Paano daw po iyon? Iyon po ‘yung reklamo noong mga tao dito ngayon online at saka iyong mga nagte-text.

SEC. AÑO: Alam mo sa community, sanay naman sila na bumibili ng pagkain din. Kaya nga kasama rin sila doon, isang representative ng family, papayagang bumili ng pagkain. Pero ‘pag bumili ka naman siguro, hindi naman isang toyo lang o saka isang suka lang... buuin mo na, iyong isang linggo mong pagkain, buuin mo na iyan para diyan ka lang sa bahay mo.

Alam mo iyong mga Pilipino ngayon, ito na iyong pagkakataong huwag magpilosopo. Mayroon tayong problemang hinaharap, buhay ang nakataya dito, ibigay na natin iyong buong pagsasakripisyo natin para... ang buhay na na-save natin sa iyo rin at saka sa pamilya mo.

ACE ROMERO/PHILIPPINE STAR: Okay, salamat po.

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Sir good evening, kay CabSec. Nograles. Regarding kanina, earlier sinabi mo na kailangan delivery lang iyong mga food. Now hindi rin kakain sa mga resto. Now personal ba puwede kaming makapunta para bumili?

CABSEC NOGRALES: May isang tao sa bawat household ang puwedeng bumili at umuwi, para malimitahan lang po natin iyong labas-pasok.

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Say kung malayo sir, puwedeng gamitin ang private cars?

CABSEC NOGRALES: Yes.

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Puwede, sir? Okay, sir.

CABSEC NOGRALES: But again, for essential travel lang talaga ha, essential travel. Tatanungin din kayo ng mga authorities.

SEC. ANDANAR: Mayroon lang pahabol si Secretary Guevarra.

SEC. GUEVARRA: Maraming nagtatanong kung patungo tayo sa martial law dito sa mga bagong restrictions na ginagawa natin. I just want to assure everyone that the answer to that question is a resounding ‘no.’ Although public safety requires it, there is no states of rebellion, there is no state of invasion. Our enemy here is not a human being, our enemy is a virus. So please be assured that we are not headed towards martial law. Thank you.

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Sir, patanong lang po kay Secretary Duque. Ang sabi po: Ilan na pong estimate nila na undetected/unconfirmed COVID-19 cases as of now dahil may shortage ng test kits?

SEC. DUQUE: Ilan undetected?

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Yes, undetected.

SEC. DUQUE: Depende, marami kasing models na puwede natin pagbatayan. Iyong sa WHO, ang sinasabi nila, ang technical term R-naught (R_0) score 'no, ito iyong reproductive rate/reproduction rate ng COVID virus. So ibig sabihin, for every 1 infection puwedeng maka-infect siya ng 2 to 4 others, okay. So at 2 reproduction rate over direct 5 months sabi ng WHO, puwedeng all over the country, mga 75,000 dapat ang mayroon na, okay. So kung mas mataas iyong gagamiting mong reproduction rate, 3 or 4, dodoble iyon. So iyon ang ibang mga modeling pero hindi naman siya exact science, okay.

So mayroon din naman nagsasabi na kung ang gagamitin nating batayan ay ang global case fatality rate at 3.4 to 3.6 percent at gagamitin natin iyong 12 as a basis, mga 400... mga 300 plus, 400, iyon ang—from minus 142, so mga 160 something ang hindi natin pa natutuklasan na positive.

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Kay Secretary Guevarra. Sir, regarding dito sa mga barangay chairman, let's say hindi sila sumunod, nag-violate sila. Any sanction sa kanila na inyong gagawin? And also, kanino po ire-report ito kung let's say alam natin nag-violate ito at hindi sumunod sa patakaran ng community quarantine?

SEC. GUEVARRA: Kanina I already mentioned kung ano iyong mga criminal statutes na, for which one may be held liable 'no. But kung ang pinag-uusapan natin dito ay, let's say, non-compliance by a barangay official, then probably in addition to 'yung kaniyang criminal liability, he will also be administratively liable. And all you have to do is to report the act or omission of this barangay official to the proper offices of the DILG and the DILG will take care of him.

VANZ FERNANDEZ/POLICE FILES: Do you have any number regarding that?

SEC. AÑO: Actually ang Local Government Code kumpleto iyan ano. Ang mayor may power siya para to suspend or dismiss a barangay captain depende kung ano iyong complaint sa kaniya at siyempre puwedeng preventive suspension kaagad iyan; habang iniimbestigahan, suspended na siya and so on, even the mayor. At through the DILG, we can also conduct our investigation.

So mayroon tayong number diyan, may website din tayo kung saan puwedeng i-lodge iyong complaint. Kung gusto ninyo talaga ng eksaktong number, si Usec. Jonathan Malaya, nasa kaniya iyong number.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Sir, how about iyong mga kababayan natin na nakatira sa informal settler's area, those confirmed COVID cases? How are we going to manage

them, kasi given their situation kung saan sila nakatira, baka hindi possible ang isolation?

SEC. AÑO: Nasagot ko na iyan kanina. Iyong ating mga barangay isolation unit at iyong ating barangay health emergency response teams ay ilalagay siya doon sa isolation. Kung siya pa naman ay asymptomatic o kaya ay person under investigation, puwedeng doon lang muna siya i-quarantine. Kapag nagkaroon siya ng serious symptoms, dadalhin siya sa hospital

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Another question na lang sir, mabilis na lang. Iyong tanker fuel trucks, are they allowed to travel or deliver?

SEC. AÑO: Yes.

JOYCE BALANCIO/DZMM: Thank you, sir.

SEC. ANDANAR: Thank you so much to the members of the press. At para po sa mga manonood natin, mayroon po tayong public briefing, Monday to Friday at puwede pong mag-extend ng Monday to Sunday, ito po ay 11:15 in the morning hanggang alas dose po ng tanghali. Live po sa PTV, live din sa Radyo Pilipinas at live din po sa lahat ng mga KBP-member stations. So bukas po iyan, 11:15 a.m. Kung mayroon po kayong mga karagdagang katanungan patungkol po dito sa inanunsiyong Enhanced Community Quarantine, tomorrow would be the best day, lalung-lalo na po sa publiko. This show is for the public. Thank you.

USEC. IGNACIO: Thank you, Secretary Martin. Thank you, Secretary Guevarra, Secretary Duque, Secretary Nograles, Secretary Año. Salamat, MPC.

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