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CREATING THE LA LIBERTAD INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (LIATF-EID) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2020, Chinese Health Authorities reported that the cause of the viral pneumonia was preliminary identified as a novel type of coronavirus (2019 nCov), currently known as COVID-19, which is different from any other human coronaviruses discovered so far. To date, there are increasing number of COVID-19 cases worldwide and 35 confirmed cases and 1 mortality case in the Philippines. Initially, the disease was thought to be transmitted through animal contact but recent reports of health workers infected with COVID-19 suggest human to human transmission;

WHEREAS, the local government units are mandated under the Local Government Code to promote health and safety for its constituents by providing measures to prevent and control the spread of diseases;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health-Issued Interim Guidelines on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus- Acute Respiratory Disease (nCoV-ARD) directs all hospitals and health facilities to heighten its disease surveillance activities through the Influenza like Illness Surveillance under the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response System and manage suspected Person Under Investigation accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROMEO J. MEJIAS, Mayor of the Municipality of La Libertad, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the creation of Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. – The La Libertad Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases (LIATF-EID) shall be composed of the following offices:

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| 1. Municipal Mayor's Office | – | ROMEO J. MEJIAS |
| 2. Municipal Health Office | – | LOUVENICE D. HAMILI, MD |
| 3. Office of the Vice Mayor | – | HON. ALVIN G. ZAMORA |
| 4. MDRRMO La Libertad | – | JACK B. LOOD, REA |
| 5. Department of Interior and Local Government | – | OCTAVIOUS C. BAJAMUNDE |
| 6. Philippine National Police | - | PLT. DANTE B. TABOTABO |
| 7. Bureau of Fire Protection | – | F/INSP. DANILO A. ELMA |
| 8. Municipal Social Welfare and Development | – | MICHELLE B. MAGLANGIT |
| 9. Association of Barangay Captains | – | ALTON MAYONILA |
| 10. Municipal Information Office | - | |
| 11. Municipal Veterinary Office | – | ABELITA C. BALDERO |
| 12. Department of Education | – | NESTOR LANIT |

SECTION 2. CHAIRPERSONS. – The Task Force shall be chaired by the Municipal Mayor and co-chaired by the Municipal Health Officer. The MDRRMO Head and Municipal Vice- Mayor shall serve as Vice- Chairpersons.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. – The Municipal Mayor, through the LITFMERID, shall perform the following functions:

A. General Mandate:

1. Establish accessible communication lines so that reliable and timely information are received and disseminated to appropriate offices or persons responsible.
2. Coordinate Inter-agency management efforts;
3. Coordinate and implement responses to crisis in an integrated manner;
4. Ensure that the perspective of government agencies and other stakeholders are integrated into the overall government response;
5. Provide and mobilize available resources through an established inter-agency resource sharing protocol; and
6. Ensure that operation demands during crisis are met and all actions are coordinated and complementary.

B. Other Roles and Functions as Specified in DILG MO No. 2020-018:

3.B.1 All Local Chief Executives shall assume and perform roles as:

3.B.1.1 Anti-Coronavirus Information Manager:

3.B.1.1.1 Consult Local Health Offices on the guidelines and protocol relative to the safety measures, prevention and control of the Coronavirus in their respective localities;

3.B.1.1.2 Disseminate information materials i.e., flyers, brochures, posters against Coronavirus;

3.B.1.1.3 Conduct public dialogues with health authorities, police authorities, business community, civil society and the general public on Coronavirus prevention and control; and

3.B.1.1.4 Dispel rumors and calm down the people when hysteria and panic grip the community because of false and misleading information about Coronavirus.

3.B.1.2 Local Crisis Manager:

3.B.1.2.1 Organize Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) in every barangay to help manage coronavirus suspects and their contacts.

3.B.1.2.2 Provide, when necessary, protective gadgets such as masks, goggles, gowns, gloves, etc., to each member of the BHERT and other local health personnel;

3.B.1.2.3 In coordination with health and police authorities; cause the referral and transport of a Coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus-referral system or hospital;

3.B.1.2.4 In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the establishments of check points, as need arises;

3.B.1.2.5 In coordination with health and police, see the protection from unnecessary harm of a coronavirus suspect, the next of kin and contact(s); and

3.B.1.2.6 As Head of the Local Price Coordinating Council, Monitoring prices of medicines and preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

3.B.1.3 Environmental Health Manager:

3.B.1.3.1 Ensures that garbage is properly disposed;

3.B.1.3.2 Ensures that public places and areas such as offices, enclosed recreational areas, restaurants, public markets, schools, churches, public toilets, etc., are disinfected and maintained of their cleanliness;

3.B.1.3.3 Ensures that canals are cleaned regularly; and

3.B.1.3.4 An ordinance on health, sanitation and cleanliness is enacted and/or enforced

3.B.2 Specific Responsibilities of Local Chief Executives;

3.B.2.1 For the Punong Barangays

3.B.2.1.1 On Containments and Control

3.B.2.1.1.1 Receive the Bureau on Immigration record and from other sources, if available, on persons arriving in the barangay from a coronavirus-affected country who are residents of the barangay. In the absence of such records, monitor arrivals and provide the Municipal Mayor with a report on such arrivals and measures and actions on the required 14-day home confinement.

3.B.2.1.1.2 Mobilize the BHERTs in the fight against coronavirus;

3.B.2.1.1.3 In coordination with duly designated local authorities, enforce the 14-day confinement of arriving persons from a corona virus-affected country;

3.B.2.1.1.4 Extend appropriate assistance and support to those in come confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs;

3.B.2.1.1.5 Refer, and transport to the DOH-designated coronavirus center or hospital a coronavirus center or hospital a coronavirus suspect. In case of inability due to lack of ambulance and protective gadgets, refer the coronavirus suspect to a municipal health authorities; and

3.B.2.1.1.6 Monitor the BHERTs in the performance of their task.

3.B.2.2.2 On prevention

3.B.2.2.2.1 In coordination with municipal health authorities; conduct a barangay-wide information campaign on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;

3.B.2.2.2.2 Set-up a Barangay Information or Call Center to facilitate the reporting of coronavirus suspects and contacts and the dissemination of coronavirus-related information;

3.B.2.2.2.3 In coordination with municipal health authorities, conduct a barangay-wide clean-up campaign;

3.B.2.2.2.4 Organize a minimum of one(1) BHERT for every 5,000, population. Each BHERT is composed of an Executive Officer, a Barangay Tanod and two (2) Barangay Health Workers, one (1) of whos is preferably a nurse or midwife, and where all the appointed by the Punong Barangay.

The BHERT shall perform the following functions:

- a. With or without the list of arrivals from the Mayor supposed to be given by the Bureau of Immigration (BI), conduct visits in the home of every arriving person from a coronavirus affected country;
- b. Immediately list down the person(s) the arriving residents came in contact with prior to his/her arrival in his/her residence;
- c. Require the arriving residents to check and record temperature daily, in the morning and in the afternoon, for the duration of the 14-day home confinement period. Advise the arriving resident(s) to watch out for any other symptoms of Coronavirus life cough, difficulty in breathing or shortness of breath;
- d. Check on the condition of the arriving resident(s) daily from a distance of more than one (1) meter. In checking, always wear N95 or surgical mask;
- e. If symptoms are observed, immediately isolate and confine the arriving resident, now a coronavirus suspect, to a room away from the members of the household prior to his immediate transport to a DOH designated coronavirus-referral center or hospital for further examination and treatment. Require the coronavirus suspect to wear N95 mask. Place the rest of the household also under 14-day home confinement Repeat the process for them, including contact tracing. If no signs manifest, report to the Municipal Health Officer for lifting of home confinement.

3.B.2.2 For the Municipal Mayor

3.B.2.2.1 On Containment and Control

3.2.2.1.1 Receive copy of record directly from the BI record and other sources on persons arriving in the municipality from a coronavirus affected country and send it immediately to the Punong Barangay for monitoring and surveillance. In the absence of such records, generate information on arrivals from a coronavirus-affected country through the Punong Barangays, Municipal, or Barangay Health Workers or through other sources, e.g., Barangay Intelligence Network;

3.B.2.2.1.2 Monitor the measures and actions taken by the Punong Barangays and the BHERTs in the prevention, containment and control of coronavirus;

3.B.2.2.1.3 Provide logistical assistance to the BHERTs in carrying out their tasks;

3.B.2.2.1.4 Direct the Municipal Health Office to supervise the BHERTs and submit report(s) to the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit on the outcome of home confinement;

3.B.2.2.1.5 Refer and transport, a coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus referral center or hospital;

3.B.2.2.1.6 Order the Philippine National Police of the Punong Barangay to effect the compulsory home confinement of persons arriving from coronavirus-affected country who violate home confinement to complete the 14-day prescribed period, in case the Punong Barangay or the BHERT fails to impose the 14-day home confinement; and

3.B.2.2.1.7 Extend appropriate assistance and support those in home confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs.

3.B.2.2.2 On prevention

3.B.2.2.2.1 In coordination with DOH and /or Provincial Health Office as the case maybe, train Municipal Health Workers especially hospital or rural health personnel in handling and managing coronavirus suspect;

3.B.2.2.2.2 In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to the local health workers members of the BHERTs and Barangay Tanods on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;

3.B.2.2.2.3 In coordination with the DOH, DILG-PNP and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to local health workers members of the BHERTs and Barangay Tanods in enforcing the 14-day home confinement procedures for persons arriving from coronavirus affected country;

3.B.2.2.2.4 Conduct a municipal-wide information campaign on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;

3.B.2.2.2.5 Coordinate with Punong Barangays in the conduct of a municipal-wide clean-up campaign; and

3.B.2.2.2.6 Monitor prices of medicines and coronavirus-preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS. The task force shall meet regularly on the date agreed upon by the majority of the members on the initial meeting. The chairperson shall convene such special meetings as maybe necessary. In case of absence of the regular member of a particular agency shall send his/her representative.

SECTION 5. QUORUM. A majority of the members of the LIATF-EID shall be present before a quorum can be declared. Without this required quorum no official business may proceed and no voting, among others, can be had.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances and memoranda issued inconsistent herewith are deemed superseded, cancelled and/or revoked.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 13th day of March, 2020 in La Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte.

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