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**REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING OF THE PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND
SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU) OF THE INTEGRATED PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE
OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA**

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the State also recognizes disease surveillance and response systems of the Department of Health (DOH) and its local counterparts, as the first line of defense to epidemics and health events of public health concern that pose risk to public health and security.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization under the revised International Health Regulations (IHR) of 2005 require all Member States to strengthen the core capacities for disease surveillance and response to avert occurrence and international spread of disease and other public health threats; and following its declaration on January 2020 that nCoV 2019 as "Public Health Emergency of international Concern".

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332 of 2019, also known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act", repealing Republic Act 3573 known as the "Law on Reporting of Communicable Diseases" mainly aims to protect the people from public health threats through efficient and effective disease surveillance of notifiable diseases by ensuring the establishment and functionality of Epidemiology and Surveillance Units in all LGUs, in public and private health facilities.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11223 or known as the "Universal Health Care Act" states in Article IV Health Service Delivery, Section 17 that an accurate, sensitive and timely Epidemiologic and Disease Surveillance System is one of the technical strategies in a province-wide health system to attain better health outcomes.

WHEREAS, DOH- Administrative Order # 2019-0027, "Guidelines on the implementation of LGU Scorecard" stipulates the monitoring and evaluation of local health system performance (province-wide and city-wide) using critical indicators towards responsive local health reforms and attainment of health targets based on the priority programs, projects and activities of the Department of Health (DOH). That of the thirteen (13) indicators, "With Organized Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (ESU)", it ranks 11th.

WHEREAS, DOH – Cagayan Valley Center for Health Development thru its Regional Epidemiologic and Surveillance Unit (RESU) oriented all LGUs as to the new classification of CoViD-19 cases as to *confirmed*, *suspects* and *probable*. To date, validated reports reveal

region-wide statistics of 277 confirmed with RT-PCR positive result for CoViD-19; 1,892 suspects and 16 probable.

WHEREAS, the Province of Isabela thru its Provincial Epidemiologic and Surveillance Unit (PESU) has recorded 110 confirmed CoVid-19 cases (61 Recovered and 49 Active) from 3 cities and 26 municipalities; 1,604 suspects and 12 probable cases.

WHEREAS, there is a need to reorganize a unit that will provide guidance and strengthen the current operation of the unit as an integral entity of the Provincial Health Office, intensify implementation of surveillance and response plans and programs of the province, promote community vigilance on notifiable diseases, epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to all Isabelenos public health and security.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the power vested in me, hereby decree the following:

Section 1. CREATION. The PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU) is hereby organized and strengthened.

Section 2. COMPOSITION. The PESU shall be composed of the following to wit:

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ALL CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS OF PROVINCIALY-MANAGED
HOSPITALS

Secretariat : Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU) Staff

Arlene M. Martinez, RN	--- Disease Surveillance Officer
Ma. Victoria C. Ocampo, RN	--- Asst. Disease Surveillance Officer
Kathleen G. Martin	--- Registered Medical Technologist
Antolyn Mathew B. Guiyab	--- Encoder

Section 3. FUNCTIONS. The PESU shall perform the following duties and functions :

1. Ensure availability of trained and required human resource complement such as Team Leader (MD/Epidemiologist or at least have a training on Epidemiology, One (1) Disease Surveillance Officer (may be a Nurse or an Allied Health Professional), One (1) Assistant Disease Surveillance Officer , One (1) dedicated Medical Technologist and One (1) Encoder; provision of adequate resources, including equipment, logistics, communication, transportation, laboratory supplies and reagents, personal protective equipment (PPEs) and health insurance, to effectively perform disease surveillance and response functions.
2. Establish, operate and maintain a public health emergency response plan as well as facilitate completion of Work & Financial Plan in all C/MESUs
3. Develop guidelines and policies related to isolation, quarantine, contact tracing , rapid containment and implementation of measures for disease prevention and control;

4. Ensure full participation of public and private health practitioners, professional Societies, pharmaceutical and private companies, educational institutions, police and security offices, workplaces, establishments, other government agencies, CSOs to actively partake in disease surveillance and response activities promulgated by the province
5. Organize advocacy / press briefings or use of social media to disseminate information and heighten public awareness
6. Conduct quarterly meetings or as the need arises

The members of the SECRETARIAT shall have the following duties and functions :

1. Ensure compliance to policies and cascading to different LGUs
2. Capture and verify all reported notifiable diseases and health events of public health concern by means of gathering epidemiologic data during outbreak investigations
3. Provide timely, accurate, and reliable epidemiologic information and reports on a weekly basis thru periodic updating of graphs, tables and charts to describe persons, time and place
4. Prepare, analyze data and provide feedback to the taskforce for dissemination to all LCES and concerned health facilities as well as appropriate partner agencies
5. Implement Epidemic/outbreaks and/or epidemiologic investigations, patient interviews, review of medical records, contact tracing, specimen collection and testing, risk assessments, laboratory investigation, population surveys, and environmental investigation;
6. Forward epidemiological data to the next level on a regular basis and in accordance with the provincial and national surveillance protocol.
7. Assists the taskforce during conduct of meetings/assemblies as deemed necessary
8. Perform other functions and activities as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order, or as the Governor may direct

Section 4. FUNDING SOURCE. To ensure efficient and effective operation, the budgetary requirement of the PESU shall be drawn from the provincial annual budgetary allocation of the IPHO.

Section 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Ilagan this 24th day of July 2020.


HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 