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City of Ilagan

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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 shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and install 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 State to strengthen the core capacities for disease surveillance and response to avert occurrence and international spread of disease and other public health threats; Emerging and Re-emerging infectious diseases 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 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, RA No. 11332 declares it a policy to protect the people from public health threats through the efficient and effective disease surveillance of notifiable diseases including emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, diseases for elimination and eradication, epidemics and health events including chemical, radio-nuclear and environmental agents of public health concern and provide an effective response system in compliance with the 2005 *International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO)*. The State recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social economic and political functions of the State;

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 Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance System is one of the technical strategies in a province-wide health system to attain better health outcomes;

WHEREAS, the same law mandates that province-wide and city-wide health systems shall have the minimum component of an accurate, sensitive, and timely epidemiologic surveillance systems;

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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 Isabeleños public health and security.

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

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

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

- CHAIRMAN:

HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor
- VICE CHAIRMAN:

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Rica Anna L. Valdez	---- 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/M ESUs;
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 funds 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, Province of Isabela this 9th day of August 2022.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 