



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.03, s.2020

**CREATION / ORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE FOR
PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT, AND CONTROL OF 2019- NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS- ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (2019-NCov-ARD)**

WHEREAS, it is a state policy of the 1987 Philippine Constitution to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them (Art. 2, Sec. 15);

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall ensure and support, among other things, the promote health and safety within their respective territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, an outbreak of a contagious virus known as the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-NCov) causing respiratory disease leading to death is spreading through to human-to-human transmission has been found to have originated in Wuhan City and Hubei, China;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a public health emergency of international concern about the said virus;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has confirmed the first incident of 2019-NCov-Acute Respiratory Disease (ARD) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and DOH has called the immediate response of the Local Government Unit (LGUs) to create a task force to fight the spread of the virus and protect our citizens;

WHEREAS, the DILG MC No. 2020-018 dated January 31, 2020, furnishes a "Guide to Action Against Coronavirus", a circular to all LGUs, to effectively intensify information education campaign (IEC) against coronavirus and implement programs, projects and services that will promote the health and well-being of every Filipino;

WHEREAS, to address the urgency of the matter to effectively prevent the outbreak of the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEONARDO M. ROXAS, Municipal Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law do hereby order the following:

Section 1: Composition of 2019- NcoV-ARD Task Force.

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| Chairman: | - | Hon. Leonardo M. Roxas
Municipal Mayor |
| Co-Chairman: | - | Dr. Raymond P. Tañedo
OIC- MHO |
| Vice-Chairman: | - | Hon. Aida Bien D. Roxas
Municipal Vice-Mayor |
| Members: | - | Hon. Mary Anne B. Fernandez
SB Chairman on Health and Sanitation |
| | - | Engr. Aniel Bon C. Santillan
Municipal Administrator |



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- **P/Supt. Napoleon P. Duquez**
Chief, PNP-Paniqui
- **Danilo C. Rillera**
MLGOO
- **Manuel A. Sambo**
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MSWDO
- **Dr. Jolab Daguro**
Chief of Hospital
- **Alelyn I. Paragas**
Municipal Treasurer
- **Arbe G. Apostol**
District Supervisor, Paniqui North
- **Marissa T. Cuchapin**
District Supervisor, Paniqui South
- **Hon. Linda B. Manuel**
President, League of Barangays
- **Nestor P. Ofrecio**
OIC- MENRO
- **Christopher M. Obcena**
PIO/ Mun. Tourism Officer
- **Agnes B. Ramirez**
Prov. Director, DTI-Tarlac

Section 2. Role of the Local Chief Executive.

A. Anti-coronavirus information manager

1. Consult Local Health Offices on the guidelines and protocol relative to the safety measure, prevention and control of the Coronavirus in their respective localities;
2. Disseminate information materials i.e., flyers, brochures, posters, billboards against Coronavirus;
3. Tap the local media in communication what Coronavirus is, what Coronavirus is not, and the measure to prevent Coronavirus;
4. Conduct public dialogues with health authorities, police authorities, business community, civil society and the general public on Coronavirus prevention and control; and
5. Dispel rumors and calm down the people when hysteria and panic grip the community because of false and misleading information about Coronavirus.

B. Local Crisis Manager

1. Organize Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) to help manage Coronavirus suspects and their contacts.
2. Provide, when necessary, protective gadgets such as mask, goggles, gowns, gloves etc., to each member of the BHERT and other local health personnel;



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3. In coordination with health and police authorities, cause the referral and transportation of a Coronavirus suspect to the DOH-designated Coronavirus referral center of hospital;
4. In coordinate with health and police authorities, cause the establishments of check points, as need arises;
5. In coordinate with health and police, see the protection from unnecessary harm of a coronavirus suspect, the next of kin and contact(s); and
6. As head of the Local Price Coordinating Council, monitor prices of medicines and preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding and overpricing.

C. Environmental Health Manager

1. Ensure that garbage is property disposed;
2. Ensure that public places and areas such as offices, malls, theaters, enclosed recreational areas, restaurants, public market, schools, churches, public toilets, etc., are disinfected and maintained of their cleanliness;
3. Esteros and canals are cleaned regularly; and
4. An Ordinance on health, sanitation and cleanliness is enacted and/or enforced.

Section 3. General Function of the Task Force.

1. Conduct the needed series of meetings to devise plan of actions and strategies as regards to the preventive precautionary measures;
2. Continuous and consistent coordination to the Department of Health (DOH) relative to the protocols and guidelines and other government agencies to meet the worlds health emergencies;
3. Device a system as to the reporting of incidents of Persons Under Investigation (PUI) accommodated by the public and private hospitals, clinics and health facilities in the municipality directly and immediately to the Office of the Municipal Mayor;
4. Extend the necessary information dissemination and education campaign (IEC) to the various barangays through the barangay health workers;
5. Enlists the cooperation and attention of the barangay officials to keep the residents of their respective barangays abreast on the appropriate preventive precautionary measures of their barangays and to report directly to the office of the Mayor in case of suspected PUIs;
6. Perform other related acts and activities which are necessary to effectively and to efficiently carry out the functions and responsibilities of the task force in attending and combatting the 2019 NCoV-ARD, a world health emergency, if there is the existence of any suspected case in the municipality of Paniqui.

Section 4. Specific Functions of the Task Force.

A. On Containment and Control

1. Receive a copy of record directly from the Bureau of Immigration (BI) record and other sources on persons arriving in the municipality from a corona virus-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;
2. Monitor the measures and actions taken by the Punong Barangays and the BHERTs in the prevention, containment, and control of coronavirus;
3. Provide logistical assistance to the BHERTs in carrying out their tasks;



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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;
5. Refer, and transport, a coronavirus suspects to the DOH-designated coronavirus referral center or hospital;
6. Order the Philippine National Police or the Punong Barangay to affect the compulsory home confinement of persons arriving from a 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
7. Extend appropriate assistance and support to those in-home confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs.

B. On Prevention

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 suspects;
2. In coordination with 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. In coordination with the DOH, DILG, PNP and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to the 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;
4. Conduct a municipal-wide information campaign on Coronavirus prevention, containment, and control;
5. Coordinate with Punong Barangays in the conduct of municipal-wide clean-up campaign; and
6. Monitor prices of medicines and Coronavirus preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding or overpricing.

Section 5. Effectivity. This order takes effect immediately upon signing thereof and supersedes all other issuances inconsistent therewith.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 11th day of February 2020, Municipality of Paniqui, Province of Tarlac.


LEONARDO M. ROXAS
Municipal Mayor