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KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 009

**TO : ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
ALL HEADS OF SERVICES, OFFICES AND PROGRAMS
PROSECUTORS OF THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE
ALL CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR THE DURATION OF THE MODIFIED
ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) ON
12-30 APRIL 2021**

DATE : 11 April 2021

In view of the approval by President Rodrigo R. Duterte of the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases (IATF-MEID) to reclassify the level of community quarantine in Metro Manila and provinces in Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan and Rizal (NCR Plus) to Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), work-from-home arrangement shall continue to be implemented in the subject areas from 12-30 April 2021.

To ensure continuity of service in the Department of Justice, each office shall maintain a skeletal staff at a twenty percent (20%) maximum capacity. Prosecutors and their support staff shall continue to conduct inquest proceedings online and/or in person, and attend to urgent matters that require immediate action, as may be determined by the heads of the prosecution offices concerned. Accordingly, all prosecution offices are directed to ensure the availability at all times of inquest prosecutors for the duration of the MECQ. The conduct of inquest proceedings shall proceed in accordance with the Rules on Court and existing rules and regulations of the Department.

This Circular takes effect immediately and shall remain in force for the duration of the MECQ, subject to any such extension or amendment as may be declared or issued by the IATF-MEID or other competent authority.

For strict compliance.

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All concerned.