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City Government of Muntinlupa
CITY OF MUNTINLUPA
Office of the City Mayor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17
SERIES OF 2020

REQUIRING PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY (PDL) TO UNDERGO COVID-19 TESTING BEFORE COMMITMENT TO OR RELEASE FROM JAIL/S IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has issued a Memorandum dated May 14, 2020, encouraging local government units to order the testing of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) for COVID-19 before commitment to, and release from, jail facilities located in their respective territorial jurisdiction to mitigate the transmission of said disease;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa supports the Memorandum and hereby complies therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. JAIME R. FRESNEDI, by virtue of the power vested in me by law as Mayor of Muntinlupa City, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. Mandatory Testing for Covid-19 of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL). It is hereby mandatory for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) to be tested for COVID-19 prior to being committed into the jail facilities of Muntinlupa City and, likewise, prior to being released therefrom. For purposes of this executive order, the term PDL includes any person arrested with the intention of instituting a case against him/her or by reason of standing warrant of arrest.

SECTION 2. Guidelines Prior to the Commitment of a PDL. The following guidelines shall be observed when a PDL is arrested:

A. After apprehension and as soon as practicable, the PDL must undergo a mandatory COVID-19 testing simultaneous with the regular medical examination required of arrested persons. For this purpose, the Muntinlupa City Health Department is hereby enjoined to coordinate with the Ospital ng Muntinlupa, the latter being the public hospital where persons arrested are brought for regular medical examination before incarceration.

B. While the PDL is waiting for his/her COVID-19 test result, he/she shall be detained at the detention facility designated by the concerned local offices.

C. Should the PDL be found negative for COVID-19, he/she shall be transferred to the regular holding jail of the Muntinlupa City Police Station. Thereafter, following the issuance of a Commitment Order, he/she shall be committed to the Muntinlupa City Bureau of Jail Management



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Muntinlupa City Health Department. In which case, the procedures herein for testing, isolation, treatment and transfer of custody shall be followed.

D. Should the PDL, however, be found positive, he/she shall be placed in the designated quarantine facility determined by the concerned local offices for isolation and treatment. Only when he/she is cleared by the Muntinlupa City Health Department should he/she be transferred to the regular holding jail of the Muntinlupa City Police Station or the Muntinlupa City Jail, depending on whether a Commitment Order has been issued.

E. In no instance shall the PDL be committed to the Muntinlupa City Bureau of Jail Management and Penology unless found negative for COVID-19 or cleared by the health department regardless of whether a Commitment Order has been issued. In the case said order has been issued and the PDL is yet to be tested or is in isolation for treatment, the issuing court shall be advised accordingly. And the Muntinlupa City Bureau of Jail Management and Penology is enjoined to provide logistics from the quarantine facility to the courts and vice versa should the PDL be required to appear court hearing.

F. Should a Commitment Order be issued for the commitment of a PDL arrested in other jurisdiction, said PDL shall be refused custody by the Muntinlupa City Bureau Jail Management and Penology unless cleared by the proper health department of the place where he was arrested. If this is impracticable however, the procedures herein for testing, isolation, transfer of custody and logistics for court hearing shall be observed.

SECTION 3. Guidelines When a PDL is Due for Release. The following guidelines shall be observed when a PDL is ordered released by the proper court:

A. Before a PDL in Muntinlupa City Jail can be released therefrom, the PDL must undergo a mandatory COVID-19 testing to be conducted by the Muntinlupa City Health Department at the testing site determined by the concerned local offices.

B. Should the PDL be found positive for COVID-19, he/she shall be placed in the designated Barangay Isolation Center (BIC) of the barangay where he/she resides, as indicated in his/her records, for isolation and treatment before he/she can be released to the community.

C. If a PDL is a non-resident of Muntinlupa City, he/she shall be taken to the quarantine facility of the local government unit where he/she resides. If this is however impracticable, the PDL shall be taken to the quarantine facility determined by the concerned local offices.

D. Should the PDL be tested negative for COVID-19, he/she shall be immediately released to the community, with prior notice to the Barangay Captain of the barangay where he/she resides.

SECTION 4. Enforcement. The Muntinlupa City Police Office, Muntinlupa City Health Department, Capital ng Muntinlupa and Muntinlupa City Jail Management and Penology shall be responsible for the enforcement of this order.



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enjoined to convene immediately upon issuance of this executive order to determine the various testing, isolation, quarantine, treatment and detention facilities required herein and desirable procedures and matters necessary to fully carry out this executive order.

SECTION 5. Separability and Repealing Clauses. Should a provision of this executive order be declared by a court of competent authority as invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise adversely affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect. Any and all executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, memoranda of the City of Muntinlupa or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this executive order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this 26th day of MAY in the City of Muntinlupa.

Atty. JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor 