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NIA MEDICAL & DENTAL SERVICES

Pursuant to the easing of IATF restriction in NCR (Alert Level 2), MDS proposes the following modification of the existing protocol geared to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 infection within NIA-CO premises and among its employees.

1. NIA-CO personnel, irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status, with approved official travel, **before and after** such travel, whether local or abroad, regardless of the travel protocol of the destination local government unit (LGU) or country; must undergo Rapid Antigen Test. Testing is shouldered by the NIA-CO; and must be done **at least one (1) day before** the travel; and **upon their return, or before they report back to their respective offices.**
 - a. In case of personal travel, again, irrespective of COVID-19 vaccination status, whether local or abroad, regardless of the travel protocol of the destination local government unit (LGU) or country; must undergo Rapid Antigen Test **upon their return, or before they report back to their respective offices.** Testing will be at the personal expense of the traveler (NIA personnel).
 - b. The mandatory five (5) day post-travel quarantine (work-from-home), is **NO LONGER** necessary. Before reporting back to work, post-travel personnel **must guarantee** that they are not exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are advised to observe, at all times, the minimum health protocol.
 - c. Should the post-travel personnel develop symptoms within five (5) days from the date of arrival, **repeat Rapid Antigen Testing** must be done within 5-7 days from the onset of symptom/s.
2. The following are still covered under targeted testing (Rapid Antigen Test):
 - a. NIA officials and employees who will attend meetings in oversight government agencies, with approved memorandum and as a protocol/requirement of the oversight government agencies;
 - b. NIA officials and employees who have direct/close contact/first degree exposure to a CONFIRMED COVID-19 case, with or without any COVID-19 signs or symptoms within 5-14 days from the date of last contact/exposure; and
 - c. NIA officials and employees who have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, within 5-7 days, from the onset of symptoms.
 - d. Non-NIA-CO personnel/visitors, who will conduct official business/meeting/product demonstrations to NIA-CO personnel within the NIA-CO premises, unless they are fully vaccinated and can present their vaccination card (testing costs will be borne by the former)
3. Non-NIA-CO personnel/vendors/visitors, before they are allowed entry within the NIA-CO premises, must show their vaccination cards/certificates to the guard-on-duty.
4. Other guidelines and protocols, relative to the control and prevention of COVID-19, not mentioned in this advisory are still in effect.
5. The revised memorandum circular shall be issued to this effect.

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