



Mandate

The Bureau of Quarantine (BoQ) under the Department of Health (DOH), with the category of a first-class line bureau, shall have a nationwide scope of function and international commitment in accord with the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Bureau is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations (apprehension, detention or surveillance) as necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission or spread of "public health emergencies of international concern" from foreign countries into the Philippines.

Jurisdiction and Functions of the Bureau

The examination at ports of entry and exit in the Philippines of incoming and outgoing vessels and aircraft,

The necessary surveillance over their sanitary conditions, as well as over their cargoes, passengers, crews, and all personal effects, and

The issuance of quarantine certificates, bills of health, or other equivalent documents shall be vested in and be conducted by the Bureau.


This Bureau shall have authority over incoming and outgoing vessels both domestic and foreign, including those of the army and navy, their wharfrage and anchorage, and over aircraft and airports, insofar as it is necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Republic of the Philippines Bureau of Quarantine Department of Health

BUREAU MEMORANDUM

No. 2019 - 13

TO : All Partners and Stakeholders

FROM : The DIRECTOR IV 

SUBJECT : Advisory on FREE Measles vaccination at BOQ Stations

DATE : 15 February 2019

Pursuant to Department Memorandum No. 2019-0048, the bureau will be providing measles-containing vaccine (MCV) to those Filipinos going abroad.

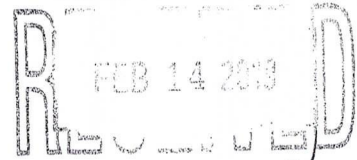
The bureau shall be providing **FREE** measles vaccination to those travelers from **February to March 2019**. The vaccination sites will be located in Bureau of Quarantine Offices nationwide.

The following are the address and schedule of BOQ vaccination centers nationwide:

BOQ Station	Address	Schedule
Manila	25 th and A. C. Delgado Streets, Port Area, Manila	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Cebu	Gen. Maxillom Ave., Ext., Cebu City	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Kalibo	Units 1 and 2 Lucius Inn, Airport Road, Bgy. Pook, Kalibo, Aklan	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Iloilo	Emmanuel Bldg., Ortiz St., Iloilo City	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Davao	Ramon Magsaysay Ave., corner Chaves St., Davao City	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Cagayan de Oro	Room 217 Waterside Living Complex, J. Pacana St., Lico-An, CDO	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Zamboanga	2nd Floor Radja Building, Gov. Camins Ave., Zamboanga City	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



BUREAU OF QUARANTINE
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE



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DECLARATION OF MEASLES OUTBREAK AND LOW IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE

WHEREAS, the Department of Health holds the overall technical authority on health as it is a national health policy-maker and regulatory institution;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has been receiving reports from its offices and hospitals in the different regions of an alarming increase in measles cases;

WHEREAS, measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus, which can be transferred from person-to-person by sneezing, coughing, and close personal contact;

WHEREAS, as of February 10, 2019, a total of 4302 measles cases nationwide with 70 deaths since the start of the year, 122 percent higher compared to the same period last year (CFR of 2 percent). Five regions have the highest number of measles cases.

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region reported 1296 cases with 18 deaths (1725 percent increase compared to 2018); Region IV-A (CALABARZON) had 1086 cases with 25 deaths (2917 percent increase compared to 2018); Region III (Central Luzon) had 481 cases with 6 deaths (1045 percent increase compared to 2018); Region VI (Western Visayas) had 212 cases with 3 deaths (910 percent increase compared to 2018); and Region X (Northern Mindanao) with 109 cases with 2 deaths (2625 percent increase compared to 2018).

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has also seen a decline in vaccine confidence and a rise in cases of vaccine-preventable diseases, like measles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, Secretary of Health of the Philippines, declare an OUTBREAK OF MEASLES in several regions in the country which is a cause for national alarm.

All bureaus, units, offices, hospitals, and attached agencies of the Department of Health are hereby strictly enjoined to immediately enforce emergency protocols on heightened monitoring of suspected and confirmed cases of measles, as well as on immediate and full medical treatment and assistance therefor.

All personnel of the Department are directed to engage in a massive nationwide information dissemination campaign, and advise and encourage the general public to immediately seek medical treatment at the slightest symptom of this highly contagious disease.


In coordination with the concerned LGUs, all personnel of the Department must undertake a more vigorous and wider immunization and disease-prevention campaign and reach out to the vulnerable sectors of society, consistent with existing laws and regulations of this Department.

All units of this Department are hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with and seek the assistance of all concerned LGUs and appropriate government agencies in the implementation of the directives contained herein.

Use of all available resources of the Department, and approved leaves of DOH personnel, must be reviewed and realigned towards the foregoing goals, consistent with government procurement and accounting rules and civil service rules.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Department of Health – Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 11th day of February in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.


FRANCISCO Y. DUQUE III, MD MSc
Secretary of Health