MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2020-08-24-04

TO: GOVERNORS AND COMPONENT SOCIETY PRESIDENTS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID RESULT REVEAL

The Philippine Medical Association has collaborated with the Philippine Red Cross on a joint project to organize a group of volunteer-physicians to help in informing and advising patients with positive PCR results. This is to ensure that patients with positive PCR results have sufficient understanding and knowledge on the next steps to take after confirming his/her result.

The PMA Component Medical Societies in the NCR will be at the forefront of this project. And the PMA and PRC have established some guidelines for the Covid Result Reveal, as follows:

PMA Regions that will be involved are:

1. Manila Region
2. Quezon City Region
3. Rizal Region
4. Central Tagalog Region
5. Any other region whose Component Medical Society is in close proximity to Metro Manila exit points.

PMA Governors of above-mentioned regions are asked to encourage and recruit through their different Component Societies, physician-volunteers to be part of this project. The individual Component Societies are tasked to recruit at least eight (8) volunteer physicians from its roster of members and to submit the Component Society’s Reveal Team to their respective PMA Governor.

The list of volunteers collected by the Governors will be submitted to the PMA Board of Governors and handed to the Task Force Covid Result Reveal.

Members of the Task Force Covid Result Reveal are:

1. Dr. Hector Santos, Jr., as assigned by the PMA Executive Committee;
2. Chair of the PMA Committee on Emergency and Disaster Response;
3. Chair of the PMA Committee on Medical Missions;
4. PMA Secretary assigned to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Response.

The Governors’ list of physician-volunteers shall include, aside from the name, the contact number, preferred shift time and preferred location (PRC Office, Clinic, or Component Society Office.)

PMA suggested two shift schedules:
1. 9:00am-12:00noon
2. 1:00pm-4:00pm

In an organizational meeting and briefing with the PRC, the PMA will have to work out the shift schedule with the timing of release of PRC Covid testing areas. Assignment as to whom PRC results will be sent to will depend on the area convenient to the Physician-volunteer or to the Component Society’s office location.

As agreed, the PMA and PRC will work with Vireo Loadworks, the BantAI Covid administrator which runs the computer application of the Covid watch project. A similar project has already been started last July 28 in cooperation of PMA with the Quezon City Medical Society, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte, and Vireo Loadworks with demonstrable good results. The action plan is to widen the scope of the Covid Monitoring BantAI Covid to include the cities of San Juan, Mandaluyong, and Manila.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Very truly yours,

HECTOR M. SANTOS, JR., MD
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Noted by:

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