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### PMA STATEMENT ON THE MATTER OF REDUCING PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC CONVEYANCES


The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) has been approached by various sectors, groups and organizations on the matter of the reduction of physical distancing between individuals in the mass transport sector particularly in public conveyances, reducing physical distancing from 1.0 meter to 0.50 and 0.75 meters respectively.

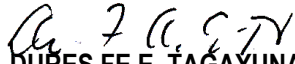
The PMA, after consultation with our Component Societies, Specialty Divisions, Specialty Societies as well as the PMA Executive Committee and the members of the Board of Governors, and other concerned individuals and groups, believes that the current physical distancing of 1.0 meter as prescribed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and currently being implemented by the Inter Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) be maintained and strictly implemented as this has been proven to be one of the most effective methods in preventing further spread of COVID-19, in addition to wearing of face masks and face shields in public places. Should scientific evidences however prove otherwise, the PMA is willing to review and reconsider its current stand.

The PMA is issuing this statement to clarify its position on the above matter.

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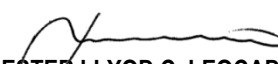
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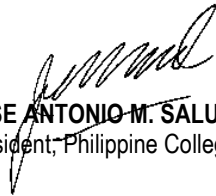
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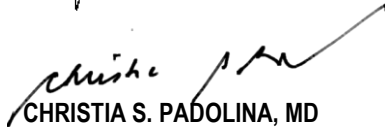
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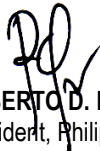
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