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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

TO : PRESIDENTS AND/OR OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF HIGHER
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

CHED CENTRAL AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : CHED COVID-19 ADVISORY NO. 3

DATE : 11 MARCH 2020

In response to the recent developments and directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte through Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020, the Commission is furnishing the CHED COVID-19 Advisory No. 3, for information and guidance of all higher education institutions (HEI) and CHED central and regional offices.

Enclosed is the CHED COVID-19 Advisory No. 3 for your reference.

Thank you.

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Chairman





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**Guidelines for the Prevention, Control and Mitigation of the Spread of
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**

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In connection with Resolution No. 10 series of 2020 issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease and in consultation with officials of public and private higher education institutions (HEIs), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) issues the following additional guidelines for HEIs in response to the COVID-19 outbreak:

1. Exercise flexibility in determining the extent of adjustments that will be made in their approved academic calendar;
2. Exercise discretion in the field deployment of National Service Training Program (NSTP) students for the current semester and allow the conduct school-based service activities as an alternative;
3. Facilitate alternative activities to enable students to complete required practicum/OJT hours;
4. Deploy available distance learning, e-learning, and other alternative modes of delivery in lieu of residential learning if they have the resources to do so;
5. Evaluate students on the basis of available indicators as of this time and forego other curricular activities for the remainder of the semester;
6. Exercise discretion to postpone graduation ceremonies, if needed;
7. Implement extraordinary and swift measures to address the needs of students, employees, and other stakeholders arising from COVID-related issues;

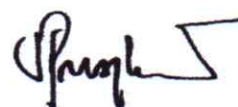


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Private HEIs which will undertake such measures do not need to obtain prior approval from the Commission. However, HEIs are directed to inform CHED in writing and coordinate with the CHED regional offices to monitor and provide guidance and assistance should the need arises.

State universities and colleges must discuss measures to be undertaken with their respective Boards of Regents (BOR) and inform the CHED regional office of such actions.

In addition, it has come to the attention of CHED that some hospitals with confirmed COVID-19 cases that are serving as training centers for medical and nursing students are requiring students to continue their rotation duties and are advising students that failure to comply will result in the students repeating their internship program. The Commission appeals to the officials of these hospitals to exercise leniency during this difficult time and explore alternative modes that will continue the medical training and education of their students without compromising their safety.



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