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TO :

ALL JUSTICES AND COURT PERSONNEL OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SANDIGANBAYAN, AND COURT OF TAX APPEALS

RE : RISING CASES OF COVID-19 INFECTION

In view of the growing number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country, all justices and court personnel of the Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and Court of Tax Appeals are DIRECTED to strictly adhere to the following:

- Only those with official business in the courts may be allowed entry to halls of justice and court premises.
- All those entering the halls of justice and court premises must be subjected to a no-contact thermal scanning, and those found to be suffering from fever, flu, colds and cough shall be prevented from entering.
- All court users and visitors, including but not limited to lawyers, parties, and witnesses shall fill up a declaration form herein attached as Annex A before entering the halls of justice and court premises.
- Persons deprived of liberty who have hearings must be immediately brought back to their respective detention facilities after their hearings.
- Unessential meetings and gatherings must be reset.
- Court premises and common areas, including frequently touched fixtures (bundy machines, door knobs and handles, hand rails, countertops, elevator buttons, switches, toilet bowls, etc.), must be constantly sanitized, at least daily, using the recommended aerosol disinfectants and/or 70% ethyl alcohol.
- Courts must be adequately and properly ventilated.
- Always observe good personal and proper respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette (wash hands regularly with soap, cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and dispose of soiled tissue papers immediately in closed trash bins).
- Seek medical attention promptly if feeling sick for more than a day or two.
- Those required to go on mandatory quarantine and those availing of voluntary quarantine shall be covered by the guidelines and procedure provided in Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular (CSC MC) No. 5, s. 2020 for the availment of leave privileges for absences incurred in relation thereto.
- Executive Justices and Associate Justices shall monitor the conditions of their respective personnel and workplaces to avert the spread or threat of COVID-19 in the halls of justice and court premises, and immediately report to their respective Presiding Justices any development or circumstance pertaining to

COVID-19 for proper assessment, monitoring and management. The Presiding Justices and Executive Justices shall likewise undertake such measures and report any development to the Office of the Chief Justice.

- Everyone must exercise caution and prudence in sharing, forwarding, or disseminating unverified or inaccurate news regarding the spread of the COVID-19 which only tend to cause unnecessary fear and panic.

The Office of the Chief Justice is closely monitoring the situation nationwide. Further advisories shall be issued as may be deemed fit.

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