



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
CITY OF MANDALUYONG



ORDINANCE NO. 893, S-2022

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MANDALUYONG CITY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MCESU) UNDER THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11332 (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MANDATORY REPORTING OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC CONCERN ACT")

WHEREAS, the State recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State. Further, the State also recognizes disease surveillance and response systems of the Department of Health (DOH) and its local counterparts as the first line of defense to epidemics and health events of public health concern that pose risk to public health and security;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 (General Welfare), Section 26 and Section 458 (a)(1) of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandated the local government units to use its necessary and appropriate powers to promote the general welfare of its people, particularly by promoting their health and safety and enhancing their right to a balanced ecology;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332, also known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, prescribed the guidelines on the establishment of a functional City Disease Surveillance System equipped with the necessary resource and adequate local financial support;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of R.A. No. 11332 indicates that the state shall endeavor to protect the people from public health threats through the efficient and effective disease surveillance of notifiable diseases, including emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, disease for elimination and eradication, epidemics and health events including chemical, radio-nuclear, and environmental agents of public health concern, and provide an effective response system in compliance with the 2005 International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of R.A. No. 11332 provides the mandate of the Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (ESUs) to include the following: (a) capturing and verifying all reported notifiable diseases and health events of public health concern; (b) providing timely, accurate, and reliable epidemiologic information to appropriate agencies; (c) conducting disease surveillance and response activities; (d) coordinating needed response; and (e) facilitating capacity building in the field of epidemiology, disease surveillance, and response at the Epidemiology Bureau;

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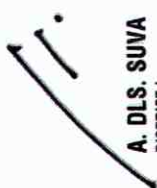
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WHEREAS, it is pressing to create the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit to provide a reliable source of health-related indicators necessary for the interpretation and data analysis that aims to improve health service delivery necessary to assist the Local Chief Executive, thus, prompting a response delivery of the essential health care services to the constituents and concerned health care agencies;


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WHEREAS, a functional integrated disease surveillance and response system would result in a considerable reduction in morbidity, mortality, and disability caused by communicable diseases and other conditions in the locality;


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WHEREAS, noncooperation of persons, entities, or facilities of the provisions of this Ordinance will be subject to the penalties stipulated in Section 10 of R.A. No. 11332.


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NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Mandaluyong, in session assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. CREATION OF MCESU. – The Mandaluyong City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (MCESU) is hereby created under the City Health Department (CHD), under direct supervision of the City Health Officer, in order to streamline and strengthen the implementation of a robust public health surveillance and response system in the City of Mandaluyong.


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SECTION 2. COMPOSITION. – The City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit shall at least be composed of the following:

- a. One (1) CESU Head, preferably a Medical Doctor duly trained on applied/field epidemiology, surveillance, and response;
- b. Four to Five (4-5) Disease Surveillance Officers duly trained on applied/field epidemiology, surveillance, and response;
- c. Two (2) Medical Technologists;
- d. Six (6) contact tracers, preferably with a background in criminology and other health professions; and
- e. Two (2) IT personnel for data banking.


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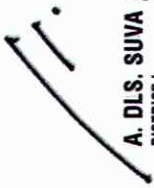
The City Health Officer will submit to the Human Resource Management Department the formal creation or establishment of respective plantilla positions to be ratified by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE MANDALUYONG CITY EPIDEMIOLOGY SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MCESU). – The MCESU shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Manage an early warning public health surveillance and response system within the geographic jurisdiction of the City Government of Mandaluyong using the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) System and the Event-Based Surveillance, and involve mandatory reporting of notifiable diseases by all health centers, local and private hospitals, clinics, and laboratories within the City;


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- b. Maintain special surveillance operations in coordination with existing programs on HIV surveillance, STI laboratory surveillance, and non-communicable surveillance;
- c. Prepare and periodically update databases, graphs, tables, and charts to describe the time, place, and persons for notifiable or reportable diseases and conditions;
- d. Analyze data and provide feedback and reports on notifiable diseases, including rare or new health events to health facilities, the Office of the City Mayor, policy makers, and other key stakeholders;
- e. Identify and inform the City Health Department immediately of any disease or condition in their expected areas that exceeds an epidemic threshold, occurs in locations where it was previously absent, occurs more often in a population group than its previous status, and presents unusual trends or patterns;
- f. Conduct field epidemiologic investigations, including outbreak and event-based investigations, special surveys, and scientific research;
- g. Confirm the status of reported events from the City and other LGUs, and support or implement additional control measures, if necessary;
- h. Assess reported events immediately, and if found urgent, to report all essential information to the CHD/DOH Regional and Central Offices. Urgent events are those with serious public health impact and/or unusual or unexpected nature with high potential for spread;
- i. Conduct rapid health assessment during calamities, disasters, and/or emergencies, and establish disease surveillance in evacuation centers during such events in coordination with the DRMM-H;
- j. Provide onsite assistance (e.g. technical, logistics, laboratory analysis of samples) as required to supplement local investigations at the City level, as well as technical assistance and capacity building activities related to epidemiology and disease surveillance;
- k. Establish, operate, and maintain a public health epidemic preparedness and response plan, including the creation of multi-sectoral teams to respond to events that may constitute a public health emergency of local and international concern;
- l. Notify the Epidemiology Bureau through the DOH Regional Office of all reported urgent events within twenty-four (24) hours as required in the International Health Relations (IHR);
- m. Forward epidemiological data to the next level as identified in the PIDSR Manual or disease surveillance guidelines or manual of procedures that may be later developed on a regular basis and in accordance with the national surveillance protocol;


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n. Strengthen networks with other government and non-government agencies, such as the Department of Health Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Units, Department of Science and Technology, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, and World Health Organization;

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o. Use the epidemiological data to plan and implement communicable disease control activities at the barangay and city levels; and

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p. Perform such other functions related to the foregoing as may be deemed necessary by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. All health facilities, such as Barangay Health Stations, City Health Offices, private and public hospitals, lying-in clinics, infirmaries, medical or surgical clinics, health centers, laboratories, and all medical and nonmedical entities, such as medical doctors, nurses, midwives, allied medical professionals, and barangay health workers are hereby mandated to report all cases directly to the MCESU.

SECTION 5. MANPOWER AND SUPPORT. The City Health Officer shall ensure that the MCESU shall have trained required human resource complement and provision of adequate resources, including equipment, logistics, communication, transportation, laboratory supplies and reagents, personal protective equipment, and health insurance to effectively perform their disease surveillance and response functions.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS. The budgetary requirement shall be automatically funded through the annual city budget of the Mandaluyong City Health Department.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED on this 4th day of October 2022, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Vice Mayor &
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BENJAMIN S. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: OCT 12 2022

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