



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24**  
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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF RA 11332 IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU) IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO UNDER THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 3573 (Law on Reporting Communicable Diseases) requires all individuals and health facilities to report notifiable diseases to local and national authorities.

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization under the revised International Health Regulations (IHR) of 2005 requires all member states to strengthen the core capacities for disease surveillance and response to avert occurrences and international spread of disease and other public health threats.

**WHEREAS**, Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2007-0036 (Guidelines on the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) Framework) provides framework for PIDSR to guide its implementation at all levels of the health care delivery system as well as both the public and private sectors.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 11332, otherwise known as Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act mandates DOH and its local counterparts to implement the mandatory reporting.

**WHEREAS**, Disease Surveillance is a critical component of health system providing essential information for the optimal health care delivery system and cost effective disease control and prevention strategies.

**WHEREAS**, timely reporting of vital health information will help the policy makers to formulate strategies for appropriate interventions or actions to address a health problem.

**WHEREAS**, a functional disease surveillance system is useful for priority setting, planning, resource mobilization and allocation prediction and early detection of epidemics, and monitoring and evaluation of health programs. Thus, an imperative need to issue this Order to adopt the provisions of RA 11332 in the establishment of Provincial Epidemiology Surveillance Unit for the province of Occidental Mindoro.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO**, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF RA 11332 IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUNCTIONAL PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU).**



The provisions of RA 11332 is hereby adopted insofar as the establishment of a functional PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU) under the Provincial Health Office is concerned.

## **SECTION 2. THE PROVINCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (PESU).**

The public health surveillance unit of the province shall be called *Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit* (PESU). The Provincial Disease Surveillance Officer (PDSO), Assistant PDSO and Epidemiology Encoder shall be initially designated by the Provincial Health Officer from among the regular personnel of the health office. However, the Provincial Government depending on the availability of funds may create plantilla positions based on the prescribed structure.

## **SECTION 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PESU.**

The Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit shall:

- a. Set up and maintain a functional provincial disease surveillance system equipped with the necessary resources and adequate local financial support. Financial support may come from the PHO MOOE, disaster, calamity or other appropriate funding sources as determined by the provincial government officials.
- b. Collect, organize, analyze and interpret surveillance data
- c. To provide feedback report/information. This includes pertinent data and recommendations for appropriate responses and actions, to the Office of the Governor through the Provincial Health Officer.
- d. Conduct quarterly consultative meeting amongst MESUs and hospitals for updates and data reconciliation.
- e. Report all available essential information (e.g. clinical description, laboratory results, numbers of human cases and deaths, sources and type of risk) immediately to the next higher level.
- f. Assess reported epidemics immediately and report all essential information to Center for Health Disease – DOH Region 4B, through the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU).
- g. Provide on-site assistance (technical, logistics and laboratory analysis of samples) as requested to supplement local epidemic investigations and control.
- h. Facilitate submission of weekly notifiable disease surveillance reports from public and private hospitals.
- i. Establish, operate and maintain provincial epidemic preparedness and response plan, including the creation of multidisciplinary/ multi-sectoral teams to respond to events that may constitute a public health emergency of local, regional, national and international concern.
- j. Create Epidemic Management Committee (EMC) at the provincial level.





#### SECTION 4. LEGAL BASIS.

The PESU will be guided by the following legal issuances:

1. Republic Act 11332, otherwise known as Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act.
2. Administrative Order No. 2005-0023 (Implementing Guidelines for Formula One for Health as Framework for Health Reforms), Section C2.c.iii, states that, "Disease Surveillance shall be intensified to ensure that the targets for disease elimination, prevention and control are attained.
3. Administrative Order No. 2007-0036. Guidelines on the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) Framework.

#### SECTION 5. REPORTABLE HEALTH DATA.

The following health information/data shall be reported to the Provincial Health Office through the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU):

1. All Notifiable diseases as listed in the Manual of Procedure for PIDSR;
2. Deaths and cause of deaths; and
3. Other health data which may be prescribed by the PESU, RESU, or Epidemiology Bureau (EB).

#### SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

#### Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

#### Section 8. EFFECTIVITY.

This ORDER shall take effect immediately.

*November* **DONE** at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
**EDUARDO B. GADIANO**  
Governor