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**CLARIFICATION ON THE EXPANDED RISK-BASED TESTING FOR COVID-19 OF
AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS**

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) hereby clarify that Section III.D, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the DOLE-DTI Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 2020-04-A, Series of 2020 shall be read following and consistent with the Department of Health (DOH) Department Memorandum (DM) Nos. 2020-0258 and 2020-0258-A.


As provided under Section III.D.2 of the DOLE-DTI JMC No. 2020-04-A, the RT-PCR shall be the recognized test for the identified priority workers. The pertinent provisions of DOH DM No. 2020-0258-A provide –

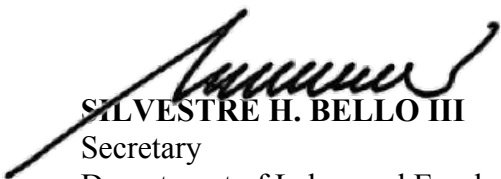
- a. Sub-group H: All workers and employees in the hospitality and tourism sectors in El Nido, Boracay, Coron, Panglao, Siargao and other tourist zones, as identified and declared by the Department of Tourism MAY be tested once every four (4) weeks.
- b. Sub-group I: All workers and employees of manufacturing companies and public service providers registered in economic zones located in Special Concerns Areas MAY be tested every three months.
- c. Sub-group J1: Frontline and Economic Priority Workers, defined as those (1) who work in high priority sectors, both public and private, (2) have high interaction with and exposure to the public, and (3) who live or work in Special Concern Areas, MAY be tested every three months.

Finally, per Section IV.14 of the DOH DM No. 2020-0258-A “*all testing facilities shall utilize the appropriate Philhealth benefits and/or any benefit provided by Health Maintenance Organizations or Private Health Insurance for COVID-19 testing to reimburse the cost of testing.*”

Be guided accordingly.

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