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Department of Health
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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR

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FOR : **DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD); DIVISION CHIEFS OF CHD REGULATIONS, LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (RLED) AND HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REGULATORY BUREAU; MINISTER OF HEALTH-BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM); REGULATORY OFFICERS; HEAD OF COVID-19 TESTING LABORATORIES; AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

SUBJECT : **Submission of Updated COVID-19 Test Price for Posting to the Department of Health Website**

Pursuant to Section VI. A of the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Joint Administrative Order (JAO) No. 2020-0001 or the "Guidelines for the Implementation of Executive Order No. 118 on Regulation of Prices for COVID-19 Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Testing and Test Kits:" *"The DOH, with the DTI, shall set the price range of COVID-19 testing and test kits to ensure quality of service, affordability, and availability to patients and consumers. This shall capitalize on the costing exercises performed by PhilHealth in determining the amount of PhilHealth COVID-19 Testing Packages."* In compliance to this provision, the DOH issued Department Circular (DC) No. 2021-0374 with the subject of "Price Cap for COVID-19 Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Reaction (RT-PCR) Testing" on which provided the updated pricing for both plate-based and cartridge-based RT-PCR test:

	PLATE-BASED	GENEXPERT (CARTRIDGE-BASED)
PUBLIC	Php 2,800.00	Php 2,450.00
PRIVATE	Php 3,360.00	Php 2,940.00
Price Cap for Home Service	Php 1,000.00	Php 1,000.00

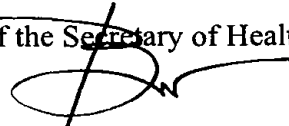
During the 135th COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Meeting held last August 26, 2021, one of the directives is to publish via online, for wider dissemination, the updated pricing of the respective DOH-licensed COVID-19 testing laboratories in accordance with the DC No. 2021-0374. Thus, all DOH-licensed COVID-19 testing laboratories, whether plate-based or cartridge-based, are hereby mandated to submit their updated test price for COVID-19, updated as of September 6, 2021, through the Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau via this link: <https://hfsrb.doh.gov.ph/covid19-testing-price-survey-2021/> on or before September 20, 2021.

The content of the survey can be found in Annex A for plate based and Annex B for cartridge-based testing. The submitted prices will be posted on the DOH website.

For further questions or details, please contact the Standards Development Division of Health Facilities and Services Regulatory Bureau at 8651-7800 locals 2514 or 2525 or via email at hfsrb.sdd@gmail.com.

For dissemination and compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:



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ANNEX A. Plate-Based

Region		
Name of the Facility/COVID-19 Testing Laboratory		
Complete Address		
Contact Details of the Facility		
Classification by Ownership	Government	Private
Classification by Institutional Character	Hospital Based	Non-Hospital Based
Type of Test <i>Note: Submit another response if offering both type of test</i>	Plate-Based	
Updated Regular Price, as of September 6, 2021 <i>Note: Not included PHIC, Discounts etc.</i>	PhP _____	
Additional Service i.e., home service, off-site services, drive thru (if any)	PhP _____	

ANNEX B. Cartridge-Based

Region		
Name of the Facility/COVID-19 Testing Laboratory		
Complete Address		
Contact Details of the Facility		
Classification by Ownership	Government	Private
Classification by Institutional Character	Hospital Based	Non-Hospital Based
Type of Test <i>Note: Submit another response if offering both type of test</i>	Cartridge-Based Name of Kit: _____	
Updated Regular Price, as of September 6, 2021 <i>Note: Not included PHIC, Discounts etc.</i>	PhP _____	
Additional Service i.e., home service, off-site services, drive thru (if any)	PhP _____	