



Republika ng Pilipinas  
**KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN**  
*Department of Justice*  
Manila

**DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 008-D**

**TO :** ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES  
ALL HEADS OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS  
THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE  
ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** GUIDELINES FOR THE DOJ PROPER AND THE NATIONAL  
PROSECUTION SERVICE DURING THE PERIOD OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY

**DATE :** 25 April 2020

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Pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 28 dated 23 April 2020, in view of the proclamation of the President extending the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in high-risk areas and implementing the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in low-risk and moderate-risk areas, and to safeguard the health and safety of all concerned, the following are hereby mandated:

1. All existing interim work arrangements as laid down under Department Circular (DC) No. 008 dated 13 March 2020 and DC 008-C dated 22 March 2020 shall remain in effect for the duration of the ECQ and/or GCQ in the region or in the province, city, municipality, and/or area concerned.
2. The reglementary period for the filing of affidavits, motions, position papers, Petitions for Review, other relevant papers, and rendition of resolutions, as provided under DC 008-A dated 13 March 2020 and DC 008-B dated 18 March 2020, remains interrupted during the period of ECQ and/or GCQ and shall begin to run again after the same are lifted in the region, province, city, municipality, and/or area concerned, or unless sooner declared by this Department.
3. All other previously issued circulars and their respective provisions which are not inconsistent herewith shall remain valid and in effect.

This Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless sooner modified or revoked.

  
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