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In anticipation of the effects of Typhoon “Rolly” (GONI) which is expected to strengthen into a super typhoon, the welfare and safety of the public and the responders rendering services in the light the current COVID-19 pandemic is of vital concern.

Testing of front liners, and emergency response workers / responders will be in accordance to the Department of Health Memorandum No. 2020—0258 “Interim Guideline on Expanded Testing for COVID-19” and its amendment. However, given the possible emergency situation in the light of the threat of a super typhoon, testing of humanitarian workers / responders assisting affected regions / localities will adhere to the following recommendations:

1. A responder will be exempted from testing if he has undergone a complete physical / medical examination and certified by a physician not presenting any signs of symptoms related to COVID-19; and has no history of exposure to a confirmed, suspect or probable COVID-19 case.
2. Upon deployment, responder will adhere to established Infection Prevention and Control protocols and will be in appropriate Protective Personal Equipment (face mask, face shield and gloves).
3. Deploying agency / unit will be responsible to the over-all safety and welfare of the responder.
4. Coordination with relevant health authorities in the area of deployment should likewise be observed.

For information and compliance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerardo V. Bayugo", is written over the printed name and title.

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