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POSITION PAPER OF THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ON THE NATIONWIDE VACCINATION PROGRAM

The Philippine Medical Association, the national organization of physicians licensed to practice medicine in the Philippines, lauds and will strongly support the efforts of the Philippine Government in adopting a nationwide vaccination program to address the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We express our gratitude to the Philippine Government prioritizing medical frontliners and allied health professionals in receiving the initial batches of the COVID-19 vaccines. This will enable medical professionals to fully and without fear participate in the program and attend to patients requiring medical attention.

The Philippine Medical Association, its specialty, subspecialty, component and affiliate societies will participate and mobilize their resources to assist the Philippine Government for the nationwide vaccination program.

We call on the relevant government agencies and pharmaceutical companies to fully disclose data related to the approved vaccines especially those pertaining to the rate of effectiveness as revealed during test and clinical trials, contraindications and adverse reactions. The data will be used as the basis for physicians to make the necessary medical evaluation and diagnosis on patients.


To hasten the vaccination program and to encompass as wide a coverage as possible, we suggest that COVID-19 vaccines be distributed to all public and private hospitals having the storage facilities preserving the efficacy of the vaccines.


The Philippine Medical Association will take the following steps for its participation in the vaccination program:

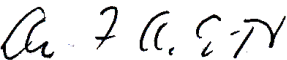
- 1) Conduct an information campaign to increase public awareness as to the need for the vaccination;
- 2) Assist in the vaccination complying with the government's list of priorities
- 3) Monitor the effects and adverse reactions of patients already vaccinated.
- 4) Report to the department of health whatever adverse reactions and other information gathered by individual physicians during and after the vaccination.


Subject to its limited resources, the Philippine Medical Association stands ready to help the Philippine Government in other ways as may be needed for the vaccination program.

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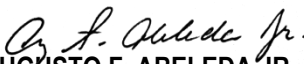

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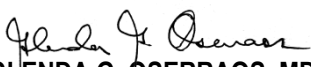

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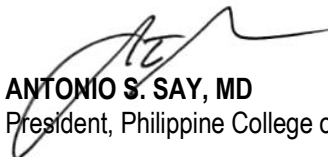
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