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PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S ADVISORY ON POSTPONEMENT AND CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

With the Resolution Number 10 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings, defined as a planned or spontaneous event where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event, the PMA is releasing this important advisory.

The Philippine Medical Association (PMA) decided to cancel its remaining Regional Assemblies in Capiz (Western Visayas Region) and Masbate (Bicol Region), as well as the Visita Iglesia on April 4 and the Doctors in Concert Part 2 on April 21. PMA strongly recommends postponing other gatherings of the Component Societies, Specialty Divisions, Specialty Societies, and Affiliate Societies, post-graduate courses, and other scheduled conventions until further notice. We will make another announcement regarding the PMA 113th Annual Convention on the first week of April 2020, whether to push thru with the event or to cancel it.

Likewise, the PMA Executive Committee and Board of Governors concurred with the recommendation of the PMA Commission on Election to postpone the National and Local Election until further notice, as per Board Resolution Number 161 Series of 2020. However, the campaign period will still end on March 13, 2020, Friday at 12 o'clock midnight.

Thank you very much for understanding and rest assured that the PMA is taking all the precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of everyone.