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**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**SUBJECT:** DA QUANTITATIVE POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (q-PCR) MACHINES TO SUPPORT COVID-19 TESTING

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has characterized the COVID-19 as a pandemic; and the Philippines is doing its best in continuing to implement the "Luzon-wide Enhanced Community Quarantine" while accelerating efforts to control the disease. One of the strategies of the Department of Health (DOH) and the University of the Philippines (UP) in combatting the threat of COVID-19 is to enhance the country's testing capabilities. However, both institutions have limited number of qPCR machines to conduct COVID-19 testing.

Considering the need for additional support for COVID-19 testing, DA shall extend its assistance by lending to DOH and UP q-PCR machines from across the department. All Directors with q-PCR machines in their laboratories are hereby instructed to ensure that the attached form is filled-out and submitted to BAFS Director, Dr. Vivencio R. Mamaril through [bafs.oed@gmail.com](mailto:bafs.oed@gmail.com).

Dr. Mamaril, shall facilitate the proper turnover and mobilization of the equipment. Ms. Edna Lynn Floresca and Ms. Jerilee Sabariaga, of BAFS, with telephone number 928-8741 local 3317 and e-mail address, [bafs.lsd@gmail.com](mailto:bafs.lsd@gmail.com) will coordinate with your office regarding this matter.

  
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