



**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Guidelines for the Prevention, Control and Mitigation of the Spread of  
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**

**CHED COVID ADVISORY No. 8  
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In connection with the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolutions Nos. 106 and 106-A, both issued on 27 March 2021, and 106-B issued on 28 March 2021, particularly Section B, Par. 10 thereof, declaring that the Education sector shall operate in accordance with Guidelines issued by, among others, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); CHED hereby issues this advisory to all HEIs.

This Advisory should be read in conjunction with CHED COVID-19 Advisories Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Applicable provisions of previously issued Advisories not otherwise discussed below remain enforced. Periods in previously issued Advisories for transitioning from Academic Year (AY) 2019-2020 shall be applied with similar effect to transitioning from AY 2020-2021, whenever applicable.

Similarly, periods in previous Advisories covering AY 2020-2021 shall apply in like manner to AY 2021-2022, whenever applicable.

CHED Advisory No. 6 dated April 13, 2020 is hereby reiterated and re-stated for implementation on the current ECQ implemented in NCR-plus- Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna & Rizal.

Likewise, CHED Advisory No. 7 dated May 24, 2020 is hereby reiterated and re-stated for implementation on the current ECQ implemented in the aforementioned area.

As a supplemental policy to Advisories No. 6 and No. 7, HEIs in areas placed under ECQ are allowed to deploy skeletal workforce on-site for the following essential services and personnel:

- 1) **Essential administrative services**- include workers in charge of payroll, salaries, and employee assistance, IT administrators, accounting staff, and security personnel.

- 2) **Essential academic services-** teachers and faculty who rely or depend on the internet connectivity, engineering and technology laboratories in their institutions for facilitating online classes of students;
- 3) **Essential academic administration services-** registrars and other academic administrators in charge of grades, assessment, and student credentialing in preparation for completion of the academic year or semester.

The private educational institution shall deploy skeletal workforce only when work from home arrangements are not possible, and shall be subject to compliance with all applicable rules of DOLE on work arrangements during ECQ, and relevant IATF Guidelines on health and safety protocols.

As part of the government bureaucracy, SUCs are expected to be fully operational, with a skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency pursuant to No. 5 of the OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES with Amendments as of March 28, 2021 (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021).

In the meantime, CHED strongly advises HEIs to refer and continue to observe the instructions stipulated in this and previously issued CHED Advisories (Nos. 1 to 7).



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