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**FOR: ALL DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, SERVICES, and CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, MEDICAL CENTER CHIEFS OF DOH HOSPITALS and DOH-DESIGNATED HIV TREATMENT HUBS, and DOH ATTACHED AGENCIES**

**SUBJECT: Updated List of Health Facilities with Rapid HIV Diagnostic Algorithm (rHIVda) Service as of July 2020**

The Philippines is committed to achieving the 90-90-90 global targets aimed at ending the AIDS epidemic by ensuring that 90% of the People Living with HIV (PLHIV) would know their status, 90% of the people who know their HIV status are receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART) and 90% of the people receiving ART are virologically suppressed.

To achieve these, one key strategy is to scale up HIV testing and treatment coverage among PLHIV through the implementation of rapid HIV diagnostic algorithm (rHIVda). All rHIVda facilities shall perform three (3) rapid tests and release official HIV confirmatory results, based on (AO 2019-0001 or Guidelines on the Implementation of Rapid HIV Diagnostic Algorithm and DC 2019-0497 or Guidelines in Securing a License to Operate a Certified rHIVda Confirmatory Laboratory).

In order to facilitate efficient HIV testing and treatment initiation, all rHIVda facilities shall cater to referrals for HIV confirmatory testing from within the respective region and nearby areas outside the region.

Thus, below is the updated list of health facilities with rHIVda service:


No.	Region	Name of Facility
1	CAR	Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center
2	II	Cagayan Valley Medical Center
3	III	Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital
4	CALABARZON	Batangas Medical Center
5	VI	Western Visayas Medical Center
6	VII	Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center

7	NCR	Klinika Bernardo Clinical Laboratory
8	NCR	Philippine General Hospital
9		Pasig City Clinical Laboratory
10		Marikina City Public Health Laboratory
11		Research Institute for Tropical Medicine
12	IX	Zamboanga City Medical Center

All DOH-designated treatment facilities are prioritized to become rHIVda facilities, hence, this list will be regularly updated as soon as new facilities are identified.

For immediate dissemination.

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