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T O: All VSU Constituents

R E: Updated Health and Safety Protocol in VSU Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 169-A dated 27 June 2022 and CHED Press Release dated 30 August 2022

In view of the recent issuance of Resolution No. 169-A dated 27 June 2022 of the Inter-Agency Task Force placing the City of Baybay under Alert Level 1 effective 01 July 2022 until 15 July 2022 and CHED Press Release dated 30 August 2022, everyone is directed to follow the updated health and safety protocols of the University, in line with the Guidelines on the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response as of June 4, 2022, to wit:

Section 1. Strict Implementation of minimum public health standards

Everyone is advised to observe the strict implementation of wearing well-fitted facemasks at all times, whether outdoors or in indoor private or public establishments, including public transportation, except for the following instances:

- i) eating and drinking,
- ii) participating in team and individual sports in well-ventilated venues, and;
- iii) practicing outdoor sports/exercise activities where physical distance can be maintained.

Hand hygiene through hand washing or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers must also be strictly followed. Temperature checking prior to entry to the university premises or in any office is optional.

Section 2. Entry to University Premises

Generally, the university is open to all, including vehicles carrying a shipment of essential goods and other supplies for the university. In line with the IATF updated testing requirements for unvaccinated on-site employees dated June 27, 2022, presentation of a negative RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Test result will no longer be required from unvaccinated or partially vaccinated VSU employees, students, and household members upon entry to the University. In the presence of any COVID-19-related signs/symptoms, these individuals will be subject to testing and quarantine protocols as recommended by the DOH (see Section 8, Table 1). Upon entry to university premises, students/employees/visitors must present a valid identification card to the guard-on-duty.

Section 3. Foreign visitors and Returning Overseas Filipinos

In compliance with National IATF Resolution No. 160-B series of 2022 dated 03 February 2022, all foreign nationals entering the Philippines visa-free must be fully vaccinated with acceptable proof of vaccination, except only for minors below 12 years old traveling with their fully vaccinated foreign parent/s, and must present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin. Upon arrival, they shall no longer be required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival, and shall be required to report to the local government unit of destination upon the manifestation of symptoms, if any. Similarly, fully vaccinated Returning Filipino Nationals are not required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated Foreign Nationals are not allowed entry in the Philippines but unvaccinated or partially vaccinated Returning Filipino Nationals are allowed entry, however, must undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the 5th day of arrival, and subsequently undergo home quarantine until 14th day from date of arrival. For traveling unvaccinated minors, whether Filipino National or Foreign National, their quarantine protocols follow that of their parent/s.

Section 4. Official Travels

Intrazonal and interzonal travel are allowed. Those allowed to travel are no longer required to undergo a medical assessment with USHER upon their return, before reporting back to the office. However, employees traveling from outside of the country must follow the guidelines stipulated in Section 3.

Section 5. Regulation on Business Establishments

Restaurants and eateries within the university premises are allowed to operate provided that minimum public health standard practices such as wearing facemasks, hand washing, and social distancing are strictly observed.

Section 6. Use of Accommodation, Venue, and Recreational Facilities

Accommodation and venue facilities are allowed to operate provided that minimum public health standard practices such as wearing facemasks, hand washing, and social distancing are strictly observed.

Rosal Cottage will serve as the quarantine facility for students infected with COVID-19.

All indoor and outdoor sports/activities inside the campus are allowed provided that minimum public health standards, such as social distancing and rational use of face masks are observed. Crowding or congregation in groups is still strictly prohibited.

Section 7. Large Gatherings and Meetings

Large gatherings involving more than 50 persons such as workshops, conferences, and social gatherings like weddings and parties among others inside the campus are allowed provided that minimum public health standard practices such as wearing facemasks, hand washing, and social distancing are strictly observed. An approval from the Office of the President must be secured.

Section 8. Handling of Symptomatic Employees and Students

Employees with signs and symptoms of COVID-19 must immediately inform their department/unit head and USHER.

All requests for work-from-home due to medical concerns, including high-risk individuals, must be evaluated and recommended by USHER. No employee will be allowed to work from home without a recommendation and evaluation from USHER. Medical Certificates will only be issued to employees who have properly coordinated and were assessed by USHER. Absence due to medical reasons that were not coordinated with USHER is considered unofficial.

As per OP Memo No. 540, in the case of a COVID-19-positive faculty, staff, or student, the confirmed COVID-19 case shall be referred to Baybay City Health Office for treatment. Contact tracing of primary and secondary contacts will ensue. The quarantine and isolation period will follow the guidelines set by IATF as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Updated Quarantine and Isolation Protocols for General Public according to IATF Guidelines on the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response as of June 04, 2022.

		Vaccination Status	General Public
QUARANTINE	Asymptomatic, Close Contact	Full	0 days
		Partial/Unvaccinated	≥ 14 days (from exposure)
ISOLATION	Asymptomatic, Confirmed	Full	≥ 7 days (from + test)
		Partial/Unvaccinated	≥ 10 days (from + test)
	Symptomatic, Suspect/Probable/Confirmed with Mild symptoms	Full	≥ 7 days (from symptom onset)
		Partial/Unvaccinated	≥ 10 days (from symptom onset)
	Symptomatic, Suspect/Probable/Confirmed with Moderate symptoms	Regardless of vaccination status	≥ 10 days (from symptom onset)
	Symptomatic, Suspect/Probable/Confirmed with Severe or Critical symptoms	Regardless of vaccination status	≥ 21 days (from symptom onset)
	Severely Immunocompromised	Regardless of vaccination status	≥ 21 days (from symptom onset and (-) RT-PCR Test)

Section 9. Health Services

Health Services shall continue to operate. Minimum public health standards shall be maintained at all times.

For non-emergency cases, patients are encouraged to set an appointment with USHER for proper triaging and evaluation. The outpatient clinic operates from Monday to Friday (excluding Holidays) with the following schedule:

1. Respiratory and Gastrointestinal Cases
 - Monday AND Thursday: 8:00 am- 11:00 am AND 1:00 pm - 4: 00 pm.
2. Non-Respiratory and Non-Gastrointestinal Cases
 - Tuesday AND Friday: 8:00 am- 11:00 am AND 1:00 pm - 4: 00 pm.
3. Well Baby, AME, Medical Requirements for OJT/Sports/Seminar/Convention, Request for Prescription of Maintenance Medications
 - Wednesday: 8:00 am- 11:00 am AND 1:00 pm - 4: 00 pm.
4. Pre-natal Consultation
 - Fridays: 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM
5. Minor Surgery (Non-emergency/Ambulatory Clinical Surgery)
 - As the need arises
6. Annual Medical Examination for Staff and Students
 - Monday TO Friday: 8:00 am- 11:00 am AND 1:00 pm - 4: 00 pm.

Note: Walk-in patients, especially those with COVID-19 symptoms, will be accommodated even beyond the above schedule, only after all other patients in the outpatient clinic have been attended to.

For appointments: Tel. No.: 565-0600 local 1047; 09430430874; email: usher@vsu.edu.ph and VSU USHER (Official Facebook page).

Section 10. Component Colleges

Component Colleges shall adopt the provisions of this guideline in consonance with the health protocol issued by their respective LGUs.

Section 11. Penalty for Violations

Without prejudice to the prosecution for violation of other laws and regulations, VSU employees and/or students caught violating the provisions of this memorandum circular and the previous memorandum circulars issued by this office shall be held administratively liable. Non-VSU employees/individuals caught violating these provisions will be dealt with accordingly in proper courts.

Section 12. Effectivity

Previous memorandum circulars and other issuances which are inconsistent with this memorandum circular are deemed amended and superseded. This memorandum shall take effect effective immediately unless otherwise revoked.

For the guidance and compliance of everyone.



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