

**Good News**  
**Department of Labor and Employment**  
**Bureau of Working Conditions**  
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**DOLE monitoring pursuant to DOLE-DTI Interim and Supplemental Guidelines yielded 92.24% compliance rate of establishments**

In 2020, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) were able to monitor 71,878 establishments covering 2,847,763 workers where few of this were jointly monitored with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). This monitoring was enforced pursuant to the Interim and Supplemental Guidelines on workplace prevention and control of COVID-19 issued by DOLE and DTI.

As embodied in the Joint Memorandum Circulars issued by the DOLE and DTI, the two agencies undertook to provide technical assistance to establishments by showing them the ropes to compliance with the minimum health standards of the government.

The data extracted from the Joint Monitoring System showed that inspected establishments have an initial compliance rate of 76.25%. After correction and provision of technical assistance, compliance rate increased to 92.24%. This is higher by 2.61% in contrast of the month-end report last October 2020.

Despite the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, DOLE monitoring data presented a significant impression of establishments' compliance with minimum health standards of the government. The compliance rate nationwide increased after the conduct of monitoring which indicates the value of ensuring compliance of establishments in protecting the workers' rights and maintaining safe working conditions.

Compliance with the government's minimum health standards is the most critical requirement for maintaining operations and ensuring business continuity during the pandemic. This shall likewise form the backbone of a successful return to work scheme - a balance between economy and safety and health.

Aside from enforcement, the DOLE, through the Bureau of Working Conditions, is also taking active measures with its awareness campaign on JMC-20-04-A. Relevant to this effort, the BWC has conducted several webinars, developed a dedicated web page for COVID-19 related queries, crafted a Frequently Asked Questions reference material, and posted informational videos on the BWC website and official Facebook page.

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