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**SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES RELATIVE TO THE  
IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES OF THE  
SAFETY SEAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

To encourage more businesses to apply for the Safety Seal program and strengthen health safety protocols in establishments and workplaces, the following Supplemental Guidelines on the Safety Seal Certification Program are hereby issued:

1. The issuing authorities of the Safety Seal for Information Technology and Business Process Management (IT-BPM) establishments and for dental clinics shall be the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and local government units (LGUs), respectively.
2. LGU-mandated digital contact tracing applications or other working digital contact tracing applications shall be considered in lieu of StaySafe.PH while the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) is working on the integration of StaySafe.PH with other digital contact tracing applications.
3. Designated Safety Officers shall be in-charge of the enforcement of minimum public health standards in their respective establishments and workplaces.

Within three months after effectivity of this Supplemental Guidelines, designated Safety Officers who have not undertaken the required training and qualification as provided under DOLE Department Order No. 198 -18 S. 2018 or the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11058 Entitled An Act Strengthening Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof." Designated Safety Officers shall comply with the training requirement. The training program may be availed for free at DOLE or at any DOLE-accredited training organizations.

Subject to compliance with Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, the DTI, DOLE, DILG, and LGU inspection teams shall obtain the names of Safety Officers. This information shall be included in the checklists of inspection teams.

4. Establishments shall promote the proper disposal of facemasks through signages in designated facilities for disposal of used facemasks and infectious waste. The signages shall include the following information:

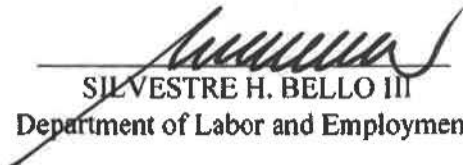
- a. Before removing the used face mask, wash or sanitize hands with soap or alcohol/alcohol-based sanitizer;
  - b. Remove the used facemask by the ear loops; be gentle so as not to disturb liquid and solid contaminants in the mask.
  - c. Cut the used facemasks, including the ear loops;
  - d. If feasible, disinfect the used facemask or gloves by soaking the same for 30 minutes in a diluted bleach solution (1 tablespoon of bleach per 1.5 liters of water) to reduce risk of contamination;
  - e. Dispose the used mask in a yellow bin labeled "hazardous healthcare waste" or "infectious waste;"
  - f. Wash or sanitize hands with soap or alcohol/alcohol-based sanitizer.
5. Proprietors of airconditioned indoor establishments and workplaces are highly encouraged to procure carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) detectors to better monitor adequacy of ventilation therein. The level of the carbon dioxide must be below 1,000 parts per million (ppm) at all times inside their establishments. Once the level exceeds 1,000 ppm, establishments shall implement corrective measures such as reducing the number of persons inside or opening closed doors and windows until CO<sub>2</sub> is lowered to the acceptable threshold.
  6. Effective immediately, establishments granted with a **Safety Seal** are hereby allowed an increase of ten (10) percentage points in operational or venue capacity, subject to compliance with the same Safety Seal requirements, such as physical distancing and air quality.

Be guided accordingly.


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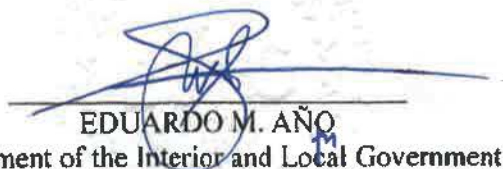
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