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SUBJECT: Daily Submission of Firecracker and Firework Related Injury Cases during the Aksyon Paputok Injury Reduction (APIR) Iwas Paputok from December 21, 2012 to January 5, 2013

In line with the annual advocacy campaign of decreasing the number of firecracker- related injury cases during the Yuletide Season, the Department of Health will be spearheading the **Aksyon Paputok Injury Reduction (A.P.I.R) Iwas Paputok** which promotes the prevention of dangers and related injuries especially among children.

Anent to this, all Centers for Health Development, DOH Hospitals and Medical Centers, government and private hospitals are required to report cases of fireworks/firecracker related injuries and stray bullet incidents on a **daily basis**. To ensure smooth implementation, kindly provide the names of the Designated APIR Coordinators who shall be the focal persons during the surveillance period (see Annex A). Listed below is the schedule of the surveillance activity for guidance:

Period Covered	Particulars	Cut-off Time
21 December 2012 up to 05 January 2013	Fireworks/firecracker related injuries and stray bullet incidents	6:00am – 5:59am (the following day)
21 December 2012 up to 21 January 2013	Fireworks related tetanus cases	None

Furthermore, in preparation to the reporting on APIR Iwas Paputok Surveillance, a simulation exercise shall be conducted on December 12-14, 2012.

All cases shall be reported via http://uhmis1.doh.gov.ph/doh_neiss (Online National Electronic Injury Surveillance System). We are also attaching the list of the participating sentinel hospitals both from the government and private hospitals (see Annex B).

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For strict compliance.

Annex B:

LIST OF SENTINEL HOSPITALS:

1. Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center
2. Baguio General Hospital and MC
3. Batangas Regional Hospital
4. Bicol MC
5. Bicol Reg. Training & Teaching Hospital
6. Cagayan Valley MC
7. Capitol Medical Center
8. Cardinal Santos Medical Center
9. Chinese General Hospital
10. Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Center
11. Cotabato Regional Hospital
12. Southern Philippines Medical Center
13. Davao Regional Hospital
14. Dr. Victor Potenciano Medical Center
15. East Avenue Medical Center
16. Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center
17. Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital
18. Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center
19. Jose B. Lingad Memorial Gen Hospital
20. Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center
21. Las Piñas General Hospital
22. Makati Medical Center
23. Mandaluyong City Medical Center
24. Manila Doctors Hospital
25. Mariano Marcos Memorial Medical Center
26. MCU-FDTMF Hospital
27. Medical Center Parañaque
28. National Children's Hospital
29. Northern Mindanao Medical Center
30. Ospital ng Maynila
31. Ospital ng Tondo
32. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center
33. Philippine General Hospital
34. Philippine Orthopedic Center
35. Philippine Children's Medical Center
36. Quezon City General Hospital
37. Quirino Memorial Medical Center
38. Regional I Medical Center
39. Rizal Medical Center
40. San Juan De Dios Hospital
41. St. Lukes MC
42. Sto. Tomas University Hospital
43. The Medical City
44. Tondo Medical Center
45. University of Perpetual Help Dalta Medical Center
46. Valenzuela Medical Center
47. Veterans Regional Hospital
48. Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center
49. Western Visayas Medical Center
50. Zamboanga City Medical Center