

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BATANGAS CITY**

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY
ON AUGUST 4, 2020 VIA ZOOM APPLICATION**

PRESENT:

Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe Jr.,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Councilor
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	“
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	“
Hon. Karlos Emmanjuel A. Buted,	“
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	“
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	“
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	“
Hon. Julian B. Villena,	“
Hon. Michael Thomas T. Pastor,	“
Hon. Isidra “Ched” M. Atienza,	“
Hon. Maria Aleth A. Lazarte,	“
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	“
Hon. Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha,	ABC-Rep.
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	SK-Fed. Pres

“On motion of Councilor Buted seconded by Councilor Cruz, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 212 S. 2020

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY HEALTH OFFICE (CHO) AND THE
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO) TO CONDUCT AN INFORMATION
DRIVE PARTICULARLY ON THE DIFFERENCE AMONG THE COVID-19
TEST KITS TO AVOID MISINFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, currently, the Department of Health (DOH) offers two ways on how to screen if a person is a carrier of Covid-19. These are the Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR or swab test) and the Rapid Antibody-based Test (immunologic method);

WHEREAS, the DOH prefers using the RT-PCR or swab test rather than the rapid antibody test as it determines the virus before a person shows symptoms. Moreover, another way of testing if a person is a carrier of Covid-19 will possibly be available this August as it is still currently being tested by Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM);

WHEREAS, the new way of testing for the Covid-19, which is called the Rapid Antigen-based Test, will possibly be available in the Philippines this August and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorizes this and they foresee that this will boost the testing capacity;

WHEREAS, the advantages of the rapid antigen-based test, among others, are as follows: 1) It will help the authorities ramp up the testing capacity of the Philippines; 2) According to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), the rapid antigen-based test can yield results in 30 minutes; 3) Compared to rapid antibody-based test, antigen-based test looks for pieces of proteins and detects active infection; 4) It can help identify people who are contagious to others; and 5) It is less expensive than RT-PCR swab test;

Continuation of Resolution No. 212 S. 2020

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WHEREAS, the CHO shall release an information campaign, in less technical terminologies, on the differences of the three test kits to avoid misinformation to the public. This shall enlighten the public on 1) How the tests are performed; 2) What must be taken into consideration before the test (i.e. asymptomatic or symptomatic within the past days); 3) Waiting time on the release of results; 4) Accuracy and credibility of results; 5) Price value of each test;

WHEREAS, this information drive shall materialize to not spreading fake news regarding the pandemic we are facing right now that instills scare and worry to a lot of people, especially regarding the different test kits available;

WHEREAS, the PIO shall release the information material through different social media platforms, possibly Facebook, mainly on Palakat Batangas City page;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS IN SESSION ASSEMBLED TO, request the City Health Office (CHO) and the Public Information Office (PIO) to conduct an information drive particularly on the difference among the Covid-19 test kits to avoid misinformation to the general public.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the City Health Office, City Mayor’s Office, the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat and the Public Information Office for their information, widest dissemination and compliance.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.”

**AUTHORED BY : COUN. KARLOS EMMANJUEL A. BUTED
COUN. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 212 S. 2020 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on August 4, 2020.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:
 
EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.
Presiding Officer