

Republic of the Philippines
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
Cotabato City

First Regular Session

BTA Resolution No. 377

Introduced by:

MP Engr. Baintan-Adil Ampatuan, CSEE and MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

RESOLUTION REQUIRING MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF AT LEAST RAPID ANTIGEN TEST RESULTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, THEIR STAFF, GUESTS AND VISITORS ENTERING THE BTA SESSION HALL DURING PARLIAMENTARY SESSION TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, Section 22, Article IX of the Bangsamoro Organic Law provides that the Bangsamoro Government shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Government shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety of its people;

WHEREAS, as of 25 January 2021, the number of COVID-19 cases in the Philippines has already reached a total of 514,996 and 3,023 of these cases are from BARMM;

WHEREAS, testing is a critical component of the response to COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notes that compared to already approved genetic testing, antigen test is cheaper, easier to use, and can produce a result in minutes;

WHEREAS, according to DOH Memorandum No. 0468, antigen tests that are already authorized by the Philippine FDA and validated by DOH-designated institutions for test kit validation and have met the minimum regulatory, technical and operational specifications set by the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) can be used by the public;

WHEREAS, because of the rapid increase of COVID-19 cases, the BARMM Government must implement the mandatory use of rapid antigen test and require negative antigen test result as a requirement for entry in the session hall;

WHEREAS, the antigen test can quickly detect fragments of proteins found on or within the virus by testing samples collected from the nasal cavity through painless swabs;

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WHEREAS, antigen tests can be useful in the swift implementation of infection prevention and control strategies especially among the members of the Parliament and their staff who meet in person on a regular basis;

WHEREAS, all members of the Parliament and their staff who intend to be physically present during Parliamentary session must undergo mandatory rapid antigen test before the session, and only those who tested negative shall be allowed entry inside the Session Hall;

WHEREAS, guests from other national agencies and offices, and other visitors who have official business at the BTA Session Hall should also submit their Antigen test results taken within 24 hours prior to entering the session hall;

WHEREAS, the BTA Secretariat shall ensure the implementation of this Resolution in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Bangsamoro READi;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament to pass and approve this Resolution on the mandatory requirement for Members of the Parliament, their staff and visitors who have official business with the BTA Parliament to submit antigen test result, within 24 hours prior to the conduct of the Parliamentary Session.

Resolution passed in the City of Cotabato, BARMM, Philippines, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, the foregoing Resolution is true and correct enactment of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Secretary-General

APPROVED BY:

ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG
Speaker