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SUMMARY

This Memorandum shall provide interim guidance on the prevention, detection, and management of hantavirus ANDV by:

- (a) establishing standardized protocols thereof
- (b) implementing biologic and containment protocols for suspected and confirmed cases of hantavirus infection
- (c) supporting community engagement efforts in informing the public, the repatriates, and at-risk populations about disease prevention and control measures.

ACTIONABLE ADVICE:

1. All healthcare workers in healthcare facilities shall refer to this guideline to ensure the appropriate prevention, detection, and management of suspected and confirmed of hantavirus cases.
2. All healthcare provides shall report all identified ANDV cases to the DOH through the Epidemiology Bureau (EB) and/or Epidemiology and Surveillance Units (ESUs), pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 11332* and its revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.
3. All public health laboratories, identified national reference laboratory, and subnational laboratories (SNLs) shall act in accordance with the relevant provisions of Administrative Order (AO) No. 2025-0007*.

* Entitled as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public health concern Act."

** Entitled as the "National Framework of the Philippine Health Laboratory System".

* Agency Name

Department of Health (DOH)

* Issuance Title

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4. All stakeholders shall integrate and prioritize mental health and psychosocial support services for affected persons, health workers, and their families during the course management, in accordance with AO No. 2025-0028*, its amendments, and other related-issuances.
5. All stakeholders shall observe precautionary measures at homes, workplaces, and surrounding areas, including proper storage of food and water, proper disposal of household waste, usage of appropriate protective equipment (PPE), and performance of hand hygiene and proper respiratory etiquette.
6. All healthcare workers and caregivers managing ANDV shall strictly observe infection prevention and control measures, including strict observance of standard contact and droplet precautions at all times and usage of sterilized and/or disposable patient care equipment.

* Entitled as the “National Policy Framework on Community-Based Mental Health”.

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