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DOH PUBLIC ADVISORY ON SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)

To: Undersecretary
Assistant Secretary
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Enclosed is a copy of Department of Health (DOH) Public Advisory on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

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**PUBLIC ADVISORY ON
SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)
17 March 2003**

To be diagnosed to have SARS, you should have the following:

- a) history of travel to Hongkong and China in February and March 2003;
- b) plus history of contact (lived with, worked closely with, cared for a known SARS case);
- c) plus signs and symptoms of SARS, which are: fever (more than 38 degrees Centigrade), body aches, respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty of breathing).

If you **did not** travel to Hong Kong and China in February to March 2003, you do not have to worry.

If you **did travel** to the above places **but had no contact** with a known SARS case, you do not have to worry.

If you had traveled to Hongkong and China in February and March 2003 and had contact with a known case or visited hospitals in the above places **but did not develop respiratory signs and symptoms** like fever, body aches, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty of breathing within TWO WEEKS of your travel or contact, you do not have to worry.

However, if you have a history of travel to Hongkong and China and/or contact with a known SARS case and if you develop the above signs and symptoms within two weeks of your travel, you can go to the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila or Research Institute for Tropical Medicine in Alabang, or call the Department of Health Hotline in Manila at **741-7048** or **743-1937** or go to DOH regional hospitals. You can also text your questions/queries at **0916-466-5823** or email DOH at <http://www.doh.gov.ph/nec/SARS>.