IMPACT OF PANDEMIC IN OFFICE OPERATIONS

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The world was suddenly put to halt when the Corona virus suddenly shocked humanity with its appearance and fast transmission. Everyone was affected. All operations stopped. The economy going down without a hint of when it is going up again and become stable. With all this chaos, office operations at all walks of industry was deeply affected. Work from home schemes were implemented and some other offices were tasked to come up with work arrangements most suitable to their line of industry.

With the government offices, the quarantine has put a temporary hold on some transactions especially those that involves clients from the outside. As for government offices that would operate within its jurisdiction, work continued. In the Department of Education, teachers and school heads continued to do online jobs such as enrollment, webinars, making various reports, among others. The division office continued its skeletal workforce to support schools in its operation thru online preparation and accomplishment of tasks.

The new normal has indeed made a huge difference on how we do our work now. Mostly done online, some tasks would require face to face transactions. The need for continuous protection of the employees is of utmost concern and importance. As such, strictly following protocols mandated by the Inter-Agency Task Force to prevent spread of infection and to continue protecting the personnel was always a part of reminders, memos, and guidelines provided by the agency.

How long will this work arrangement lasts? No one surely knows. However, one thing sure is that as the world face the “new normal”, administrative staff would, by all
means, adapt the new kind of working situation employees are practicing now. Is safety and protection assured? Again, no one can tell but with stringent and cautious observation of safety protocols, the health risks involved in the new work arrangement can be managed if not totally eradicated.

Finally, acceptance of what is now considered normal is a work habit that every employee, both from the government and private sector, should always bear in mind and practice. For their own sake and for the sake of their co-workers. Hopefully, in spite of continuing work in the midst of the crisis, all employees shall find that their health is still intact at every end of the day.

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