



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 125-2020

TO : ALL JUDGES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS
NATIONWIDE

RE : SUSPENSION OF THE COMMITMENT ORDERS FOR THE
TRANSFER OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY (PDLs)
FROM THE JAIL FACILITIES OF THE BUREAU OF
CORRECTIONS

Considering the letter of Usec. Gerald Q. Bantag, Director General, Bureau of Corrections, Department of Justice, dated 22 July 2020, "respectfully request(ing) to temporarily suspend as well the issuance of Commitment Order to the Director General of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) for the transfer of convicted PDL (Person Deprived of Liberty) from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) to the BuCor, from this date up to August 31, 2020," "to prevent the further contamination of Covid-19 among PDL and to minimize the movement of PDL from BJMP to the Bureau of Corrections," and consistent with OCA Circular No. 121-2020 which temporarily suspended the issuance of commitment orders to the BJMP jail units until 31 August 2020, the issuance by the courts of commitment orders from the BJMP jail units to the BuCor is **HEREBY SUSPENDED**, effective today until 31 August 2020. All convicted PDLs who should have otherwise been committed to the BuCor shall in the meantime remain and be committed in the BJMP jail units.

For the guidance and compliance of all concerned.

29 July 2020


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator