



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 43 - 2021

TO: ALL JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION AND IN THE PROVINCES OF BULACAN, CAVITE, LAGUNA, AND RIZAL

RE: COURT OPERATIONS FROM 23 - 31 MARCH 2021

Consistent with Inter-Agency Task Force Resolution No. 104 series of 2021,¹ all first and second level courts and offices in the National Capital Judicial Region and in the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal shall maintain a skeleton force of thirty percent (30%) to fifty percent (50%) in-court, at the sound discretion of the Presiding Judge and the Clerk of Court of the Office of the Clerk of Court, from 23 March until 31 March 2021 (half-day). Those who will not be in-court shall work from home and be subject to the submission of accomplishment reports.


During this period, the presiding judges of said courts are highly encouraged to conduct videoconferencing hearings as an alternative mode to in-court proceedings, pursuant to the Guidelines on the Conduct of Videoconferencing (A.M. No. 20-12-01-SC), provided that if fully-remote videoconferencing hearings are conducted, the presiding judge after such hearings shall proceed to the court, should there be urgent matters that require his or her personal presence.

All judges, court personnel, and court users are reminded to continue to strictly observe safety protocols.

OCA Circular No. 40-2021, insofar as it is inconsistent herewith, is hereby set aside.

For strict compliance.

22 March 2021


JOSE MIDAS P. MARQUEZ
Court Administrator

¹ Dated 20 March 2021.