



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

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 146-2021

**TO : ALL JUDGES, CONCERNED COURT PERSONNEL,
AND COURT USERS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND
LEVEL COURTS**

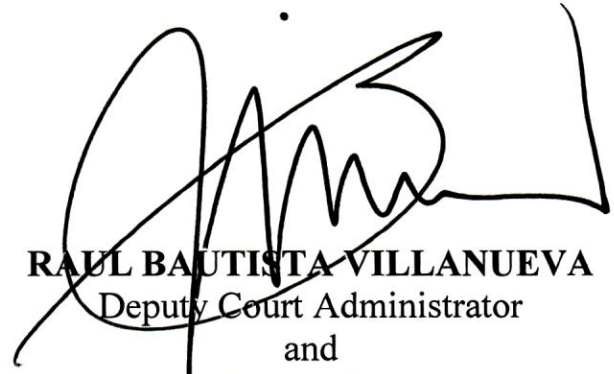
**SUBJECT : COURT OPERATIONS BEGINNING 1 DECEMBER
2021**

Upon consultation with Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo, beginning 1 December 2021 and until further notice, the operations of the courts and judicial offices shall continue as provided for in OCA Circular No. 134-2021 dated 5 November 2021, subject to the following modifications:

AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 3 (OR UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE/MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE)	AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVELS 1 & 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maintain a skeleton workforce of at least fifty percent (50%) to at most seventy-five percent (75%) from Monday to Friday▪ For Saturday Duty, maintain a skeleton workforce of at least thirty percent (30%) to at most fifty percent (50%)▪ For judges without court space or facilities of their own, but already have their own personnel, maintain a skeleton workforce of at least thirty percent (30%) to at most fifty percent (50%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maintain a skeleton workforce of at least seventy-five percent (75%) to at most one hundred percent (100%) from Monday to Friday▪ For Saturday Duty, maintain a skeleton workforce of at least fifty percent (50%) to at most seventy-five percent (75%)▪ For judges without court space or facilities of their own, but already have their own personnel, maintain a skeleton workforce of at least fifty percent (50%) to at most seventy-five percent (75%)▪ Judges may continue to conduct Video Conferencing Hearings in their courtroom pursuant to Section II (B) (1) of A.M. No. 20-12-01-SC dated 09 December 2020 (<i>Guidelines on the Conduct of Videoconferencing</i>)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Night courts are not yet allowed in all Alert Level Classifications and Community Quarantine Classifications.	

All protocols under Alert Levels 4 & 5, Granular Lockdown, Enhanced Community Quarantine or Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine, with or without heightened restrictions, stated in OCA Circular No. 134-2021, as well as those under the abovementioned alert levels or community quarantine classifications, not inconsistent herewith, shall remain in full force and effect.

29 November 2021



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Officer-in-Charge
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*(Per Memorandum Order No. 108-2021 dated
17 November 2021)*