



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

**OCA CIRCULAR NO. 289-2023**

**TO : ALL JUDGES, CLERKS OF COURT, AND ACTING CLERKS OF COURT/ OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS**

**SUBJECT : TRANSFER OF DENG VAXIA CASES TO THE FAMILY COURT IN QUEZON CITY, PURSUANT TO THE RESOLUTIONS DATED 27 AUGUST 2020 AND 12 APRIL 2023 IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER NO. 20-06-20 MTCC**

All first and second level courts are hereby reminded of the following *Resolutions* issued by the Honorable Court concerning the transfer of venue of cases involving the *Dengvaxia* vaccine, the jurisdiction of the Family Court therein and the treatment of other *Dengvaxia* cases.

In the *Resolution* dated 27 August 2020 in Administrative Matter No. 20-06-20-MTCC (*Re: Transfer of Venue of Criminal Case Nos. 11184, 266842, 266843, 49287, MeTC-M-58836-CR, MeTC-M-58837-CR, 19-03158 and 19-30667 pending before different First Level Courts of Bataan, Caloocan, Laguna, Muntinlupa and Quezon City, to a Family Court in Quezon City*), the Honorable Court resolved to:

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(2) to **PARTIALLY GRANT** the urgent petition to transfer venue in one Regional Trial Court dated April 4, 2019 filed by the Public Attorney’s Office requesting the transfer of venue, consolidation, and assignment to a Family Court in Quezon City of the following cases: Criminal Case No. 11184 (Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Balanga City, Bataan); Criminal Case Nos. 266842 and 266843 (Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 83, Caloocan City); Criminal Case No. 49287 (Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 2, San Pedro City, Laguna); Criminal Case No. MeTC-M-58836-CR (Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 114, Muntinlupa City); Criminal Case No. MeTC-M-58837-CR (Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 112, Muntinlupa City); Criminal Case No. 19-03158 (Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 40, Quezon City); and Criminal Case No. 19-30667 (Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Imus City, Cavite);

(3) **DENY** the request for consolidation of the above-mentioned cases;

(4) to **GRANT** the request for the transfer of venue of the cases to a Family Court in Quezon City;

(5) to **DIRECT** the Branch Clerks of Court of: (a) Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 2, San Pedro City, Laguna; (b) Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 112, Muntinlupa City; (c) Metropolitan Trial Court, Branch 40, Quezon City; and (d) Municipal Trial Court in Cities, Branch 1, Imus City, Cavite, to forward the records of Criminal Cases Nos. 49287, MeTC-M-58837-CR, 19-30667, respectively, to the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, within three (3) days from notice thereof;

(6) to **DIRECT** the Branch Clerks of Court of: (a) Regional Trial Court, Branch 93, Balanga City, Bataan; (b) Regional Trial Court, Branch 126, Caloocan City; and (c) Regional Trial Court, Branch 256, Muntinlupa City, to forward the records of Civil Case No. 11058, SP-CA No. 1525-SCA and Civil Case No. 19-220, respectively, to the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, within three (3) days from notice hereof; and

(7) to **DIRECT** the Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City to cause the raffle of the above-mentioned cases to a single branch of the Family Court for further proceedings, within three (3) days from receipt of the case records.

Subsequently, the Honorable Court issued the *Resolution* dated 12 April 2023 in the same Administrative Matter No. 20-06-20-MTCC, emphasizing the jurisdiction of the Family Court for *Dengvaxia* cases and the necessity of the transfer of such cases when the parties have been assisted by the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), to wit:

“xxx that the issue on jurisdiction presented by the pending petitions for certiorari is deemed moot and academic as the Resolution dated August 27, 2020 settled the issue on jurisdiction; that R.A. No. 8369 is clear that it is the Family Court and not the regular court which has jurisdiction over the subject cases; that all cases involving *Dengvaxia* vaccine wherein the parties were assisted by the PAO shall be transferred to the Family Court in Quezon City, where the cases have been raffled, and this includes the other PAO assisted pending cases for reckless imprudence resulting in homicide which will be dismissed by the first level courts for lack of jurisdiction to avoid conflicting rulings/decisions on the cases and for the orderly administration of justice, the Court resolves to:

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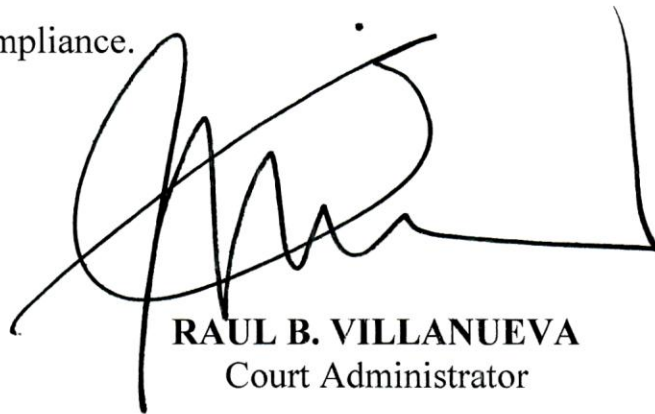
4. **TRANSFER** to the Family Court in Quezon City, where the subject cases have been raffled, the other *Dengvaxia* cases not enumerated in the Resolution dated August 27, 2020 wherein the parties are assisted by the PAO.”

Incidentally, taking into account the letter dated 30 June 2023 of the Public Attorney's Office, and so as not to further delay the proceedings of the

*Dengvaxia* cases, the transfer being directed in the Honorable Court's *Resolution* dated 12 April 2023 should be complied with by the concerned courts without further delay. And if so warranted, the filing of any subsequent information of all other *Dengvaxia* cases, wherein the parties have been assisted by the Public Attorney's Office, may be guided by the directions in the *Resolutions* herein mentioned.

For guidance and compliance.

17 August 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raul B. Villanueva', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R' and 'V'.

**RAUL B. VILLANUEVA**  
Court Administrator