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**Legal Education Board Memorandum Circular
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SUBJECT: UPDATED GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LEGAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (LEIs) CONDUCTING FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

A new and exciting academic year enters, but unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has not exited our world completely. The probability of outbreaks, even in school settings, may, thus, be anticipated.

While the herein guidelines are for face to face classes, fact is, whether face to face or online, both are learning environments, and pose their own advantages and disadvantages. Suffice it to say, the task of the LEIs would be to innovate ways of addressing these challenges so that the passions of the old law students are re-ignited, the curiosities of the new roused, and ultimately, the academic year, saved.

Having said that, the following guidelines are purely recommendatory. In the exercise of their academic freedom, all Legal Education Institutions are advised, if not expected, to implement their own reasonable strategies to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus in their premises, while continuing to observe the minimum health protocols set nationally as well as those imposed by their respective LGUs.

Section 1. Scope and Coverage. All Legal Education Institutions (LEIs), public or private, including their campuses, branches and extension classes, placed under Alert Levels 1, 2 or 3, may conduct face-to-face classes for their respective law programs following minimum public health standards.

Section 2. Flexible Learning Allowed. Adopting face-to-face classes is not mandatory for LEIs. They may choose not to conduct face-to-face classes and continue instead with virtual classes or embark on a combination of both. It must be noted that virtual classes have aided in the continuity of law school studies at the beginning and height of the pandemic.

Other sensible flexible learning methodologies are also accepted and encouraged.

Section 3. Safe Return to Schools. Recognizing the equally valuable principles of right to health and a healthful learning environment, as well as an individual's religious, moral and other subjective views on vaccines and bodily autonomy, LEIs shall implement an equitable policy to be observed by and imposed upon their students, faculty and staff in the conduct of in-person activities.



1. The health of any individual who is immunocompromised, living with one or more comorbidities or is vulnerable due to advanced age, shall be considered;
2. Any individual with objections to vaccination based on moral or religious beliefs shall not be discriminated against; and
3. The use of legal waivers to hold an LEI free from legal and all other liabilities in case of Covid-19 outbreaks in its campus shall be implemented by the LEI judiciously and based on its wise discretion.

Section 4. Encouraging vaccination. While a few vaccine refusals are based on religious or moral views, for most of them, the refusals are the result of misinformation about vaccines and vaccine safety. To address this, each LEI may consider its own approach for updating its students (and even professors and other employees) on the latest local and global development on vaccines along with continuous information on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. Other related issuances not consistent with the provisions of this Memorandum Circular are hereby revised, modified or rescinded accordingly. Furthermore, nothing in this Memorandum Circular shall be construed as a limitation or modification of existing and pertinent laws, rules and regulations. Finally, the provisions of the Guidelines for the Conduct of Remote Classes under the LEB Memorandum Circular No. 67 shall be applicable in a suppletory manner when not inconsistent with this LEBMC.

Section 6. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Memorandum Circular or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the valid ones, shall remain in force and full effect.

Section 7. Effectivity. This LEB Memorandum Circular shall take effect upon dissemination to all LEIs.

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