



**Supreme Court of the Philippines**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**March 25, 2021**

**Physical Closure of NCJR Courts, Nearby Provinces  
on March 25-26, 2021**

In view of the rising cases of COVID-19 in the National Capital Region and the nearby provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal (“Nearby Provinces”), Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta orders the physical closure of all courts and court offices in the NCJR (Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and trial courts) and in the nearby provinces beginning at 2 P.M. today, March 25, 2021, until tomorrow, March 26, 2021.

However, during this period, the courts and court offices must remain open and accessible to the public and court users through their respective hotlines and email addresses as published in the Supreme Court website, <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/hotlines/>, to act on matters and concerns.

All hearings in the NCJR Courts and Nearby Provinces are suspended during this period, except on urgent matters, such as but not limited to petitions, motions and pleadings in relation to bail and *habeas corpus*, promulgation of judgments of acquittals, reliefs for those who may be arrested and detained during this period, and other related actions that may be filed in relation to measures imposed at the local or national levels to address the declared health emergency. ###