



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 111

Series of 2021

April 22, 2021

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2(b) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the entry of suspected or confirmed patients with emerging infectious diseases into the country;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance has detected B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, and P.3 variants of the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives;

WHEREAS, as of April 21, 2021, there are a total of One Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Eight (107,988) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following:

- A. Upon the recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group for Data Analytics and the Office of the Cabinet Secretariat, the National Task Force Against COVID-19 is directed to do the following:
 1. The Task Group Treat, through the One COVID Referral System, to utilize the Feasibility Analysis of Syndromic Surveillance Using



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Spatio-Temporal Epidemiological Modeler For Early Detection of Diseases (FASSSTER) projections on target beds and human resources for health (HRH) to identify health capacity needs required to lower health care and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) utilization rates;

2. Review and implementation of recommended strategies on Prevent - Detect - Isolate - Treat - Reintegrate for the reduction of health utilization rates and augmentation of HRH needs;
 3. TG Treat with the One COVID Referral System, the DOH Health Facility Development Bureau, and concerned agencies to identify target additional beds on a weekly basis that will substantially reduce health care and ICU utilization rates, determine and list specific health facilities and infrastructure which shall contribute these additional beds, and operationalize how these beds shall become functional and adequate HRH and equipment provided; and
 4. Enhancing the enforcement of COVID-19 strategies at the barangay level by engaging the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority for the development of training and instructional materials of available COVID-19 response frameworks such as the Operation *Listo*, Dharavi Model, and Local Government Unit Coordinated Operation to Defeat Epidemics (C.O.D.E.), and to cascade such materials through the Department of the Interior and Local Government and regional counterparts of the National Task Force, to the barangays, puroks, sitios, and zone levels for immediate and intensified implementation through Barangay Empowerment.
- B. The request of the Philippine National Police (PNP), through their Air Unit, to conduct an Initial Type Rating Training for Pilots is hereby approved. Provided that training must be conducted in a non-quarantine hotel. For this purpose:
1. The training provider may transfer the training to a hotel that has been granted a Certificate of Authority to Operate for Staycation (CAOS) by the Department of Tourism (DOT); or
 2. The intended training site may convert from a Quarantine Hotel to a Staycation Hotel by applying for a CAOS with DOT.
- C. The Debit-Credit Payment Method (DPCM) of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation used to facilitate the settlement of accounts payable to healthcare facilities (HCFs) during the State of Public Health Emergency due to the COVID-19



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Pandemic as provided for under PhilHealth Circular No. 2021-0004 shall hereinafter be made applicable in high and critical risk areas as determined by the Two Week Growth Rate (TWGR), Average Daily Attack Rate (ADAR), and Health Care Utilization Rate (HCUR), and be prioritized in the COVID-19 vaccine allocation, human health resource deployment, and such other relevant COVID-19 response, as applicable.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 111th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this April 22, 2021, via video conference.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson



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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the interim OIC-Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. 111 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 22nd day of April 2021, Manila.

ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE

OIC-Head of the Secretariat, IATF

Assistant Secretary of Health