



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

RESOLUTION NO. 118-A

Series of 2021

May 31, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, to prevent the sharp rise of COVID-19 cases in the country, the President placed the entirety of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining the risk-based classification of areas in the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to develop the LGU Epidemic Response Framework and to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine in High-Risk Geographic Areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine in the Rest of The Country from 01 To 15 May 2020, Adopting The Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof, And For Other Purposes;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the IATF released an updated risk classification in all Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities in the country, placing localities under different classifications of community quarantine with the goal of balancing economic activity and public health;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 declared under Proclamation No. 929 (s.2020);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, upon the recommendations of the Screening and Validations Committee, the IATF endorses to the Office of the President for approval the following final risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) effective 01 June 2021:

- A. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until 30 June 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:



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1. For Luzon:

- a. Region I - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union*, Pangasinan, Dagupan City;
- b. Region II - Batanes,
- c. Region III - Aurora, Bataan*, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga*, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo City;
- d. Lucena City*;
- e. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro*, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, and Palawan*; and
- f. Region V - Albay*, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur*, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Naga City*.

2. For the Visayas:

- a. Region VI - Aklan, Antique, Capiz*, Guimaras*, Negros Occidental, Iloilo*, and Bacolod City*;
- b. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental*, Siquijor, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City; and
- c. Region VIII - Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar*, and Ormoc City*.

3. For Mindanao:

- a. Region X - Bukidnon*, Camiguin*, Lanao del Norte*, Misamis Occidental*, and Misamis Oriental*;
- b. Region XI - Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental*;
- c. Region XII - North Cotabato, South Cotabato*, Sarangani*, Sultan Kudarat*, General Santos City*;
- d. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte, Dinagat Islands*, Surigao del Norte*, Surigao del Sur*; and
- e. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Maguindanao*, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

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- B. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 30 June 2021, without prejudice to their



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reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

1. For Luzon:

- a. Cordillera Administrative Region - Abra, Baguio City, Kalinga, Mt. Province;
- b. Region II: Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, and Quirino; and
- c. Region IV-A: Batangas and Quezon;

2. For Mindanao:

- a. Iligan City;
- b. Davao City*; and
- c. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM): Lanao del Sur* and Cotabato City

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C. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 15 June 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

1. For Luzon:

- a. Region II: City of Santiago and Cagayan;
- b. Cordillera Administrative Region: Apayao, Benguet, and Ifugao; and
- c. Puerto Princesa City.

2. Iloilo City*;

3. For Mindanao:

- a. Region IX: Zamboanga City, Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte;
- b. Cagayan de Oro City; and
- c. Region XIII (Caraga): Butuan City, and Agusan del Sur

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D. The National Capital Region, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal (NCR Plus) shall remain under General Community Quarantine with the observance and implementation of the following restrictions until 15 June 2021, during which the following rules shall apply:

1. Food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries may operate with their indoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of thirty percent (30%), and with their *al fresco* or outdoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of fifty percent (50%).
2. Personal care services, such as beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas, may operate up to forty percent (40%) venue or seating capacity. For this purpose, these establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers.
3. Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) events in eligible venue establishments shall be allowed to resume up to thirty percent (30%) of venue capacity, while social events in the same establishments shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity.

The Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Tourism shall issue interim guidelines for MICE and social events in eligible venue establishments;

4. Outdoor tourist attractions shall remain allowed at thirty percent (30%) with strict adherence to minimum public health standards;
5. Under the Safety Seal Certification Program, business establishments awarded Safety Seal Certifications shall be allowed to operate at an additional 10 percentage points beyond the prescribed on-site capacity or venue/seating capacity, whichever is applicable;
6. Indoor sports courts and venues and indoor tourist attractions shall remain to be not allowed to operate;



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7. Specialized markets of the Department of Tourism (DOT) such as *Staycations* without age restrictions shall remain to be allowed subject to the protocols and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT;
8. Point-to-Point travel from NCR Plus to areas under Modified General Community Quarantine shall be allowed without age restrictions subject to an RT-PCR test-before-travel requirement for those below eighteen years old (18) and above sixty-five (65), and other protocols and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT and the Local Government Unit of destination.
9. Religious gatherings shall remain to be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity, provided that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, further, that the LGUs may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed, provided that the same shall be limited to immediate family members, upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the deceased and with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity; and

10. Other provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, not affected by the foregoing shall continue to be in effect in the NCR Plus including those on interzonal travel into and out of the NCR Plus and the operation of public transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted;

E. All areas shall continue to implement the following measures:



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1. Improved implementation of engineering and administrative controls, especially ventilation standards and actions against crowding and gatherings;
2. Health promotion and strict enforcement of minimum public health standards, especially their uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, workplaces, and at home, among others;
3. The implementation of localized community quarantine and the ramping up of the availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including in private and public establishments, with the concurrence of the RIATF;
4. Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases, and the isolation of persons exhibiting symptoms and individuals awaiting their test results;
5. Improved distribution of personal protective equipment and waste management;
6. Continuous health education on COVID-19 transmissions;
7. Scaling up of local health systems capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, and Intensive Care Units, isolation, and ward beds for COVID-19 cases; and
8. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and the DOH DataCollect.

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 118th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 31st of May 2021 *via* video conference.


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



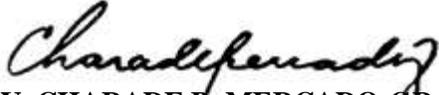
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently the 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, series of 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 the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **31 May 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **118-A** 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 **31st** day of May 2021, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Head of the Secretariat, IATF
Assistant Secretary of Health