



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 127-A**

Series of 2021

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**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 its Screening and Validation Committee, the IATF approves the following final risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) effective 16 July 2021:

- A. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall hereinafter be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until 31 July 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. Cordillera Administrative Region - Ifugao, Kalinga, Abra, Benguet, Mt. Province;
- b. Region I - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Dagupan City;
- c. Batanes,
- d. Region III - Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo 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.

2. For the Visayas:

- a. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu, Siquijor, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City; and
- b. Region VIII - Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar\*, and Ormoc City\*.

3. For Mindanao:

- a. Region X - Bukidnon\*, Camiguin\*, Iligan City, Lanao del Norte\*, Misamis Occidental\*, and Misamis Oriental\*;
- b. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Maguindanao\*, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

*\*Areas requiring special attention by the Local Government Units and Regional IATF/RTF*

B. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall hereinafter be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 31 July 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. The National Capital Region;
- b. Cordillera Administrative Region: Baguio City and Apayao;



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- c. Region II: Santiago City, Quirino, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya;
- d. Bulacan
- e. Region IV-A: Cavite, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon; and
- f. Puerto Princesa.

2. For Visayas:

- a. Region VI: Guimaras, Negros Occidental;

3. For Mindanao:

- a. Region IX: Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte;
- b. Davao Oriental
- c. Region XII: Gen. Santos City, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, North Cotabato, and South Cotabato;
- d. Region XIII (CARAGA): Agusan Del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao Del Norte, Surigao del Sur, and Dinagat Islands; and
- e. Cotabato City

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- C. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall hereinafter be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 31 July 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

1. For Luzon - Bataan;

2. For Mindanao:

- b. Cagayan de Oro City
- c. Region XI: Davao Occidental, Davao De Oro, Davao Del Sur, Davao Del Norte; and
- d. Butuan City.

- D. Iloilo and Iloilo City shall hereinafter be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) until 22 July 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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E. Cagayan, Laguna, Lucena City, Naga City, Negros Oriental, Davao City, and Zamboanga del Sur shall hereinafter be classified under General Community Quarantine until 31 July 2021.

Aklan, Antique, Bacolod City, and Cupiz shall hereinafter be classified under General Community Quarantine until 22 July 2021.

The aforementioned provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be under GCQ with the observance and implementation of the following heightened restrictions 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 twenty percent (20%), 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 thirty percent (30%) of 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 not be allowed to operate;
4. Outdoor tourist attractions, as may be defined by the DOT, shall remain to be allowed at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity 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;





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6. Indoor sports courts and venues and indoor tourist attractions shall not be allowed to operate;

7. Specialized markets of the DOT such as *Staycations* without age restrictions shall remain to be allowed at such capacities, protocols, and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT;

8. Interzonal travel shall be allowed subject to restrictions of the local government unit of destination. Point-to-Point travel to areas under General Community Quarantine and 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 be allowed up to ten percent (10%) 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 LGU may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%). 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 including those on interzonal travel into and out of the aforementioned areas and the operation of public transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted.

F. 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 National Task Force Chairperson and the Secretary of Labor and Employment shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

**APPROVED** during the 127th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this July 15, 2021, via video conference.

  
**DELFIN N. LORENZANA**  
Secretary, Department of National Defense  
NTF Chairperson



  
**SILVESTRE H. BELLO III**  
Secretary, Department of Labor and  
Employment



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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 15 July 2021 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 127-A was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana and Secretary Silvestre H. Bello III 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 15th day of July 2021, Manila.

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