



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 85**

Series of 2020

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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)

**WHEREAS**, as of November 26, 2020, there are a total of Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine (28,789) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

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

- A. The decisions of the IATF Technical Working Group are ratified, the specifics of which are as follows:
  1. Starting December 7, 2020, the following may be allowed entry privileges to the Philippines under Republic Act No. 6768 or the “Act Instituting the BalikBayan Program”:
    - a) Filipino citizens’ foreign spouses and children, regardless of age, who are



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- traveling with them;
- b) Former Filipino citizens, including their spouses and children, regardless of age, who are traveling with them.

The entry of these persons shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a) they are allowed visa-free entry under Executive Order No. 408, s. 1960;
- b) with pre-booked quarantine facility;
- c) with pre-booked COVID-19 testing at a laboratory operating at the airport; and
- d) subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry.

The foregoing is without prejudice to immigration laws, rules and regulations such that the Commissioner of Immigration shall have the exclusive prerogative to decide on waiver or recall of exclusion orders for the above foreign nationals, including other foreign nationals who have entered the Philippines by virtue of Inter-Agency Task Force resolutions;

The Bureau of Immigration is directed to formulate the necessary guidelines to ensure smooth implementation. The Department of Tourism is directed to issue the necessary guidelines for the provision of sufficient accommodation for the foregoing persons taking into account the release of COVID-19 test results.

2. The operational capacity of commissioned shuttle services for employees of permitted offices or establishments shall be allowed to be increased and may adopt a “one-seat apart” arrangement or a full seating capacity provided that necessary dividers, together with other health and safety measures are in place. The Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Trade and Industry are directed to issue the appropriate supplemental advisories for the enforcement and monitoring of the health and safety protocols in private shuttles as an extension of the workplace. Private establishments are enjoined to commission their own shuttle services for the benefit of their employees.
- B. The recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group on Information and Communications Technology Solutions are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:





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1. Data collected through digital contact tracing applications shall conform with specified minimum data requirements as stated in DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0436, dated 01 October 2020, and all other relevant issuances by the DOH.
2. StaySafe.ph shall be the government's digital contact tracing application of choice and shall be made mandatory for adoption and use in all national government agencies and instrumentalities, and Local Government Units (LGUs), and promoted for use in all other private establishments, facilities/offices. For those with existing contact tracing applications are enjoined to integrate their system with the StaySafe.ph system.
3. All data collected through digital contact tracing applications used by DOH-accredited COVID-19 health facilities, Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities (TTMFs), hospitals, establishments, workplaces, transportation vehicles/hubs, and LGUs shall be submitted to a centralized contact tracing data repository for integration and linkage with appropriate laboratory results.
4. The centralized contact tracing data repository shall be linked to either COVID-Kaya or the COVID-19 Document Repository System (CDRS), with all data to be submitted to FASSSTER for analytics and visualization.
5. The IATF Sub Technical Working Group on ICT Solutions is directed to formulate guidelines for the integration of digital contact tracing applications with the end view of seamless linking and sharing of essential, necessary, and accurate laboratory data, case data, and statistical results.
6. The IATF Sub Technical Working Group on ICT Solutions may also deploy and utilize an Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) to off-load resources from our critical COVID-19 ICT systems that may cause delays in statistical reporting, as necessary.
7. The Data Resiliency for Ease of Access and Management (DREAM) Team is hereby created, which shall be composed of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) as chair, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Philippine National Police Directorate for Information and Communication Technology Management (PNP DICTM), Armed Forces of the Philippines Information Systems Management Division (AFP ISMD), and other such agencies as the chair may deem appropriate, to



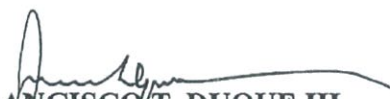
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deploy, build capacity, and monitor the use of ICT solutions that are part of the official COVID-19 ICT ecosystem.

8. The design, development, deployment, monitoring and evaluation of the Philippine COVID-19 Vaccine Information Management System shall be the responsibility of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) as chair, Department of Health (DOH), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Philippine National Police Directorate for Information and Communication Technology Management (PNP DICTM), Armed Forces of the Philippines Information Systems Management Division (AFP ISMD), and other such agencies as the chair may deem appropriate.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, 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 85th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 26th of November 2020 *via* video conference.

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

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



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently the Head Executive Assistant 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 **26 November 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **85** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles and Secretary Ramon M. Lopez upon 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 **26th** day of November 2020, Manila.

**FATIMA P. ILAPERAL**

*OIC-Head of the Secretariat, IATF*

Head Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary of Health