



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

RESOLUTION NO. 64

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 3, 2020, the IATF finalized the parameters for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors;

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 August 3, 2020, the Office of the President issued a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary placing Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine over the National Capital Region, and the provinces of Laguna, Cavite, Rizal, and Bulacan until August 18, 2020.

WHEREAS, as of August 16, 2020, there are total of Forty-Six Thousand Two (46,002) 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 consideration of the recommendations of the IATF Sub Technical Working Group on Data Analytics, beginning 19 August 2020, the community quarantine classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent



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Component Cities (ICCs) based on epidemic risk level, economic, social, and security considerations, and the appeals and commitment of local government units (LGUs) shall be adopted:

1. The National Capital Region, and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal shall be placed under General Community Quarantine until 31 August 2020.
2. All provinces, HUCs, and ICCs are directed to observe the strict enforcement of the following measures:
 - a. Implementation of localized community quarantine in identified component cities, municipalities, and barangays with community transmission, with concurrence of the RIATF;
 - b. Minimum public health standards, especially the uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, workplaces, public transportation, and areas with increased economic activity, among others;
 - c. Active surveillance and case finding:
 - i. Finding Active Cases Teams (FACTs) shall visit homes of non-case, non-contacts within the critical and containment zone of the priority area to investigate if possibly a suspect case or contact of a known suspect, probable or confirmed case resides in the area;
 - ii. Contact Tracing Teams (CTTs) shall coordinate or visit homes and workplaces to complete and verify profiles of suspect, probable, confirmed cases and their contacts;
 - iii. The FACT and CTT shall identify eligible patients for RT-PCR testing and endorse them accordingly to the swabbing team for collection of specimens to identify swabbing areas in the community;
 - iv. Identified patients for referral to hospitals will be coursed through the One Hospital Command Center in NCR or through the existing referral network in other areas;
 - d. Immediate facility-based quarantine of all suspect and probable cases, and all returning citizens and foreign nationals, even prior to the referral of the FACTs and CTTs for RT-PCR testing;
 - e. Immediate facility-based isolation of identified symptomatic close contacts within three days from time of onset of symptoms, even prior to the referral of the FACTs and CTTs for RT-PCR testing;

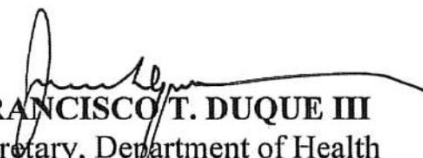



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- f. Ensuring availability and/or scaling up of isolation/quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas, even down to the level of the barangay, and including in private and public establishments and workplaces;
 - g. Scaling up of local health system capacity, especially critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, ICU, isolation, and ward beds for COVID-19 cases in local government hospitals and health facilities; and
 - h. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and DOH DataCollect.
- B. The IATF enjoins agencies and entities of the Philippine Government to adopt, utilize and promote the Philippine Humanitarian Assistance Registry as the primary government website for information, inquiries and procedures on all local and foreign humanitarian assistance to the Philippine Government, including in-kind and financial donations, and deployment of humanitarian workers; and
- C. Considering the continuing State of Public Health Emergency, the overseas deployment of the medical and allied health workers is hereby temporarily suspended pursuant to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration Governing Board Resolution No. 09, series of 2020. For this purpose, the DOH and all hospitals and healthcare facilities of local government units and entities are enjoined to hire these medical and allied health workers to supplement their current workforce.

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

APPROVED during the 64th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 17th of August 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 an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the designated 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 **17 August 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **64** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles 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 **17th** day of August 2020, Manila.


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