



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-A**

Series of 2021

April 10, 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 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 10, 2021, there are a total of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five (190,245) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF recommends to the Office of the President for his approval, the following:

- A. Beginning April 12, 2021, the National Capital Region, and the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 30, 2021. During this period, the following shall be implemented:
  1. Increase dedicated COVID-19 beds in isolation, quarantine, and health facilities through the joint effort of the Department of Education, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, the Department of Public Works and Highways, and the Department of Health:



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- a. Ensuring that there are adequate number of COVID-19 dedicated beds, complementary health human resources, and well-coordinated triage and referral systems in place at the LGUs, isolation and quarantine facilities, and health facilities;
  - b. Decongesting hospitals through the partnership of hospitals with temporary treatment and monitoring facilities/step-down facilities for mild/moderate care or home care, provided there is proof of capacity to do adequate quarantine/isolation;
  - c. Enjoining LGUs to set-up their respective local telehealth triaging systems equipped with sufficient medical personnel available to provide immediate medical and patient referral advice; and
  - d. Ensuring the continued responsive and timely payment of reimbursement claims for COVID-19 by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.
2. LGUs are further enjoined to prioritize the generation of the demand for vaccination to those with highest risk for severe disease and death, particularly Priority Groups A2 and A3 of the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19; and
  3. The Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Trade and Industry are directed to ascertain the number of employees who may undertake alternative work arrangements and its impact on the maximum carrying capacity of the subject area.
- B. Upon the recommendation of the IATF Screening and Validation Committee, the risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs), without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas, until April 30, 2021, shall be as follows:
1. Abra shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine; and
  2. Quezon shall be placed under General Community Quarantine.



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**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 109<sup>th</sup> Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this April 10, 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, 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 a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. **109-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 **10th** day of April 2021, Manila.

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