



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

RESOLUTION NO. 55-A

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, as of July 14, 2020, there are a total of Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Three (35,483) confirmed active cases in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the recommendations of the IATF Screening and Validation Committee, as amended. Beginning 16 July 2020, the community quarantine classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent 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 following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until 31 July 2020:



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a. For Luzon:

- i. Cordillera Administrative Region - Abra, Apayao, Benguet*, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Baguio City*;
- ii. Region I - Ilocos Norte*, Ilocos Sur*, La Union*, Pangasinan*, Dagupan City*;
- iii. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan*, Isabela*, Nueva Vizcaya*, Quirino, Santiago City;
- iv. Region III - Aurora, Bataan*, Nueva Ecija*, Bulacan*, Pampanga*, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City*, Olongapo City*;
- v. Region IV-A - Batangas*, Quezon*, Lucena City*;
- vi. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro*, Oriental Mindoro*, Romblon, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City*; and
- vii. Region V - Albay*, Camarines Norte*, Camarines Sur*, Catanduanes*, Masbate*, Sorsogon*, Naga City.

b. For Visayas:

- i. Region VI - Aklan*, Antique*, Capiz*, Guimaras*, Iloilo*, Negros Occidental*, Bacolod*, Iloilo City*;
- ii. Region VII - Bohol*, Cebu Province*, Negros Oriental*, Siquijor; and
- iii. Region VIII - Biliran*, Leyte*, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar*, Tacloban City*;

c. For Mindanao:

- i. Region IX - Zamboanga del Norte*, Zamboanga del Sur*, Zamboanga Sibugay*;
- ii. Region X - Bukidnon*, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental*, Cagayan de Oro City*, Iligan City*;
- iii. Region XI - Davao de Oro*, Davao del Norte*, Davao del Sur*, Davao Occidental*, Davao Oriental*, Davao City*;
- iv. Region XII - North Cotabato*, South Cotabato*, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat*, General Santos City*, Cotabato City*;
- v. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur; and
- vi. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Lanao del Sur*, Maguindanao*, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi.

**NTF and DILG shall ensure localized actions are implemented*

2. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 31 July 2020:



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- a. For Luzon:
 - i. National Capital Region (NCR);
 - ii. Region IV-A - Laguna, Cavite, and Rizal.
 - b. For Visayas:
 - i. Region VII - Mandaue City, Lapu-Lapu City; and
 - ii. Region VIII - Southern Leyte, Ormoc City.
 - c. For Mindanao:
 - i. Zamboanga City;
 - ii. Region XIII - Agusan del Norte, Butuan City; and
 - iii. Basilan.
3. Cebu City shall be classified under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 31 July 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas.
 4. In the case of Cebu, the province shall be placed under MGCQ, except for the City of Talisay and the Municipalities of Minglanilla and Consolacion, which shall remain under GCQ, with strict enforcement of indicated local actions, to be monitored by the NTF;
 5. All HUCs of the National Capital Region (NCR) and the Municipality of Pateros shall be placed under GCQ until 31 July 2020. The NCR-Regional Task Force (RTF) is hereby directed to monitor health system capacity and utilization rates across health facilities, and ensure strict compliance to surveillance, isolation, treatment, and minimum health system standards.
 6. All HUCs of the NCR and the Municipality of Pateros shall be placed under GCQ, with the following mandatory actions:
 - a. Pursuant to the strengthening of the Zoning Containment Strategy, the LGUs are directed to prioritize submission to the COVID-Kaya Platform, with concurrent submission to the NTF, the DILG, the NCR Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU) and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) daily updates and weekly comprehensive reports on the following metrics for priority areas/barangays under localized lockdown/ECQ, to wit:
 - i. Daily trend of active cases, number, and percent of population;
 - ii. Cases in community isolation facility (Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities) vs. health facility (hospitals and medical centers) vs. home;



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- iii. Percent of close contacts traced, and percent of contacts in quarantine;
 - iv. Number and utilization of community isolation beds;
 - v. Met health system capacity targets and utilization; and
 - vi. COVID Special Teams investigations and results;
- b. The LGUs are also required to submit their detailed plans on the strict enforcement of minimum public health standards for priority areas/barangays; and
- c. The RIATF is hereby directed to strictly monitor health system performance, capacity, and strict compliance to surveillance, isolation, testing, tracing, and treatment protocols and provide a weekly comprehensive report to the IATF.
7. All provinces, HUCs, and ICCs are directed to observe the strict enforcement of the following measures:
- a. Minimum public health standards, especially uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, and workplaces, among others;
 - b. Localized community quarantine and availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including private and public establishments, with concurrence of the RIATF;
 - c. Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;
 - d. Scaling up of local health system capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, ICU, isolation, and ward beds for COVID-19 cases;
 - e. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and DOH DataCollect.
8. The National Task Force and DILG shall ensure that areas flagged for local action shall implement strict lockdown of areas in line with the Zoning Containment Strategy, strict enforcement of minimum health standards, and intensified tracing and quarantine of close contacts and isolation of confirmed cases.




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9. In order to revitalize the economy in the National Capital Region and Region 4-A, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Labor and Employment, and Department of Transportation, are hereby directed to ensure the complementary increase of the business sector capacity vis-a-vis available transportation.

APPROVED during the 55th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 14th of July 2020 *via* video conference.


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IATF Chairperson


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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 14 JULY 2020 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. SSA 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 14th day of July 2020, Manila.


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