



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 74**

Series of 2020

September 24, 2020

**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 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 August 27, 2020, the IATF adopted major changes in the COVID-19 risk-classification method for Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities, and Independent Component Cities, use of new parameters for escalation and de-escalation of community quarantine classification, revised procedure for reporting and recommendations for risk classifications, and standardization of requirements for provinces, HUCs, and ICCs applying for de-escalation from GCQ to MGCQ;

**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 September 24, 2020, there are total of Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred (59,700) 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 the appeal of the local government unit of Iloilo City, citing the sudden increase of confirmed cases in their jurisdiction, the City of Iloilo shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine, effective 25 September 2020 until 9 October 2020. Its community quarantine classification after the said date shall be decided upon by the IATF, based on the COVID-19 situation of the locality; and
- B. The decisions of the IATF Technical Working Group are hereby ratified as follows:
  1. For confirmed asymptomatic and mild COVID-19 cases, facility-based isolation shall be **required**, *except* in the following cases:



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- a. Where, as confirmed by the local health officer, the patient is considered vulnerable or having comorbidities (i.e. minors, senior citizens, people with underlying health conditions, pregnant women, persons with disability who cannot carry-out self-care, and immunocompromised patients) and that his/her home meets the conditions specified in Annex “F” of the Department of Health and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Joint Administrative Order 2020-0001 or the “*Guidelines on Local Isolation and General Treatment Areas for COVID-19 cases (LIGTAS COVID) and the Community-based Management of Mild COVID-19 Cases*”; or
- b. Where, as confirmed by the local Regional Task Force on COVID-19, the Ligtas COVID-19 Centers within the region are fully occupied and the local government unit does not have sufficient isolation facilities.

As such, the Department of Health and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, in consultation with local experts, are directed to amend Joint Administrative Order No. 2020-0001, specifically on the provisions on the admission of confirmed asymptomatic and mild COVID-19 cases in Ligtas COVID-19 Centers;

2. Pursuant to Paragraph 5 Section 7 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, which provides that the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force may regulate travel to and from Boracay Island for purposes of tourism, Boracay Island shall further be reopened under the following protocols and/or guidelines, superseding any previously approved protocols on the matter:
  - a. Effective 01 October 2020, Boracay Island may accept tourists from areas with a community quarantine classification of General Community Quarantine or lower, apart from travelers from Western Visayas;
  - b. The Test-Before-Travel requirement shall be implemented, whereby only those travelers who obtain a negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction test result after undergoing the same not earlier than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of travel, shall be allowed to travel to the tourist destination. In addition, travelers shall be strongly advised to observe strict quarantine immediately after undergoing the test until the date of travel to the island;
  - c. Age restrictions for this purpose shall be relaxed. Restrictions as to persons with comorbidities will remain to be strictly



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enforced;

- d. Airlines are advised that the Godofredo P. Ramos Airport in Caticlan, Municipality of Malay will be the only port of entry for tourists traveling by air. A central point shall be established to screen tourists travelling by land, air, or sea; and
- e. Minimum health and safety guidelines as well as emergency response protocols must be in place, and a COVID-19 Laboratory in the locality must be operational.

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

**APPROVED** during the 74th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 24th of September 2020 *via* video conference.

**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 **24 September 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **74** 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 **24th** day of September 2020, Manila.

  
**KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH**  
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Secretariat Head, IATF