



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 88**

Series of 2020

December 14, 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 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 December 13, there are a total of Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty (21,980) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

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

- A. Escalation of the province of Isabela, excluding Santiago City, an Independent Component City situated within the province, to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) effective immediately and until 31st of December 2020, based on the Moderate risk cross-tabulation of the Average Daily Attack Rate (ADAR) and 2-week Daily Growth Rate (2WGR). The imposition of GCQ in the province is without prejudice to the imposition of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in areas of special concern. Further, Coordinated Operations to Defeat the Epidemic



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Teams assigned in the province is directed to strengthen their activities to curb community transmission;

- B. With the updated pathways for inbound international and interzonal domestic travelers, the Revised Interim Omnibus Guidelines for Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration Strategies of the Department of Health is adopted;
- C. To immediately arrest and control the resurging community transmission of COVID-19 cases in the country due to the observance of the holiday season, the IATF strongly cautions the public in the conduct of domestic travel and reiterates the pertinent provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, as follows:

*SECTION [4] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. Areas placed under GCQ shall observe the following protocols:*

- 1. *Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the GCQ.*
- 2. *The movement of all persons in areas placed under GCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder. Provided, that movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.*

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- 12. *Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings in areas under General Community Quarantine shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the seating capacity. Provided that, religious gatherings shall be limited to the conduct of religious worship and/or service; Provided further, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum*



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*public health standards, particularly the social distancing measures and non-pharmaceutical interventions such as the obligatory wearing of face masks and immediate availability of hand hygiene necessities on the premises.*

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*SECTION [5] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS PLACED UNDER MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. Areas placed under MGCQ shall observe the following protocols:*

- 1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MGCQ.*

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- 5. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, religious services, and work conferences shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.*

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Furthermore, in view of its effectiveness in reducing the risk of transmission between persons, and the availability of supply and relatively low-cost, the wearing of face shields shall henceforth be required whenever persons go out of their residences. For this purpose, Paragraph 5, Section 8 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines shall be amended as follows:

*SECTION [8] GENERAL PROVISIONS*

- 5. All persons are mandated **to wear full-coverage face shields together with face masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, or do-it-yourself masks, or other facial protective equipment** which can effectively lessen the transmission of COVID-19, whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government subject to fair and humane penalties or punishments that may be imposed by LGUs or implemented by law enforcement agencies, respectively. LGUs are hereby enjoined to use*



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*IATF-endorsed contact tracing and contact monitoring applications (StaySafe.ph and TanodCOVID) where they are available or use community-based contact tracing and contact monitoring. Concerned LGUs are hereby enjoined to issue the necessary executive order or ordinance to this effect.*


- D. The recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group are hereby approved, the specifics of which are as follows:
1. Recognizing that the conduct and administration of insurance agents' qualifying examinations is a critical government service, the face-to-face Insurance Agents' Qualifying Examinations shall be allowed to resume in areas under General Community Quarantine following the health and safety protocols as may be prescribed by the Insurance Commission and approved by the IATF;
  2. As endorsed by the Philippine Sports Commission, the request of the Philippine Olympic Committee to resume the training of national athletes vying for the Tokyo Olympics in a "bubble-type" setting is approved. For this purpose, the Philippine Sports Commission, the Games and Amusement Board, and the Department of Health are directed to amend their issuance accordingly. Furthermore, in compliance with IATF Resolution No. 79 issued on October 15, 2020, the conduct of the training in a "bubble-type" setting shall be made in coordination with the Regional Task Force where the training shall be conducted and the local government unit with the jurisdiction of the proposed venue;
  3. Provincial buses in point-to-point routes approved by the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and the local government unit of destination, including their stop-over/transit terminals may resume their operations. Point-to-point provincial buses shall be allowed unhampered passage through the different LGUs en route to the LGU of destination. For this purpose, the Department of Transportation, through the LTFRB, is directed to craft the necessary operational guidelines.

**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.



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**APPROVED** during the 88th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 14th of December 2020 *via* video conference.

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

  
**KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
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 **14 December 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **88** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III 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 **14th** day of December 2020, Manila.

**FATIMA P. LAPERAL**

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