MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO: HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (GFIs), STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY QUARANTINE CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES FROM 01-31 JANUARY 2021

DATE: 01 January 2021

Please be informed that the President, taking into consideration the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), has approved the following community quarantine classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs) and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) from 01-31 January 2021, to wit:

A. General Community Quarantine (GCQ)

The following provinces, HUCs and ICCs shall be placed under GCQ without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

I. For Luzon:
   a. All HUCs* of the National Capital Region and the Municipality of Pateros*;
   b. Santiago City*, and
   c. Batangas

II. For the Visayas:
   a. Tacloban City*

III. For Mindanao:
   a. Iligan City;
   b. Lanao del Sur;
   c. Davao City; and
   d. Davao del Norte
B. Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)

The following provinces, HUCs and ICCs shall be placed under MGCQ without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

I. For Luzon:
   a. Cordillera Administrative Region - Abra, Apayao, Ifugao, Benguet*, Kalinga, Mountain Province*, Baguio City*;
   b. Region I - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Dagupan City;
   c. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino;
   d. Region III - Aurora*, Bataan, Bulacan*, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo City;
   e. Region IV-A - Cavite, Laguna, Rizal*, Quezon, Lucena City;
   f. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City; and
   g. Region V - Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Naga City.

II. For the Visayas:
   a. Region VI - Aklan, Antique, Bacolod City, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, Iloilo City**, Negros Occidental;
   b. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu, Cebu City, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Negros Oriental, Siquijor*; and

III. For Mindanao:
   a. Region IX - Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay;
   b. Region X - Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental*, Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro City;
   c. Region XI - Davao de Oro, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental;
   d. Region XII - North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, General Santos City*;
   e. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur*, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte*, Surigao del Sur, Butuan City; and
   f. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Cotabato City.

* Areas requiring special attention by the local government unit and Regional IATF and the National Task Force
** Areas requiring reassessment within 7 days

ALL AREAS shall continue to implement the following measures:

1. Health promotion and strict enforcement of minimum public health standards, especially their uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, workplaces, and at home, among others;
2. The implementation of localized community quarantine and the ramping up of the availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including in private and public establishments, with the concurrence of the Regional IATF;

3. Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;

4. Scaling-up of local health systems capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, and Intensive Care Units, isolation and ward beds for COVID-19 cases;

5. Submission of complete and accurate data though COVID-Kaya and the DOH DataCollect.

All heads of departments, agencies, offices and instrumentalities of the government, including the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Coast Guard, GOCCs, GIs, SUCs, and LGUs are hereby directed to strictly observe and implement the applicable guidelines provided under the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, issued by the IATF, and other relevant issuances.

By Order of the President:

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Executive Secretary