



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

RESOLUTION NO. 113

Series of 2021

April 29, 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 (IATF) 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 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 likewise received information on the existence of B.1.617 variant first detected in India, which has not been detected in the Philippines but has been seen in twenty-six other countries;

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 29, 2021, there are a total of Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four (69,354) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

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

- A. The recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group, as follows:



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1. Food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries may resume their indoor dine-in services in areas under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine at an initial venue or seating capacity of ten percent (10%).

Said food preparation establishments may operate their indoor dine-in services beyond the limitation prescribed in the preceding paragraph, provided that they comply with Joint Memorandum Circular No. 21-01 (s.2021) or the Safety Seal Certification Program.

For this purpose, the application of Section 3 par.5(k) of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, is hereby suspended.

2. Beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas may resume operations at an initial venue or seating capacity of thirty percent (30%). For this purpose, these establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers.

Said personal care establishments may operate beyond the limitation prescribed in the preceding paragraph, provided that they comply with Joint Memorandum Circular No. 21-01 (s.2021) or the Safety Seal Certification Program.

For this purpose, the application of Section 3 par. 5 (j) of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, is hereby suspended in part. Personal care establishments and services not included in the foregoing shall remain part of the negative list of industries not allowed to operate.



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B. Beginning 01 May 2021, the foreign nationals allowed under previous IATF resolutions shall be allowed to enter the Philippines subject to the following conditions:

1. With valid and existing visa at the time of entry, except for those qualified under the Balikbayan program under Republic Act No. 6768 or the Act Instituting the Balikbayan Program;
2. With pre-booked accommodation for at least seven (7) nights in an accredited quarantine hotel/facility;
3. Subject to COVID-19 testing at the quarantine hotel/facility on the sixth (6th) day from date of arrival;
4. Subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry;

However, travel restrictions imposed by IATF Resolution No. 112 (s.2021) issued on 27 April 2021 shall continue to be in force.

The foregoing is without prejudice to immigration laws, rules and regulations such that the Commissioner of Immigration shall have the exclusive prerogative to decide on waiver or recall of exclusion orders for foreign nationals, including other foreign nationals who have entered the Philippines by virtue of IATF resolutions, subject to regular reporting to the IATF Secretariat at the end of each calendar month.

The Bureau of Immigration is directed to formulate the necessary guidelines to ensure smooth implementation of the foregoing.

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 113th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this April 29, 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 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, (s.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;
 1. In a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. 113 was unanimously approved and adopted;
 1. 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;
 1. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
5. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **29th** day of April 2021, Manila.


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