



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 138**

Series of 2021

September 09, 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 have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines. The DOH, UP-PGH, and UP-NIH have likewise confirmed the presence of the B.1.617 (Delta) variant that was first detected in India;

**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.

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

- A. In furtherance of the approved shift in the policy of classifying Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICC) for purposes of community quarantine adopting Alert Level System with each alert level limiting restrictions only to identified high-risk activities, the Guidelines on the Pilot Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response in the National Capital Region is provisionally approved.

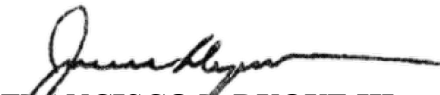


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- B. The recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:
- a. IATF Resolution No. 111 (s.2021) issued on 22 April 2021, is hereby rescinded in part only with respect to the applicability of the Debit-Credit Payment Method (DCPM) under PhilHealth Circular No. 2021-0004 of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation in high and critical risk areas as determined by the Two Week Growth Rate (TWGR), Average Daily Attack Rate (ADAR), and Health Care Utilization Rate (HCUR). The nationwide applicability of DPCM shall be left to the sound business judgment of PhilHealth Board.
  - b. A Task Force on Oxygen Supply shall be created under the National Task Force Against COVID-19 composed of the Department of Trade and Industry as lead, the Department of Health as co-lead, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Department of Energy, Philippine Ports Authority, Bureau of Customs, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, the local government units concerned, and such other agencies as the lead agency may identify, to design and implement relevant policies in relation to the oxygen supply of the country.
  - c. Clinical rotation of post-graduate interns shall hereinafter be allowed regardless of community quarantine status following the guidelines as may be prescribed by the Commission on Higher Education and the Department of Health.

**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 138th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this September 09, 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 Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the 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;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **09 September 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **138** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles 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 **9th** day of September 2021, Manila.

  
**ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE**  
*Undersecretary of Health*  
*Head Secretariat, IATF*