



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

RESOLUTION NO. 79

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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 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 October 15, 2020, there are total of Forty-Four Thousand Forty (40,040) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

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

- A. Age-based stay-at-home restrictions are hereby adjusted to include only those who are under fifteen (15) years of age, as well as those over sixty-five (65) years. *Provided that* local government units retain the authority to impose a higher age limit for minors depending on the COVID-19 situation in their respective jurisdictions. *Provided finally* that this shall not be interpreted to mean that restrictions imposed by various prevailing community quarantine classifications for the general population are lifted.



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As such, the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, is further amended as follows:

1. Common Paragraph (3) of Sections [2] and [3] on the Guidelines for Areas Placed Under Enhanced Community Quarantine and Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine is amended, to wit:

*3. Any person below **fifteen (15) years old**, those who are over **sixty-five years (65) of age**, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.*

2. Paragraph (13), Section [3] on the Guidelines for Areas Placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine is further amended, to wit:

*13. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. Provided, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with items (4) and (5) of this Section. Provided, further, those **below fifteen (15) years old**, **those who are over sixty-five (65) years old** and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may not enter malls and shopping centers except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein. Provided, finally, that such operations must comply with the guidelines of the DTI until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.*

3. Section [4] on the Guidelines for Areas Placed under General Community Quarantine is amended, to wit:

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3. Any person below **fifteen (15)** years old, those who are **over sixty-five (65) years old**, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.

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7. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. Provided, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with Section 2(4) of these Omnibus Guidelines. Provided, further, those **below fifteen (15) years old**, and those **over sixty-five (65) years old** and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may not enter malls and shopping centers except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF. Provided, finally, that operations of malls and shopping centers are subject to the guidelines of the DTI.

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4. Paragraph (3), Section [5] on the Guidelines for Areas Placed Under Modified General Community Quarantine is amended, to wit:

3. Any person below **fifteen (15)** years old, those **over sixty-five (65) years old**, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times; Provided that all activities and movements allowed under other Sections of these Guidelines for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ.

- B. To streamline the rules for intrazonal and interzonal travel within or between localities in the country, the following amendments are likewise introduced in the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines:



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1. Section [1] on the Definition of Terms shall be amended, to wit:

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9. Interzonal movement - the movement of people, goods and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under different community quarantine classification. For this purpose, the National Capital Region shall be considered as one area. Provided that movements to and from areas under granular lockdowns shall be considered as interzonal movement even if within the same province or highly urbanized city.

10. Intrazonal movement - the movement of people, goods and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under the same community quarantine classification, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification. For this purpose, the National Capital Region shall be considered as one area.

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2. The following provisions under Section [7] on the Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement shall be amended, to wit:

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2. The movement of the following authorized persons outside their residences (APOR) within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be permitted: (1) health and emergency frontline services personnel, (2) government officials and government frontline personnel, (3) duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), (4) persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (5) persons going to the airport for travel abroad, (6) anyone crossing zones for work or business permitted in the zone of destination, and going back home. The following persons shall also be considered as APOR: (a) returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence, and (b) other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon observance of the necessary quarantine protocols and with the concurrence of the receiving LGUs. The Philippine National Police shall be authorized to promulgate and regularly update the



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list of APORs. Authorized shuttle services shall be allowed to travel within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine, with priority given to persons rendering health and emergency frontline services.

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3. The interzonal movement of persons not authorized outside of residences (non-APOR) between areas placed under GCO and MGCQ for any purpose shall be permitted subject to the reasonable regulations imposed by the LGU concerned, if any, which should be submitted to the DILG, or in the case of Boracay Island, subject to those imposed by the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF).

4. The intrazonal movement of non-APORs for any purpose across areas placed under GCO or MGCQ shall be permitted subject to the reasonable regulations imposed by the LGU concerned, if any, which should be submitted to the DILG, or in the case of Boracay Island, subject to those imposed by the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF).

5. The interzonal movement of non-APOR between areas placed under MGCQ and New Normal for any purpose shall be permitted subject to the reasonable regulations as may be imposed by the LGU concerned, if any, which should be submitted to the DILG.

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C. With a view to gradually restore economic activity in the country, the Department of Trade and Industry is authorized to adjust the permissible on-site operational capacities of all business establishments and/or activities in areas under a community quarantine classification of General Community Quarantine or lower. *Provided*, that for accommodation establishments as well as ancillary establishments situated therein, such authority shall rest upon the Department of Tourism. As such, the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine are amended, as follows:

1. Section [4] on the Guidelines for Areas Placed under General Community Quarantine is amended, to wit:

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6. *The foregoing lists of sectors and industries per category are illustrative. Specific industries under each category are reflected in a separate document issued by the DTI which shall contain the updated guidelines to implement gradual increase of operational and venue capacity including operating hours, without diminution of the current capacities and hours previously allowed. This is without prejudice to the authority of the Department of Trade and Industry to recategorize all industries as may be found in Paragraphs (6) and (9) herein.*

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10. *No hotels or accommodation establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:*

- a. *For guests who have existing booking accommodations for foreigners as of 17 March 2020 for Luzon and 01 May 2020 for other areas;*
- b. *Guests who have existing long-term bookings;*
- c. *Distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;*
- d. *Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;*
- e. *Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine;*
- f. *Healthcare workers and other employees from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary; and*
- g. *Markets of specialized programs of the Department of Tourism*

Provided that accommodation establishments may operate only upon the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT; The operation of hotels and the ancillary establishments within their premises, such as restaurants, cafes, gyms, spas, and the like, shall be governed by these Omnibus Guidelines and other issuances of the relevant national agencies.

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2. Section [5] on the Guidelines for Areas Placed Under Modified General Community Quarantine is amended, to wit:

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11. Except as otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Categories I, II and III of Section 4(6) and those in previous Sections of these Omnibus Guidelines shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity:

- a. Barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity;*
- b. Dine-in restaurants, fast food and food retail establishments, including those in supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of seating capacity;*
- c. Category IV and all other establishments not permitted to operate under previous Sections of these Guidelines, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity. However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited as provided by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances may operate, and only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT, **which shall also determine the allowable operational capacity.** For this purpose, DOT and DILG shall work with LGUs to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the DTI is hereby authorized to issue a negative list of industries which shall remain prohibited even in areas under MGCQ. Establishments in the negative list shall not be allowed to operate in any form of community quarantine.*

D. Paragraph B(2)(b) of IATF Resolution No. 74, series of 2020, is hereby amended, as follows:

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*(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 **seventy-two (72)** hours prior to the date of*



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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;

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- E. Effective 21 October 2020, the restriction of non-essential outbound travel of Filipinos shall be lifted. For this purpose, Section [7], Paragraph (2) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended, to wit:

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- a.) OFWs, students enrolled abroad and participants accepted in exchange visitor programs, permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions, and foreign nationals, may leave for abroad through any of the airports or seaports in the country;
- b.) Outbound travel of Filipinos, regardless of purpose, may be allowed subject to compliance with the following requirements:
 - i. For those travelling on tourist visas, submission of confirmed round-trip tickets and adequate travel and health insurance to cover travel disruptions and hospitalization in case of COVID-19 infections during their allowable period of stay abroad;
 - ii. Execution of a Bureau of Immigration Declaration acknowledging the risks involved in travelling, including risk of delay in their return trip, to be provided at the check-in counters by the airlines;
 - iii. As a pre-boarding requirement, a negative Antigen test result taken within twenty-four (24) hours before departure, in accordance to the guidelines and protocols as may be issued by the Department of Health with regard its fair and appropriate use or, whenever required by the country of destination, a negative test result taken in accordance with the health and safety protocols of the destination country. Provided, that the undertaking of either test as appropriate shall be facilitated by the airline carrier; and



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- iv. Upon return, they shall follow the Guidelines of the National Task Force (NTF) for Returning Overseas Filipinos;***
- c. The foregoing provisions shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel by Filipinos to countries where travel restrictions are in place; and finally, this is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration prior to departure.***

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- F. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Department of Trade and Industry to provide guidelines in the operations of malls and shopping centers, business establishments and malls may hold such activities to spur consumer and economic activity;
- G. Anent the approved recommendations of the Economic Development Cluster on the gradual expansion of business operations to stimulate and sustain economic gains, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases enjoins all LGUs not to cover workers, authorized persons outside of residence (APORs), and necessary business establishments in the application of their respective curfew ordinances, to coordinate between and among each other and standardize curfew rules, and to relax curfew hours imposed in connection with the pandemic unless called for by the COVID-19 situation in their respective jurisdictions;
- H. The request of the Philippine Super Liga to hold a beach volleyball tournament under the “sports bubble” concept is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:
1. The strict observance of the health and safety protocols to be finalized in coordination with the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, the local Regional Task Force COVID-19, and the local Department of Health Center for Health Development for the necessary trainings in contact tracing, designation of an occupational safety and health officer, and such other rules as the aforementioned may deem fit;
 2. Finalization of the accommodation establishments as well as the metes and bounds of the area to be covered by a sports bubble; and
 3. Compliance to the Joint Administrative Order No. 2020-0001 of the Department of Health, the Philippine Sports Commission, and Games and Amusement Board issued on July 27, 2020.




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Further, all future requests for the conduct of sporting events by any entity shall be addressed to the Regional Task Force COVID-19 of the locality where such activity is proposed to be conducted, and any approval of the same shall be made in close coordination with the local government unit with jurisdiction over the proposed venue.

- I. Off-track horse race betting stations may operate in areas under a community quarantine classification of General Community Quarantine or lower, subject to health and safety protocols to facilitate the orderly conduct of betting therein; and
- J. The operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities shall hereinafter be allowed in areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine or lower, subject to strict observance with the health and safety protocols and implementing guidelines as may be issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government. *Provided*, that in-person audience, online or remote betting, and the live broadcasting/telecasting of cockfights shall not be permitted. *Provided* finally, that the local government units shall have the final decision on whether such the operation of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities can proceed in their respective localities.

RESOLVED FURTHER, 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 79th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 15th of October 2020 *via* video conference.


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IATF Co-Chairperson


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National Task Force 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 **15 October 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **79** 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 **15th** day of October 2020, Manila.


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