



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 115**

Series of 2021

May 13, 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 May 12, 2021, there are a total of Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen (53,214) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group, as follows:



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- A. As agencies and instrumentalities of the government remain fully operational even under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) as provided for in the IATF Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (Omnibus Guidelines), as amended, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) shall be authorized to conduct their in-person assessments for Household Service Workers (HSWs) in areas under MECQ subject to the following conditions:
- a. Said in-person assessments shall be conducted only in TESDA Training Institutions. No in-person assessments shall be conducted in private assessment centers;
  - b. In-person assessments shall be limited only for HSWs ready for deployment i.e., with contracts and visas; and
  - c. Applicants have to abide by the guidelines of TESDA relative to the conduct of in-person assessments.
- B. The Career Executive Service Board (CESB) may resume conducting its Career Executive Service Written Examinations and Assessment Centers, following its prescribed protocols and the strict observance of minimum public health standards;
- C. The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, and its authorized agents, may resume the authority to sell Lotto, Keno, Scratch-It, and Small Town Lottery Tickets nationwide even during MECQ. For this purpose, Section 3(5)(f) of the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, shall be suspended in part relative only to lottery and betting shops. All other industries, establishments, and activities enumerated therein shall remain on the negative list.
- PCSO is directed to ensure strict compliance to health and safety protocols and the observance of minimum public health standards.
- D. All diplomats/9(e) visa holders shall continue to be governed by the testing and quarantine protocols as authorized under IATF Resolution No. 92 (s.2021) dated January 5, 2021, and subject to the guidelines issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Health.

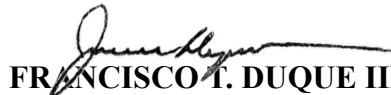



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- E. All 9(a) visa holders are required to have an entry exemption document to be allowed entry in the Philippines. For those issued by the National Task Force Against COVID-19, they shall be recognized as valid until May 31, 2021.

**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 115th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this May 13, 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;
5. In a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. 115 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. 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;
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 **13th** day of May 2021, Manila.

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