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

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WHEREAS, on 16 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 (ECQ) until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on 30 March, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining whether the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon should be totally or partially lifted, extended, or expanded to other areas, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on 3 April 2020, the IATF finalized the parameters for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors;

WHEREAS, on 6 April 2020, the IATF issued Resolution No. 20, recommending that the ECQ in Luzon be extended up to April 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, on 30 April 2020, the President issued Executive Order 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 11 May 2020, the IATF convened to analyze current scientific data and apply the parameters to determine the appropriate community quarantine or social distancing measures that should be implemented in different provinces, highly-urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs) in the country;

WHEREAS, the IATF issued the Revised Omnibus Guidelines on 15 May 2020 providing among others guidelines governing areas under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine and Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, as of 22 May 2020, there are thirteen thousand five hundred ninety-seven (13,597) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the IATF approves the following amendments, revisions and/or clarifications to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines. **RESOLVED FURTHER**,



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that the Task Group on Strategic Communications is hereby directed to cause the publication of this Resolution:

A. Under Section 1 Definition of Terms:

1. **Minimum public health standards** - refers to guidelines set by the DOH in Administrative Order No. 2020-0015, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by national government agencies, to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19. For this purpose, the Department of Tourism and Department of Public Works and Highways are recognized as the sector-national agencies with respect to tourism and construction, respectively.
2. **Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine** - refers to the transition phase between ECQ and GCQ, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: stringent limits on movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.
3. **Modified General Community Quarantine** - refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols .
4. **Operational capacity** - refers to such number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment.



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B. Section 2 on Guidelines for areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be amended accordingly:

1. Section 2(4) on activities/person/establishments are allowed to work or operate during ECQ shall now be read as follows:

a. With a full operational capacity:

i. Public or private hospitals;

ii. Health and emergency frontline services including dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers and the like;

iii. Manufacturers of medicines, medical supplies, devices and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution;

iv. Industries involved in agriculture, forestry, and fishery and their workers, including farmers, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), fisherfolk, and agri-fishery stores, and such other components of the food value chain; and

v. Delivery and courier services, whether in-house or outsourced, transporting food, medicine, or other essential goods. Delivery of clothing, accessories, hardware, housewares, school and office supplies, as well as pet food and other veterinary products, shall likewise be allowed.

b. At a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, without prejudice to the adoption of work-from-home or other alternative work arrangements and without diminution of the current operational capacity previously allowed:



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- i. Private establishments and their employees involved in the provision of essential goods and services, and activities in the value chain related to food, medicine and vitamins production, medical supplies, devices and equipment, and other essential products such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet papers and wet wipes, and disinfectants. Such establishments shall include, but shall not be limited to, public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, laundry shops, food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, and water-refilling stations, unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
 - ii. Media establishments and their total permanent staff complement, inclusive of reporters and other field employees, as registered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and accredited by the Presidential Communications Operations Office; and
 - iii. Workers accredited by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to work on utility relocation works, and specified limited works across thirteen (13) railway projects, including replacement works for the Manila Metro Rail Transit System Line 3. *Provided*, that where applicable, on-site or near-site accommodations and/or point-to-point shuttle services should be arranged;
- c. With skeleton workforce:
- i. Other medical, dental, rehabilitation, and optometry clinics; pharmacies or drug stores: *Provided*, there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. *Provided, further*, that dental procedures shall be limited to emergency cases only and that the wearing of full Personal



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Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory. *Provided finally* that home service therapy services for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed;

ii. Veterinary clinics;

iii. Banks, money transfer services, including pawnshops only insofar as performing money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any;

iv. Capital markets, including but not limited to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Stock Exchange, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation, and Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation;

v. Water supply and sanitation services and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services;

vi. Energy and power companies, their third-party contractors and service providers, including employees involved in electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, as well as those involved in the exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil, crude or petroleum and by-products (gasoline, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, jet oil, kerosene, lubricants), including gasoline stations, refineries and depots or any kind of fuel used to produce electricity;



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- vii. Telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as the technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance and repair works;
- viii. Airline and aircraft maintenance, pilots and crew, and employees of aviation schools for purposes of the pilot's recurrent training for flight proficiency and type rating using simulator facilities; and ship captains and crew, including shipyard operations and repair;
- ix. Manufacturing companies and suppliers of equipment or products necessary to perform construction works, such as cement and steel;
- x. The Philippine Postal Corporation, at an operational capacity necessary to maintain the prompt delivery of services to its clients;
- xi. The Philippine Statistics Authority, at an operational capacity necessary to conduct data gathering and survey activities related to COVID-19 and the registration and implementation of the national identification (ID) system;
- xii. Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs) and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying, with work-from-home, on-site or near site accommodation, or point-to-point shuttling arrangements. For this purpose, BPOs and export-oriented businesses, and their service providers, shall be allowed to install, transport and maintain the necessary on-site and work-from-home equipment, deploy their workers under on-site or near-site accommodation arrangements, or



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provide point-to-point shuttle services from their near-site accommodations to their offices;

- xiii. Essential projects, whether public or private, such as but not limited to quarantine and isolation facilities for Persons under Monitoring (PUMs), and suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients, facilities for the health sector including those dealing with PUMs, and suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients, facilities for construction personnel who perform emergency works, flood control, and other disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation works, sewerage projects, water service facilities projects, and digital works. Priority public and private construction projects, defined as those that refer to food production, agriculture, fishery, fishport development, energy, housing, communication, water utilities, manufacturing, and Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs), shall likewise be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the DPWH;
- xiv. Funeral and embalming services. *Provided*, there is shuttling service and/or housing accommodation for their personnel and staff;
- xv. Humanitarian assistance personnel from civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and United Nations-Humanitarian Country Teams, as well as individuals performing relief operations to augment the government's response against COVID-19 and other disasters or calamities that may occur. *Provided that* they are authorized by the appropriate government agency or LGU;
- xvi. Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams or such other religious ministers whose movement shall be related to the conduct of necrological or funeral rites. In this connection,



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immediate family members of the deceased who died from causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed to move from their residences to attend the wake or interment of the deceased upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the latter and social distancing measures;

xvii. Security personnel;

xviii. Printing presses authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue or other appropriate agencies to print official receipts and other accountable forms;

xix. Companies engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, including those engaged in the repair of computers and household fixtures and equipment; and

xx. Real estate activities limited to leasing only.

2. Section 2 (4)(a) on work arrangement of agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall now be Section 2(5) and be read as follows:

Agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs, as well as LGUs may operate at skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a different operational capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, border control, and other critical services.

3. Section 2 (4)(b) on work arrangement of officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall now be Section 2(8) and be read as follows:



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Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), whenever performing diplomatic functions and subject to the guidelines issued by the DFA, may operate with a skeleton workforce.

4. **Section 2 (5)** on the recognition of co-equal or independent authority of the legislature (Senate and the House of Representatives), the judiciary (the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and the lower courts), the Office of the Ombudsman, and the constitutional commissions to operate and accredit their skeleton workforces, or implement any other alternative work arrangements **shall be renumbered as Section 2 (7)**;

5. **Section 2 (6)** on exceptions to the operation of hotels or similar establishments **shall now be Section 2(9)** and be read as follows:

No hotels or similar 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 Overseas Filipino Workers (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; and**
- f. **Health care workers and other employees from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.**



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Provided that in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; Provided further, that accommodation establishments may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only.

6. Section 2 (7) on prohibition on mass gatherings shall now be Section 2(10) and be read as follows:

Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, religious gatherings, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of government services or authorized humanitarian activities shall be allowed.

7. Section 2 (8) on suspension of residential classes at all levels shall now be Section 2(11) and be read as follows:

Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall be suspended.

8. Section 2 (9) on suspension of public transportation shall now be Section 2 (12) and be read as follows:

Public transportation shall be suspended. This notwithstanding, commissioned shuttle services for employees of permitted offices or establishments, as well as point-to-point transport services provided by the government shall be allowed to operate, giving priority to healthcare workers.



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9. **Section 2 (10)** on the directive to agencies and their regional offices in the executive branch to issue accreditation, office, or travel orders to identify their respective skeleton workforces for critical services operating for the duration of the ECQ **shall be renumbered as Section 2 (7);**

10. **Section 2 (11)** on IATF accreditation IDs **shall now be Section 2 (13)** and be read as follows:

Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii) bona fide IDs issued by establishments exempted from the strict home quarantine requirement, or (iii) RapidPass IDs. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other documents establishing the nature of their work.

11. **Section 2 (12)** on RapidPass IDs **shall now be Section 2 (14)** and be read as follows:

The movement of cargo vehicles shall be unhampered. Cargo vehicles as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, BPOs, and export-oriented establishments shall not be subject to an ID system.

12. **Section 2 (13)** on processing of payrolls in government offices and private corporations **shall be renumbered as Section 2 (15).**

13. **Section 2 (14)** on other exemptions from home quarantine requirement **shall be renumbered as Section 2 (16).**



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C. Section 3 on Guidelines for areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be amended accordingly:

1. Section 3 (1) shall now be read as follows:

Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ.

2. Section 3 (4) shall now be read as follows:

All the following shall be allowed to operate at full operational capacity:

- a. **All establishments or activities permitted to operate or be undertaken under Section 2(4) of these Guidelines;**
- b. **Media establishments, without need of PCOO accreditation;**
- c. **BPOs and export-oriented establishments, without need to set up onsite or near-site accommodation arrangements;**
- d. **E-commerce companies;**
- e. **Other postal and courier services, as well as delivery services for articles or products not mentioned under Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines;**
- f. **Rental and leasing, other than real estate, such as vehicles and equipment for permitted sectors;**
- g. **Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors; and**
- h. **Housing services activities, such as but not limited to plumbing, roofing, and electrical works.**

3. Section 3 (5) (b) shall now read as follows:

Other real estate activities.

4. Section 3 (5) (d) shall now be read as follows:



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Other financial services not mentioned in Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines, such as money exchange, insurance, reinsurance and non-compulsory pension funding

5. Section 3 (5) (p) shall now be read as follows:

Repair and maintenance of vehicles as well as its parts or components, including car wash services

6. Section 3 (6) shall now be read as follows:

Agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs, as well as LGUs may operate at skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a different operational capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, border control, and other critical services.

7. Section 3 (8) shall now be read as follows:

Hotels or similar establishments shall not 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; and*



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- f. *Healthcare workers and other employees, whether private or public, from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.*

Provided that in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; Provided further, that accommodation establishments may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only.

8. Section 3 (9) shall now be read as follows:

Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings are not encouraged and shall be limited to not more than five (5) persons, until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.

9. Section 3 (10) shall now be read as follows:

Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall be suspended.

10. Section 3 (13) shall now be read as follows:

Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which



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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 twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above 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 such operations must comply with the guidelines of the DTL.

D. Section 4 on Guidelines for areas placed under General Community Quarantine shall be amended accordingly:

1. Section 4 (6) shall now be read as follows:

All permitted establishments and activities under Section 2(4) shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity: In addition, the following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate at an operational capacity provided herein.

2. Section 4 (7) shall now be read as follows:

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 twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and



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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.

3. Sections 4 (10) (last par.) shall now be read as follows:

Provided that in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce. Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; Provided further, that accommodation establishments may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only.

4. Section 4 (11) shall now be read as follows:

Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended. For Academic Year 2020-2021, the following shall be observed for the conduct of classes:

- a. *For basic education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall be adopted, as follows:*
 - i. *Opening of classes for the basic education shall be on 24 August 2020 and shall end on 30 April 2021;*
 - ii. *Opening of private schools will be allowed within the period provided by law. Provided, that school learning continuity plan shall be submitted; no*



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face-to-face classes will be allowed earlier than 24 August 2020; and, from 24 August, face-to-face learning shall only be allowed when the local risk severity grading permits, and subject to compliance with minimum public health standards;

- iii. *Adoption of various learning delivery options such as but not limited to face-to-face, blended learnings, distance learnings, and homeschooling and other modes of delivery shall be implemented depending on the local COVID Risk Severity Classification and compliance with minimum public health standards; and*
- iv. *Conduct of curricular and co-curricular activities involving gatherings such as science fairs, showcase of portfolios, trade fairs, school sports, campus journalism, festival of talents, job fairs, and other similar activities is cancelled, except those conducted online.*

b. For higher education, the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for higher education institutions (HEIs) shall be adopted, as follows:

- i. *The rolling opening of classes will be based on education delivery mode, compliance with minimum health standards and the situation on the ground:*
 - 1. *HEIs using full online education can open anytime;*
 - 2. *HEIs using flexible learning can open anytime in August 2020;*



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3. HEIs using significant face-to-face or in-person mode can open not earlier than 01 September 2020;
 4. No face-to-face or in-person classes until 31 August 2020.
 - ii. *Private HEIs are encouraged to change their academic calendar and open in August 2020.*
5. Section 4 (12) shall now be read as follows:

Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings are not encouraged and shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons, until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.

6. Section 4 (13) shall now be read as follows:

Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, and skateboarding are allowed. *Provided,* that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. *Provided, further,* that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, shall be limited to basic operations. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 4(3) does not apply.



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E. Section 5 on Guidelines for areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine shall be amended accordingly:

1. Section 5 (1) shall now be read as follows:

Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MGCQ.

2. Section 5 (3) shall now be read as follows:

Indoor and Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable are observed.

3. Section 5 (4) shall now be read as follows:

Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the venue or seating capacity. Religious gatherings shall be allowed under such guidelines as may be declared through subsequent issuances of the IATF.

4. Section 5 (8) shall now be read as follows:

Private transportation shall be allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr.

5. Section 5 (10) shall now be read as follows:



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Except as otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Category I-IV of Section 4(6) and in pertinent Sections of this Omnibus Guidelines shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity:

- a. **Barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity;**
- b. **Dine-in service in food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) seating capacity; and**
- c. **Other 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.**

5. New paragraph, Section 5 (12), shall be inserted to read as follows:

Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations may resume full operations.

F. Section 7 on Guidelines on Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement shall be amended accordingly:

1. **Section 7 (2)** shall now be read as follows:

2. The movement as such of the following persons 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, (4) persons going to the airport for travel abroad, (5) returning or



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repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence, (6) 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, and (7) anyone crossing zones for work permitted in the zone of destination, and going back home. 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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Repatriated OFWs or returning non-OFWs who have been issued a DOH or LGU certificate of completion of fourteen (14)-day facility-based quarantine, those who may be required to undergo a mandatory fourteen (14)-day home quarantine, or those who are issued with travel authority upon testing negative for COVID-19 whichever is earlier, shall be granted unhampered transit across zones en route to their final destination in the Philippines. For this purpose, LGUs are enjoined to allow maritime vessels or aircraft transporting the aforementioned OFWs and non-OFWs to dock or land at their ports of destination. No other requirement shall be imposed by LGUs in this regard.

2. Section 7 (3), (4), and (5) shall be deleted.

G. Section 8 on the General Provisions shall be amended accordingly:

1. Section 8 (1) shall now be read as follows:

LGUs are enjoined to enact the necessary ordinances to enforce curfew only for non-workers in jurisdictions placed under



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MECQ, GCQ and MGCQ to penalize, in a fair and humane manner, violations of the restrictions on the movement of people as provided under these Revised Omnibus Guidelines. Law enforcement agencies, in implementing and enforcing said curfew ordinances, are likewise strongly enjoined to observe fair and human treatment of curfew violators.

2. Section 8 (2) shall now be read as follows:

As a matter of declared national policy and pursuant to paragraphs (aa) and (bb), Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 11469, all banks, quasi-banks, financing companies, lending companies, and other financial institutions, public and private, including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig Fund, are directed to implement a minimum of a thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the ECQ or MECQ is lifted, whichever is later, for the payment of all loans, including but not limited to salary, personal, housing, and motor vehicle loans, as well as credit card payments, falling due within the period of ECQ and MECQ, and without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges. Persons with multiple loans shall likewise be given a minimum thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the ECQ or MECQ is lifted, whichever is later, for every loan.

For residential and commercial rents falling due within the duration of the ECQ, MECQ, and GCQ, on residential lessees and micro-, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and sectors not permitted to operate during said period, a grace period of thirty (30) days from the last due date or until such time that the community quarantine is lifted, shall be observed, whichever is longer, without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges.

The foregoing rules on grace periods shall have retroactive effect starting 17 March 2020 in areas where the applicable community quarantine had been declared.

3. Section 8 (4) shall now be read as follows:



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National government agencies and instrumentalities including GOCCs and LGUs shall adopt measures lawful and necessary to implement and enforce the minimum public health standards as defined herein. Such measures shall be in accordance with the minimum health standards set by DOH and other relevant national agencies, and shall not be unreasonable or unduly burdensome. However, the private sector is encouraged to adopt stricter health standards concerning their own operations. Compliance of private sector establishments with the Joint DTI-DOLE Return-to-Work Guidelines, DOH Return-to-Work Guidelines, and guidelines issued by the aforementioned appropriate sector-relevant national government agency, including their future amendments, shall be considered sufficient compliance with minimum public health standards. In accordance with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0220, the testing of all returning employees of a private sector entity shall not be required as a condition precedent for their operation. In no case shall the testing of all returning workers be construed as a condition precedent for his/her return.

4. Section 8 (5) shall now be read as follows:

All persons are mandated to wear face masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, handkerchiefs, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof, which can effectively lessen the transmission of COVID-19, whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government subject to fair and humane penalties or punishments that may be imposed by LGUs or implemented law enforcement agencies, respectively. LGUs are hereby enjoined to use IATF-endorsed contact tracing and contact monitoring applications (StaySafe.ph and TanodCOVID) where they are available, or use community-based contact tracing and contact



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monitoring. Concerned LGUs are hereby enjoined to issue the necessary executive order or ordinance to this effect.

H. New Provisions, Section 9 and Section 10, shall be inserted and be read as follows:

SECTION [9] SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part, section, or provision of these Guidelines is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION [10] REPEALING CAUSE. All IATF Resolutions or previous guidelines on the implementation of community quarantine in the Philippines or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of these Guidelines are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

I. Other minor formal amendments and/or revisions that pertain to style, language, or numbering and which do not relate to the substance of these Omnibus Guidelines are herein amended accordingly.

APPROVED during the 39th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 22nd of May, 2020 *via* video conference.

FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson

KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson




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 May 22, 2020 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 38 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 duly vested by the IATF Members pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 39;
7. The aforesaid resolution 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 ____ day of May 2020, Manila.


KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH
Assistant Secretary, Department of Health
Secretariat Head, IATF