



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 40**

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May 27, 2020

**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 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 April 3, 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 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 May 23, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted to the IATF under E.O. 112, the IATF issued and published amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, as of May 27, 2020, there are a total of fifteen thousand forty-nine (15,049) confirmed cases in the Philippines;

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

- A. Pursuant to the recommendations of the IATF sub-Technical Working Group (sTWG) on Data Analytics, the following classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) are provisionally approved, the specifics of which are as follows:



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1. Beginning 01 June 2020, the risk-level classifications shall be adopted as follows:
  - a. The following low-risk provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)\* until 15 June 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
    - i. For Luzon:
      1. Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) - Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province
      2. Region I - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Dagupan City;
      3. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City; and
      4. Region V - Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Legazpi City, and Naga City.
    - ii. For Visayas:
      1. Region VI - Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Bacolod City; and
      2. Region VIII - Biliran, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Western Samar, Southern Leyte, Ormoc City, Tacloban City;
    - iii. For Mindanao:
      1. Region IX - Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, Isabela City;
      2. Region X - Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro City;
      3. Region XI - Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental; and
      4. Region XII - North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, General Santos City;
      5. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Butuan City; and
      6. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Cotabato City.

*\*Recommendations assuming similar risk classification prevails on 31 May 2020*



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b. The following moderate-risk provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ)\* until 15 June 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

i. For Luzon:

1. Baguio City;
2. Pangasinan;
3. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Santiago City;
4. Region III - Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo City;
5. Region IV-A - Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon, Lucena City; and
6. Albay.

ii. For Visayas:

1. Iloilo City;
2. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Mandaue City, Lapu-Lapu City.

iii. For Mindanao:

1. Zamboanga City; and
2. Davao City.

*\*Recommendations assuming similar risk classification prevails on 31 May 2020*

c. Classified as high-to-moderate-risk areas, all HUCs of the National Capital Region (NCR) and the Municipality of Pateros shall be placed under GCQ. However, all identified high-risk barangays within the NCR shall be subject to the zoning concept to be implemented by the National Task Force (NTF) on COVID-19;

d. Classified as a high-risk HUC, Cebu City shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 15 June 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas.

2. Provinces, HUCs, and ICCs characterized hereinabove as low, moderate, and high-risk may appeal their classification to the IATF Screening and Validation Committee with the concurrence of the Regional Interagency Task Force (RIATF) not later than 29 May 2020, 12:00 NN.





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3. The COVID-19 Special Teams shall hereby be activated, especially in Quezon City, Manila City, Paranaque City, and Cebu City, for surveillance and action in high-risk barangays;
  4. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) is directed to issue an advisory on the province/HUC/ICC classifications preliminary list on 27 May 2020 to aid in the appeals process, and the final classification list on 31 May 2020.
- B. The recommendations of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on the management of stranded Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are adopted, the specifics of which are as follows:
1. For the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to:
    - a. Provide additional buses to be used for transporting stranded OFWs, in coordination with Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and Department of Tourism (DOT);
    - b. Determine the capacity of Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 2 holding areas for OFWs in the passenger pool to avoid airport congestion and longer waiting time for OFWs; and
    - c. Determine test results for the seafarers onboard cruise ships in Manila Bay and provide their home transport; and
  2. For the DILG to remind LGUs about their responsibilities to allow OFWs with negative RT-PCR test results to return to their homes and undergo home quarantine.

**APPROVED** during the 40th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 27th 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 Secretary  
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 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 27 May 2020 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 40 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, Manila.

  
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