



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

RESOLUTION NO. 51

Series of 2020

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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, due to developments in the situation of the COVID-19 health event in the country, further amendments are required to further streamline the government's response to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of 02 July 2020, there are thirty-eight thousand eight hundred five (38,805) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines.

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

A. In furtherance of IATF Resolution No. 50 whereby strategies in combating COVID-19 were revisited, the recommendations of the National Task Force in consultation and coordination with the Department of Health Technical Advisory Group (DOH-TAG) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. The expansion of the testing strategy to fully utilize the ten million tests procured by the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Health (DOH); and
2. Testing targets and implementation items and timelines for the expanded testing strategy subject to the guidelines jointly prepared and finalized by the NTF and the DOH/DOH-TAG.

B. The decisions of the Technical Working Group are hereby ratified, the specifics of which are the following:



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1. Philippine Sports Commission - Games and Amusements Board - Department of Health Joint Administrative Order as presented and vetted by the Department of Health providing for the guidelines on the conduct of health-enhancing physical activities and sports during the COVID-19 Pandemic are hereby approved;
 2. Religious gatherings in areas under General Community Quarantine shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the seating capacity, or up to ten (10) persons, whichever is higher, after 10 July 2020. *Provided that*, religious gathering shall be limited to the conduct of religious worship and/or service; *Provided further*, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards, particularly the social distancing measures and non-pharmaceutical interventions such as the obligatory wearing of face masks and immediate availability of hand hygiene necessities in the premises.
- C. Phase II of the National Action Plan with the following key features as presented by the National Task Force is hereby approved:
1. To promote change in people's mindset with strong focus on health and disease prevention;
 2. To strategically balance health and economic objectives;
 3. To institutionalize the Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate Strategy and the Zoning Containment Strategy as supervised by the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development and Security;
 4. To sustain private and public partnership;
 5. To enhance risk communication and community engagements particularly on observance of health protocols;
 6. To highlight contingency, business continuity and sustainability plans;
 7. To capture the management of Returning Overseas Filipinos, Locally Stranded Individuals and local travelers; and
 8. To concentrate efforts on expanded and targeted testing and contact tracing by gradually allowing travel, tourism, and non-disruption of work.

The Task Group on Strategic Communications is hereby directed to ensure effective communication of this plan to the public;

- D. The recommendation of the Department of Tourism and the Department of Trade and Industry to allow travel agencies under Category IV to resume operations in areas

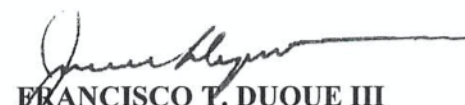



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under General Community Quarantine is approved. *Provided that* the operation shall be limited at skeleton workforce and primarily to do administrative works such as the processing of refunds and payments to suppliers; and

- E. The clause “limited to basic hair cutting services” for barbershops and salons under Category III industries in Section [4](6)(c) of the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines is hereby deleted. The DTI shall issue the guidelines that will govern the gradual resumption of other services normally provided by these establishments, to the extent allowed by the minimum public health standards.

APPROVED during the 51st Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 2nd of July 2020 *via* video conference.


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