



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

RESOLUTION NO. 122

Series of 2021

June 17, 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;

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;

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

- A. The recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group, the specifics of which are as follows:



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1. Upon the authority vested to the IATF through Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 20 November 2020, the annual deployment ceiling of new hire healthcare workers (HCWs) for occupations identified by the Department of Labor and Employment as Mission Critical Skills (MCS) shall be increased to six thousand five hundred (6,500). Those HCWs falling under MCS with perfected contracts as of 31 May 2021, shall form part of this adjusted ceiling. Further, HCWs under government-to-government labor agreements shall be exempted from this adjusted ceiling.
 2. With due consideration to the full roll-out of the process of validation of vaccination certificates, the effectivity date for the implementation of the testing and shortened quarantine protocols for the inbound travel of individuals who were fully vaccinated individuals in the Philippines shall be moved to 22 June 2021.
- B. In compliance with the Memorandum of the Executive Secretary dated 27 May 2021, as affirmed by the Memorandum dated 5 June 2021, both signed by the order of the President, the IATF reiterates the strict enforcement of current testing and quarantine protocols duly approved and issued by the IATF for inbound international travelers in all ports of the country regardless of any specific protocols that may be issued by local government units to the contrary. The National Task Force Against COVID-19 member-agencies specifically the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Health (DOH) and the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Transportation (DOTr), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and its Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), among others, with their respective regional offices, attached agencies, and government-owned and controlled corporations, if any, are directed to ensure strict adherence to this directive.

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.



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APPROVED during the 122nd Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this June 17, 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 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 the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **17 June 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **122** 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 **17th** day of June 2021, Manila.


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