### **RESOLUTION NO. 128-A**

Series of 2021 July 22, 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 have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines. The DOH, UP-PGH, and UP-NIH have likewise confirmed the presence of the B.1.617 (Delta) variant that was first detected in India;

**WHEREAS,** vaccines being used in the Philippines all went through the stringent process of evaluation for safety, efficacy, immunogenicity, stability, and other data from various phases of vaccine development, using WHO Criteria and international standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following revised rules for "Green Lanes" that will apply to fully vaccinated international arriving passengers to the Philippines beginning 0001H (Manila time) of 26 July 2021:

- I. International arriving passengers to the Philippines, regardless of point of entry, need only undergo a seven (7)-day facility-based quarantine and Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing on the fifth (5th) day, with the day of arrival being the first day, **only if all the following conditions are met**, subject to the definitions in this Resolution:
  - 1. Their port of origin is a Green List country/jurisdiction/territory;



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- 2. They stayed exclusively in Green List countries/jurisdictions/territories in the last fourteen (14) days prior to their arrival in the Philippines.
- 3. They are fully vaccinated, whether in the Philippines or abroad;
- 4. Their vaccination status can be independently verified/confirmed by Philippine authorities as valid and authentic upon their arrival in the country.
- II. International arriving passengers to the Philippines, regardless of point of entry, shall not be qualified for the Green Lanes, and shall thus undergo a ten (10)-day facility-based quarantine and a four (4)-day home quarantine, including an RT-PCR test on the seventh (7th) day, if **any** of the following are present:
  - 1. Their port of origin is not a Green List country/jurisdiction/territory;
  - 2. They stayed outside a Green List country/jurisdiction/territory at any time in the last fourteen (14) days before their arrival in the Philippines;
  - 3. They have not been fully vaccinated; or
  - 4. Even if fully vaccinated, their vaccination status cannot be independently verified/confirmed by Philippine authorities as valid or authentic upon their arrival in the country.
- III. "Green List" countries/jurisdictions/territories are those classified by the IATF as "Low Risk" countries/jurisdictions/territories, upon recommendation of the DOH based the following metrics: (i.) for populations greater than 100,000, the incidence rate (cumulative new cases over the past 28 days per 100,000 population) shall be less than 50; and (ii.) For populations less than 100,000, the COVID-19 case counts (cumulative new cases over the past 28 days) shall be less than 50, as prescribed by its Technical Advisory Group.
- IV. All passengers, whether Filipinos or foreigners, merely transiting through a non-Green List country/jurisdiction/territory shall not be deemed as having



come from or having been to said country/jurisdiction/territory if they stayed in the airport the whole time and were not cleared for entry into such country/jurisdiction/territory by its immigration authorities.

- V. An individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:
  - 1. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2-dose series, or
  - 2. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received a single-dose vaccine.
  - 3. The vaccines administered to the individual are included in any of the following:
    - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
    - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
- VI. For purposes of verification/confirmation of vaccination status, any of the following shall be acceptable:
  - 1. For Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and their spouse, parent/s, and/or children traveling with them: a Certification from the Philippine Overseas Labor Office in the country of origin;
  - 2. For Filipinos and foreigners fully vaccinated in the Philippines: either their LGU/ hospital-issued vaccination cards (in original and/or hard copy form) or Local Government Unit (LGU)-issued Vaccine Certificate, provided these can be verified/confirmed by border-control authorities, or BOQ-issued International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICV); or
  - 3. For Filipinos and foreigners fully vaccinated abroad: the vaccination certificate issued by the health authorities of their place of vaccination; provided that such certificate can be independently verified/confirmed by Philippine authorities as valid or authentic.



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VI. For those qualified for Green Lanes, the BOQ shall ensure strict symptom monitoring while in the facility quarantine for seven (7) days. Even if the RT-PCR test yields a negative result, the individual shall still complete the sevenday facility-based quarantine; but if found positive, he/she shall follow the prescribed isolation protocols. Upon completion of such quarantine, the BOQ shall issue a Quarantine Certificate indicating therein the individual's vaccination status. The individual is thereafter enjoined to monitor themselves for the next seven (7) days for any symptoms;

VII. The foregoing testing and quarantine protocols shall be subject to special protocols approved by the IATF or the Office of the President for certain classes of travelers or ports of origin.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that, effective 26 July 2021, this Resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 123-C (s.2021).

**RESOLVED FINALLY,** 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 128th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this July 22, 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



#### **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 <u>22 July 2021</u> via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. <u>128-A</u> 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 <u>22nd</u> day of July 2021, Manila.

ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE

Assistant Secretary of Health

Head Secretariat, IATF