



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

RESOLUTION NO. 142

Series of 2021

October 07, 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 10, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

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, 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 recommendations of the Technical Working Group:

- A. Effective 08 October 2021, and pending further review of the testing and quarantine protocols for international arriving passengers coming from “Green” List countries/territories/jurisdictions, the protocols for “Green” List and “Yellow” List countries/territories/jurisdictions in all ports of entry in the Philippines shall be as follows:



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1. Fully vaccinated individuals coming from either “Green” or “Yellow” List countries/territories/jurisdictions, need to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their tenth (10th) day, with the day of arrival being the first day. The Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) shall ensure strict symptom monitoring while in the facility. Foreign nationals shall be required to secure their own pre-booked accommodation of at least six (6) days;
 2. Unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently verified/confirmed by Philippine authorities as valid and authentic coming from either “Green” or “Yellow” List countries/territories/jurisdictions, shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR testing taken on the seventh (7th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the day of arrival being the first day. The BOQ shall ensure strict symptom monitoring while in the facility. Foreign nationals shall be required to secure their own pre-booked accommodation of at least eight (8) days;
 3. For purposes of verification/confirmation of vaccination status, any of the following shall be acceptable:
 - a. 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;
 - b. For Filipinos and foreigners fully vaccinated in the Philippines: either their VaxCertPH digital vaccination certificate or BOQ-issued International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICV);
 - c. For non-OFWs and foreigners fully vaccinated abroad: the national digital certificate of the foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement or BOQ-issued ICV.
- B. The following protocols for close contacts of probable, suspect, and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall hereinafter be observed:
1. Fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts of probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases may undergo a seven (7)-day quarantine period, provided that



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the individual remains asymptomatic for the duration of the seven-day period with the first day being the date immediately after the last exposure.

In the event that (RT-PCR) Test needs to be performed on the asymptomatic individual, it may be tested not earlier than the fifth day after the date of the last exposure.

For close contacts who may have been traced beyond the seventh day from last exposure and who have remained asymptomatic, no testing and quarantine shall be required.

Should the RT-PCR Test yield a positive result, or he/she becomes symptomatic, he/she shall follow the prescribed testing and isolation protocols.

2. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who may be close contacts of suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall undergo fourteen-day quarantine pursuant to the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2021-0043 or the “Omnibus Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for the Safe Reopening of Institutions.”
 3. An individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:
 - a. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2-dose series; or
 - b. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received a single-dose vaccine.
 - c. The vaccines administered to the individual are included in any of the following:
 1. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
 2. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
 4. The Department of Health and other relevant government agencies and instrumentalities are directed to amend their issuances accordingly.
- B. The Guidelines on the Pilot Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response in the National Capital Region shall be amended by the insertion of a new provision under Part I Section 3, as follows:



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3. The following persons, (i) those below eighteen (18) years old; (ii) fully vaccinated individuals over sixty-five (65) years of age; (iii) fully vaccinated individuals with immunodeficiencies, comorbidities, or other health risks, and (iv) fully vaccinated pregnant women shall be allowed point-to-point interzonal travel to areas under General Community Quarantine and/or Modified General Community Quarantine subject to the guidelines and strict health protocols as may be prescribed by the Department of Tourism and the reasonable regulations of the LGU of destination.

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.

APPROVED during the 142nd Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this October 07, 2021, via video conference.

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 Undersecretary 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 **07 October 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **142** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or 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 **7th** day of October 2021, Manila.


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