



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 158**

Series of 2022

January 20, 2022

**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(c) 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 local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, 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), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines.

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

A. Upon the recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics, the following provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities shall be escalated to their respective alert level classifications effective 21 to 31 January 2022:

1. To Alert Level 4:
  - a. Cordillera Administrative Region: Kalinga, Ifugao, Mt. Province;
  - b. Northern Samar.

2. To Alert Level 3:



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- a. For Luzon:
    - i. Apayao;
    - ii. Puerto Princesa City;
    - iii. Masbate.
  - b. Siquijor; and
  - c. For Mindanao:
    - i. Region IX: Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga Sibugay;
    - ii. Lanao del Norte;
    - iii. Region XI: Davao de Oro and Davao Oriental;
    - iv. Region XII: North Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat;
    - v. Surigao del Norte;
    - vi. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao:  
Basilan and Maguindanao.
- B. In order to urgently address rising utilization rates and increasing COVID-19 case data, the Regional Inter-Agency Task Forces, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Health Centers for Health Development are directed, as follows:
- 1. Assess and closely monitor case and hospital metrics to ensure prompt response;
  - 2. Address low percentage of dedicated beds for COVID-19 through the augmentation of human resource for health and temporary increase of hospital authorized bed capacities;
  - 3. Immediately decongest hospital facilities of mild and asymptomatic cases through step-down facilities;
  - 4. Lead in establishing functional local government unit emergency operations center and triage areas to ensure that cases are assessed, appropriately referred, and monitored; and
  - 5. Strengthen LGU and community access and preference for home care services among mild and asymptomatic cases.
- C. Upon the recommendation of its Technical Working Group, international arriving Filipino passengers who have recently recovered from COVID-19 but still test positive in the required pre-departure Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test may be allowed entry into the country subject to the presentation of the following in lieu of the required negative pre-departure




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RT-PCR test:

1. The positive RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight hours (48 hrs) prior to the date/time of departure from country/port of origin;
2. A medical certificate issued by a licensed physician stating that the traveler: (i) has completed the mandatory isolation period; (ii) is no longer infectious; and (iii) has been allowed free movement/travel; and
3. A positive RT-PCR test taken not earlier than ten (10) days but not later than thirty (30) days prior to date/time of departure from country/port of origin.
4. Upon arrival, they shall be required to observe the facility-based quarantine applicable to them based on the classification of the country/territory/jurisdiction of origin and the passenger's vaccination status. However, if fully vaccinated and coming from Green List countries/territories/jurisdictions, they shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine periods prescribed for Yellow List countries/territories/jurisdictions for fully vaccinated arriving passengers.

**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 158th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this January 20, 2022, 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 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;
1. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on **20 January 2022** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **158** was unanimously approved and adopted;
5. 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;
6. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **20th** day of January 2022, Manila.

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