



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

RESOLUTION NO. 67

Series of 2020
August 31, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, to prevent the sharp rise of COVID-19 cases in the country, the President placed the entirety of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining the risk-based classification of areas in the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to develop the LGU Epidemic Response Framework and to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the IATF finalized the parameters for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors;

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 August 27, 2020, the IATF adopted major changes in the COVID-19 risk-classification method for Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities, and Independent Component Cities, use of new parameters for escalation and de-escalation of community quarantine classification, revised procedure for reporting and recommendations for risk classifications, and standardization of requirements for provinces, HUCs, and ICCs applying for de-escalation from GCQ to MGCQ;

WHEREAS, as of August 30, 2020, there are total of Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Three (56, 473) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the recommendations of the IATF Screening and Validation Committee, as amended as follows:

- A. Beginning 01 September 2020, the community quarantine classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) based on epidemic risk level, economic, social, and security considerations, and the appeals and commitment of local government units (LGUs) shall be adopted:



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1. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until 30 September 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
 - i. For Luzon:
 - a. Cordillera Administrative Region - Abra*, Apayao*, Ifugao*, Benguet*, Kalinga*, Mountain Province*, Baguio City*;
 - b. Region I - Ilocos Norte*, Ilocos Sur*, La Union*, Pangasinan*, Dagupan City*;
 - c. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan*, Isabela*, Nueva Vizcaya*, Quirino, Santiago City*;
 - d. Region III - Aurora*, Bataan*, Nueva Ecija*, Pampanga*, Tarlac*, Zambales*, Angeles City*, Olongapo City*;
 - e. Region IV-A - Cavite*, Laguna*, Rizal*, Quezon*;
 - f. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro*, Oriental Mindoro*, Romblon*, Palawan*, Puerto Princesa City*; and
 - g. Region V - Albay*, Camarines Norte*, Camarines Sur*, Catanduanes*, Masbate*, Sorsogon*, Naga City*.
 - ii. For Visayas:
 - a. Region VI - Aklan*, Antique*, Capiz*, Guimaras*, Iloilo*, Negros Occidental*, Iloilo City*;
 - b. Region VII - Bohol*, Cebu*, Negros Oriental*, Siquijor*, Cebu City*, Lapu-Lapu City*, Mandaue City*; and
 - c. Region VIII - Biliran*, Leyte*, Southern Leyte*, Eastern Samar*, Northern Samar*, Western Samar*, Ormoc City*.
 - iii. For Mindanao:
 - a. Region IX - Zamboanga del Norte*, Zamboanga del Sur*, Zamboanga Sibugay*, Zamboanga City*;
 - b. Region X - Bukidnon*, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte*, Misamis Occidental*, Misamis Oriental*, Cagayan de Oro City*;
 - c. Region XI - Davao de Oro*, Davao del Norte*, Davao del Sur*, Davao Occidental*, Davao Oriental*, Davao City*;
 - d. Region XII - North Cotabato*, South Cotabato*, Sarangani*, Sultan Kudarat*, General Santos City*, Cotabato City*;
 - e. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte*, Agusan del Sur*, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte*, Surigao del Sur*, Butuan City*; and
 - f. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan*, Lanao del Sur*, Maguindanao*, Sulu*, Tawi-Tawi*.

**NTF and DILG shall ensure localized actions are implemented*



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2. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 30 September 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
 - i. For Luzon:
 - a. All HUCs of the NCR and the Municipality of Pateros;
 - b. Bulacan; and
 - c. Batangas.
 - ii. For Visayas:
 - a. Bacolod City; and
 - b. Tacloban City.
 3. Due to the increasing average daily growth rate of cases, Iligan City shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine until 30 September 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas.
- B. All provinces, HUCs, and ICCs are directed to observe the strict enforcement of the following measures:
1. Minimum public health standards, especially their uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, and workplaces, among others;
 2. Localized community quarantine and availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority or critical areas with community transmission, including private and public establishments, with concurrence of the RIATF;
 3. Immediate facility-based quarantine or isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;
 4. Scaling up of local health system capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, and ICU, isolation, and ward beds for COVID-19 cases; and
 5. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and DOH DataCollect.
- C. The National Task Force and DILG shall ensure that areas flagged for local action shall implement strict lockdown of areas in line with the Zoning Containment



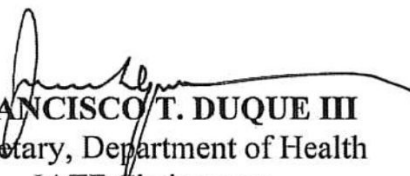
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Strategy, strict enforcement of minimum health standards, and intensified tracing and quarantine of close contacts and isolation of confirmed cases.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the recommendations of the IATF shall be subject to the ratification and the pronouncement of the President;

RESOLVED FINALLY, the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 67th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 31st of August 2020 *via* video conference.


FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary
IATF Co-Chairperson



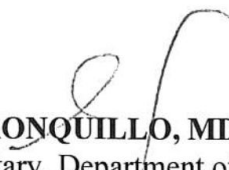
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the designated Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, series of 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 **31 August 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **67** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon 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 **31st** day of August 2020, Manila.


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