



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 81**

Series of 2020

October 26, 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 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 May 27, 2020, the IATF released an updated risk classification in all Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities in the country, placing localities under different classifications of community quarantine with the goal of balancing economic activity and public health;

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 declared under Proclamation No. 929, (s.2020)

**WHEREAS**, as of October 25, 2020, there are total of active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, pursuant to the recommendations of the IATF sub-Technical Working Group (sTWG) on Data Analytics, that the IATF provisionally approves the following:

1. Effective 01 November 2020, the risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) shall be as follows:
  - a. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)\* until 30 November 2020, without



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

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, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga\*\*, Tarlac, Zambales\*\*, Angeles City, Olongapo City\*\*;
  - e. Region IV-A - Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Quezon\*\*, Lucena City\*\*;
  - 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\*\*;
  - b. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu, Cebu City\*\*, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Negros Oriental, Siquijor; and
  - c. Region VIII - Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte\*\*, Eastern Samar\*\*, Northern Samar\*\*, Western Samar, Ormoc City.
- iii. For Mindanao:
  - a. Region IX - Zamboanga City\*\*, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur\*\*, Zamboanga Sibugay\*\*;
  - b. Region X - Bukidnon\*\*, Camiguin\*\*, Lanao del Norte\*\*, Misamis Occidental\*\*, Misamis Oriental\*\*, Cagayan de Oro City\*\*;
  - c. Region XI - Davao City\*\*, Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental;
  - 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\*\*, Maguindanao, Sulu\*\*, Tawi-Tawi\*\*.

*\*Recommendations assuming similar risk classification prevails until Oct. 28, 2020*

*\*\* Areas requiring special attention by the local government unit and Regional IATF and National Task Force.*



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

- b. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ)\* until 30 November 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; and
    - b. Batangas;
  - ii. For Visayas:
    - a. Iloilo City,
    - b. Bacolod City; and
    - c. Tacloban City
  - iii. For Mindanao:
    - a. Iligan City; and
    - b. Lanao del Sur.

*\*Recommendations assuming similar risk classification prevails on 28 October 2020*

- 2. Provinces, HUCs, and ICCs characterized accordingly hereinabove, upon the concurrence of their respective Regional IATF, may appeal for re-classification to the IATF Screening and Validation Committee not later than 28 October 2020, at 10:00 AM.

LGUs appealing for de-escalation are likewise directed to submit their performance assessment in relation to gatekeeping public health indicators, which shall be the basis of the IATF in acting on their appeal, specifically:

- a. Surveillance capacity;
  - b. Contact tracing capacity;
  - c. Testing capacity;
  - d. Compliance to minimum health standards;
  - e. Appropriate referral to isolation facility; and
  - f. Community isolation beds to population ratio.
- 3. The DILG is directed to inform local chief executives of the Preliminary List of Risk Classification for all Provinces, HUCs, and ICCs, as well as of the gatekeeping criteria or indicators for de-escalation.





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

4. All areas shall continue to implement the following measures:
- a. 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;
  - b. The implementation of localized community quarantine and the ramping up of the availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including in private and public establishments, with concurrence of the RIATF;
  - c. Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;
  - d. 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;
  - e. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and the DOH DataCollect.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, 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 81st Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 26th of October 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



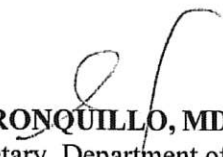
**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE**  
**FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

**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 **26 October 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **81** 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 **26th** day of October 2020, Manila.

  
**KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH**  
Assistant Secretary, Department of Health  
Secretariat Head, IATF