



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 89**

Series of 2020

December 17, 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 December 17, 2020 there are a total of Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Five (25,695) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group:

1. Pursuant to Paragraph (C) of IATF Resolution No. 88, s. 2020, the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and such other national government agencies are hereby instructed to issue a consolidated advisory to the public on the proper wearing of face shields whenever outside their residences, including exclusions or exemptions, if any, as may be appropriate;



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2. Fully cognizant of the economic impact of the COVID-19 on the economy, particularly to the micro, small and medium business establishments, the IATF appeals to LGUs to provide regulatory relief or assistance to businesses such as but not limited to deferment of the payment deadlines for local government business fees which are/were not permitted to operate or adversely affected under different community quarantine classifications and/or guidelines issued by the DTI;
3. Foreign nationals with valid and existing visas under Section 9(e) and 9(g) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, who leave the Philippines starting December 17, 2020 may be allowed entry into the Philippines, subject to the following conditions:
  - a) they have valid and existing visa on the date of arrival;
  - b) with pre-booked quarantine facility;
  - c) with pre-booked COVID-19 testing at a laboratory operating at the airport; and
  - d) subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry.

The foregoing is without prejudice to immigration laws, rules and regulations such that the Commissioner of Immigration shall have the exclusive prerogative to decide on waiver or recall of exclusion orders for the above foreign nationals, including other foreign nationals who have entered the Philippines by virtue of Inter-Agency Task Force resolutions;

The Bureau of Immigration shall issue the guidelines for the implementation of the foregoing including the necessary coordination with the airlines; and

4. The IATF directs the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP) to cease and desist in the expansion of permissible accessory activities in golf clubs such as the reopening of locker rooms for golfers, among others, pending the review, amendment, modification, or approval of health protocols by the appropriate government agencies. The NGAP is hereby ordered to transmit its proposed protocols for golf to the DOH and the DOLE for vetting.

**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.



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**APPROVED** during the 89th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 17th of December 2020 *via* video conference.

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



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the interim OIC-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 **17 December 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **89** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by 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 **17th** day of December 2020, Manila.

**ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE**  
Assistant Secretary, Department of Health  
*OIC-Head of the Secretariat, IATF*