



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

RESOLUTION NO. 113-A

Series of 2021

April 29, 2021

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 April 29, 2021, there are a total of Sixty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four (69,354) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, upon the recommendations of the Screening and Validation Committee, the IATF approves the following risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) effective 01 May 2021:

1. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until 31 May 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

a. For Luzon:



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- i. Region I - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union*, Pangasinan, Dagupan City;
 - ii. Batanes,
 - iii. Region III - Aurora, Bataan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo City;
 - iv. Lucena City;
 - v. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Palawan; and
 - vi. Region V - Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Naga City.
- b. For the Visayas:
- i. Region VI - Aklan*, Antique*, Capiz*, Guimaras*, Negros Occidental*, Iloilo*, Bacolod City*, and Iloilo City*;
 - ii. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu*, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Cebu City*, Lapu-Lapu City*, Mandaue City*;
 - iii. Region VIII - Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar, and Ormoc City.
- c. For Mindanao:
- i. Region IX - Zamboanga del Norte*, Zamboanga del Sur*, Zamboanga Sibugay*, and Zamboanga City*;
 - ii. Region X - Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, and Cagayan de Oro City*;
 - iii. Region XI - Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental;
 - iv. Region XII - North Cotabato, South Cotabato*, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, General Santos City;
 - v. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte*, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur*, Butuan City; and
 - vi. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Cotabato City.

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

2. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 31 May 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

- a. For Luzon:



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- i. Cordillera Administrative Region - Apayao*, Baguio City*, Benguet, Kalinga*, Mt. Province*;
- ii. Region II: Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya;
- iii. Region IV-A: Batangas and Quezon; and
- iv. Puerto Princesa City

b. For the Visayas, Tacloban City*;

c. For Mindanao:

- i. Iligan City;
- ii. Davao City*; and
- iii. Lanao del Sur.

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3. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 14 May 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

i. For Luzon:

- a. Cordillera Administrative Region: Abra and Ifugao;
- b. Region II: City of Santiago and Quirino; and
- c. National Capital Region;
- d. Bulacan; and
- e. Region IV-A: Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal

4. All areas shall continue to implement the following measures:

- a. Improved implementation of engineering and administrative controls, especially ventilation standards and actions against crowdings and gatherings;
- b. Health promotion and strict enforcement of minimum public health standards, especially their uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, workplaces, and at home, among others;
- c. 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 the concurrence of the RIATF;




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- d. Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases, and the isolation of persons exhibiting symptoms and individuals awaiting their test results;
- e. Improved distribution of personal protective equipment, and waste management;
- f. Continuous health education on COVID-19 transmissions;
- g. Scaling up of local health systems capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, and Intensive Care Units, isolation, and ward beds for COVID-19 cases; and
- h. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and the DOH DataCollect.

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 113th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 29th of April 2021 *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 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 **29 April 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **113-A** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III 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 **29th** day of April 2021, Manila.


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