



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

RESOLUTION NO. 127

Series of 2021

July 15, 2021

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 (b) 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 entry of suspected or confirmed patients with emerging infectious diseases into the country;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

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 has detected B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, and P.3 variants of the COVID-19;

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 has likewise received information on the existence of B.1.617 variant first detected in India;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives;

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

- A. The request of the Philippine Basketball Association to restart their 46th Season is hereby approved, subject to the strict compliance of the health and safety protocols as provided for under the guidelines of the Games and Amusement Board.



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B. The recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. Approving the request of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict to conduct their nationwide Bike for Peace and Justice provided, that the same shall be held only in areas under Modified General Community Quarantine and General Community Quarantine; and
2. Approving the request of the Philippine National Volleyball Federation to host the 21st Asian Seniors Women's Volleyball Championship considering that the health and safety protocols of which are similar to those previously approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the National Task Force Chairperson and the Secretary of Labor and Employment shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 127th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this July 15, 2021, via video conference.

DELFIN N. LORENZANA
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson



SILVESTRE H. BELLO III
Secretary, Department of Labor and
Employment




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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 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;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on 15 July 2021 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 127 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana and Secretary Silvestre H. Bello 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 15th day of July 2021, Manila.


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