



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

RESOLUTION NO. 80

Series of 2020
October 22, 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 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 22, 2020, there are total of Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Two (44,772) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines;

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

A. The decisions of the IATF Technical Working Group are ratified, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. Beginning 01 November 2020, the following foreign nationals may be allowed entry into the Philippines:



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- a. Those with visas issued by the Bureau of Immigration pursuant to EO No. 226 or the Omnibus Investments Code, as amended, and Republic Act No. 8756;
- b. Those with 47(a)(2) visas issued by the Department of Justice; and
- c. Those with visas issued by Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

In all of the foregoing, the entry shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a. Must have valid and existing visa at the time of entry;
- b. With pre-booked accredited quarantine facility;
- c. Subject to the maximum capacity of inbound passengers at the port and date of entry; and
- d. Without prejudice to applicable immigration laws, rules and regulations.

The Bureau of Immigration shall make the necessary coordination with the airlines for the proper implementation of the foregoing.

2. The pre-boarding testing requirement for outbound Filipino travelers pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 79 is hereby lifted. For this purpose, Section [7], Paragraph (2) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, is hereby further amended, to wit:

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- c.) *OFWs, students enrolled abroad and participants accepted in exchange visitor programs, permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions, and foreign nationals, may leave for abroad through any of the airports or seaports in the country;*
- d.) *Outbound travel of Filipinos, regardless of purpose, may be allowed subject to compliance with the following requirements:*
 - i. ***For those travelling on tourist or short-term/ visitor visas, submission of confirmed round-trip tickets and adequate travel and health insurance to cover travel disruptions and hospitalization in case of COVID-19 infections during their allowable period of stay abroad;***



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ii. Execution of a Bureau of Immigration Declaration acknowledging the risks involved in travelling, including risk of delay in their return trip, to be provided at the check-in counters by the airlines;

iii. Whenever required by the country of destination or the airline, a negative COVID-19 test taken in accordance with the health and safety protocols of such destination country or airline; and

iv. Upon return, they shall follow the Guidelines of the National Task Force (NTF) for Returning Overseas Filipinos;

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B. Restrictions on mass gatherings for religious activities in areas under General Community Quarantine shall hereinafter be relaxed. For this purpose, Section [4], Paragraph 12 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines shall be amended, to wit:

*12. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings in areas under General Community Quarantine shall be allowed up to **thirty percent (30%)** of the seating or venue capacity. Provided that, religious gatherings shall be limited to the conduct of religious worship and/or service; Provided further, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards, particularly the social distancing measures and non-pharmaceutical interventions such as the obligatory wearing of face masks and immediate availability of hand hygiene necessities in the premises.*

C. Pursuant to House Committee Report No. 560 issued by the House Committee on Transportation on October 13, 2020 in accordance with House Resolution No. 1286, the Inter-Agency Task Force hereby allows the resumption of the motorcycle taxi pilot study. The National Task Force against COVID-19 and the Department of Transportation are hereby instructed to implement and monitor this pilot program.



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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 80th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 22nd of October 2020 *via* video conference.

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



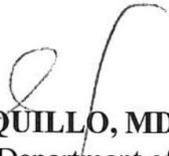
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CERTIFICATION

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 **22 October 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **80** 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 **22nd** day of October 2020, Manila.


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