



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 83**

Series of 2020

November 05, 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 November 05, 2020, there are total of Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven (32,777) 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 Revised Omnibus Interim Guidelines on Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration Strategies for COVID-19 of the Department of Health with the following general principles is hereby provisionally adopted:

1. Strict observance and implementation of minimum public health standards;
2. Rational assessment based on symptoms and exposure;



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3. Facility-based quarantine and isolation, if conditions will allow;
  4. Completion of fourteen (14)-day quarantine for close contacts of probable and confirmed cases and; ten (10)-day isolation for suspect, probable, and confirmed cases;
  5. Using the right test for the right reason; and
  6. Understanding the Use and Limitations of Available Testing Technologies.
- B. Pursuant to the designation of the Secretary of the Office of the Presidential Adviser for the Peace Process and concurrent National Task Force Against COVID-19 Chief Implementer Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. as the Vaccine Czar, the following are hereby approved:
1. The National Task Force Against COVID-19 is restructured to establish therein the COVID-19 Vaccine Cluster with the Vaccine Czar as chair, separate from the Response Cluster with Executive Committee Members and Advisory Groups. Different Task Groups, with specific roles and responsibilities, shall likewise be established thereunder. For this purpose, the COVID-19 Immunization Program Management – Organizational – Structure – approved – under – IATF Resolution No. 82 issued on October 26, 2020, is hereby abolished accordingly;
  2. The summary of duties of the Vaccine Czar are as follows:
    - a. Stewardship - Coordinate across various agencies, actors, and technical working groups on behalf of DOH, with authorized signatories across all levels of transactions;
    - b. Safety & Efficacy - Facilitate early issuance of Certificate of Product Registration with the Food and Drugs Administration
    - c. Cost-effectiveness - Facilitate timely conduct of Health Technology Assessment (HTA), as necessary;
    - d. Price Negotiation - Activate price negotiation board subject to HTA's cost-effective price;
    - e. Prioritization - Facilitate consensus on prioritization of vaccine recipients;
    - f. Delivery System - Facilitate decision on whether to use private system, develop protocol on accessing vaccines and



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registration with primary care providers with Health Care Provider Networks (HCPNs), practice guidelines;

- g. Surveillance - Set-up Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI)/ post-marketing surveillance and response;
- h. Financing & Co-Payments - Coordinate with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and legislators, as may be necessary, on budget and co-payment ceilings;
- i. Procurement - Facilitate procurement through various mechanisms allowed under existing laws, rules, and regulations through bilateral, multilateral, and other financial modalities (e.g. COVAX facility, etc.);
- j. Supply Chain and Logistics Management - Enter into an agreement with third party warehouse and logistics provider, as necessary;
- k. Information Systems - Establish the information and technology infrastructure to capture supply chain information as well as to capture system for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine; and
- l. Risk Communication & Community Engagement - Oversee vaccine risk communication and social preparation, and act as spokesperson for vaccine matters.

3. The Philippine National COVID-19 Vaccination Roadmap and Implementation Plan.

- C. The decision of the IATF' Technical Working Group to adopt the Joint Memorandum Circular of the Department of Health, Civil Service Commission, and the National Task Force on the Operational Guidelines of the COVID-19 and Other Emerging Infectious Disease Response in Public Sector Workplaces is hereby ratified. All national government agencies including bureaus, office, administration, board, council, Constitutional bodies, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Government Owned and Controlled Corporations with original charter, whether performing governmental or proprietary function, state colleges and universities, Local Government Units (LGUs), Local Water Districts, and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao are mandated to abide by this Joint Memorandum Circular to ensure the health and safety of all employees of the government.






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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 83rd Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 5th of November 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



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently the Head Executive Assistant 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 **05 November 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **83** 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 **5th** day of November 2020.

  
**ATTY. FATIMA P. LAPERAL**  
*OIC-Head of the Secretariat, IATF*

Head Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary of Health