

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

RESOLUTION NO. 148-C

Series of 2021 November 11, 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 10, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

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 have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines. The DOH, UP-PGH, and UP-NIH have likewise confirmed the presence of the B.1.617 (Delta) variant that was first detected in India;

WHEREAS, the IATF approved the shift in the policy of classifying Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICC) for purposes of community quarantine and adopted the Alert Level System for identified pilot areas of implementation;

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the Alert Level System was piloted on the National Capital Region (NCR) on 08 September 2021, and has since expanded to other regions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the recommendation of the sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics on the expanded implementation of the alert levels to the provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs), in adherence to the implementation phases provided under Executive Order No. 151 (s.2021):



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FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Beginning 12 November 2021 for Phase 2: Regions I, VIII, and XII;

Beginning 17 November 2021 for Phase 3: Regions II, V, and IX; and

Beginning 22 November 2021 for Phase 4: Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Regions IV-B, XIII (CARAGA), and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Moreover, in order to have an accurate assessment in placing areas under Alert Level 1, the National Task Force Against COVID-19 National Vaccines Operations Center and the Department of Information and Technology (DICT) shall facilitate the provision of daily vaccination data, such as relevant data on target population and vaccination coverage per priority group disaggregated for the provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs) to the sTWG on Data Analytics. Likewise, the Small Technical Working Group on Safety Seal shall finalize the list of 3Cs establishments to be included in the Safety Seal metric for Alert Level 1 de-escalation. The Local Government Units are also directed to conduct an inventory on the total number of 3Cs establishments and number of 3Cs establishments with Safety Seal based on the list to be issued by the Small Technical Working Group on Safety Seal.

RESOLVED FURTHER STILL, that upon the recommendations of the sTWG on Data Analytics, Mountain Province shall be de-escalated to General Community Quarantine beginning 16 November 2021, until 30 November 2021.

RESOLVED FINALLY, 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 148th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this November 11, 2021, via video conference.

ANCISCOT. DUQUE III

Secretary, Department of Health IATF Chairperson

KARLOALEXEI 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 an Undersecretary 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;
- 1. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on <u>11 November 2021</u> via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. <u>148-C</u> was unanimously approved and adopted;
- 5. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
- 6. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect:
- 7. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this <u>11th</u> day of November 2021, Manila.

Undersecretary of Health Head Secretariat, IATF