



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

RESOLUTION NO. 157

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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(c) 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 local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, 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), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines.

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

- I. Upon the recommendations of the sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics and the Technical Advisory Group, the testing and quarantine protocols for international arriving passengers in all ports of entry in the Philippines as provided for under IATF Resolution No. 154-C (s.2021) are hereby amended as follows:

- A. The protocols for “Green” List countries/jurisdictions/territories in all ports of entry in the Philippines shall be as follows:



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1. *Fully vaccinated international arriving passengers shall be required to present a negative Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test taken within **forty-eight hours (48hrs)** prior to departure from the country of origin. **Upon arrival, they shall no longer be required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival.***

 2. *For unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated, they shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR test taken within **forty-eight hours (48hrs)** prior to departure from the country of origin. Additionally, they shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the **fifth (5th) day**. **After which, they are enjoined to self-monitor for any symptoms for fourteen (14) days, with the first day being the date of arrival.***
- B. The protocols for “Yellow” List countries/jurisdictions/territories in all ports of entry in the Philippines shall be as follows:
1. *For fully vaccinated individuals: a negative RT-PCR test taken within **forty-eight hours (48 hrs)** prior to departure from the country of origin will be required. Upon arrival, they shall undergo facility-based quarantine with an RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day. **Once with a negative result, they may be released for completion of home quarantine up to the seventh (7th) day from the date of arrival.***

 2. *Individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated: a negative RT-PCR test taken within **forty-eight hours (48 hrs)** prior to departure from the country of origin will be required. Upon arrival, they shall undergo facility-based quarantine with an RT-PCR test done on the seventh (7th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day. **Once with a negative result, they may be released for completion of home quarantine up to the fourteenth (14th) day from the date of arrival.***



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C. The protocols for “Red” List countries/jurisdictions/territories in all ports of entry in the Philippines shall be as follows:

1. *The inbound international travel of all persons coming from or who have been to “Red List” countries/jurisdictions/territories within the last fourteen (14) days prior to arrival to any port of the Philippines **shall be allowed.***
2. *For fully vaccinated individuals: a negative RT-PCR test taken **within forty-eight hours (48 hrs)** prior to departure from the country of origin will be required. Upon arrival, they shall undergo facility-based quarantine with an RT-PCR test taken on the seventh (7th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day. Once with a negative result, they may be released from facility quarantine, provided the completion of home quarantine up to the fourteenth (14th) day from the date of arrival.*
3. *For individuals who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated: a negative RT-PCR test taken **within forty-eight hours (48 hrs)** prior to departure from the country of origin will be required. Upon arrival, they shall undergo facility-based quarantine with an RT-PCR test done on the seventh (7th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day. They may be discharged only upon the completion of a 10-day facility-based quarantine, regardless of a negative RT-PCR result, and shall observe home quarantine until the fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day.*

D. Negative pre-departure RT-PCR tests taken seventy-two hours (72 hrs) prior to departure shall be honored until 0001H of 19 January 2022.

E. All other provisions of IATF Resolution No. 154-C (s.2021) not affected by the foregoing shall remain in force.

II. The recommendations of the Technical Working Group are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. There being no objection from the Department of Health and the Bureau of Quarantine, the following shall be implemented for the aviation sector:
 - i. The isolation and quarantine protocols for aviation sector, including but not limited to airline personnel, ground handlers, maintenance providers,



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airport security, air traffic controllers, airport workers and other aviation-related personnel:

1. Isolation for up to five (5) days for mild and asymptomatic confirmed COVID-19 cases who are fully vaccinated and boosted; and
 2. Quarantine of up to zero (0) day for:
 - a. Asymptomatic close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases who have received primary series vaccine doses and booster,
 - b. Asymptomatic close contacts who recovered from COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
 - ii. All aircrafts shall ensure appropriate ventilation and all aviation staff should wear appropriate personal protective equipment at all times;
 - iii. DOTr and its attached agencies shall identify the appropriate accountable group to make decisions for shortening isolation or quarantine based on evidence, similar to Hospital Infection Prevention and Control wherein infectious disease specialists, safety officers, and management deliberate, monitor, and act on all infection-related concerns of the health facility;
 - iv. DOTr shall monitor and evaluate the implementation of the aviation industry, and copy furnish reports to the DOH Epidemiology Bureau for assessment of COVID-19 cases, clusters, vaccination status, and the like; and
 - v. IATF retains the authority to revoke/modify the privilege provided to the aviation industry for shortened quarantine and isolation.
2. Foreign nationals allowed to enter into the country shall be subject to the following additional protocols:
- i. Beginning 16 February 2022, proof of full vaccination shall be made a requirement for entry of all foreign nationals allowed to enter the Philippines.
 1. An individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:
 - a. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2-dose series, or



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- b. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received a single-dose vaccine.
 - c. The vaccines administered to the individual are included in any of the following:
 - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
 - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
 - d. Foreign nationals must have the following proofs of vaccination against COVID-19 recognized under existing IATF regulations:
 - i. World Health Organization International Certificates of Vaccination and Prophylaxis;
 - ii. VaxCertPH; or
 - iii. National/state digital certificate of the foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement unless otherwise permitted by the IATF.
2. Exceptions to the requirement that all passengers to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination status prior to boarding an airplane/vessel to the Philippines are absolutely limited to the following groups:
 - a. Children below eighteen (18) years of age;
 - b. People medically unable to receive the vaccine, as certified by a competent public health authority in the country/port of origin; and
 - c. Foreign diplomats and their qualified dependents/9(e) visa holders.
3. The DOTr, through the Civil Aeronautics Board, is hereby instructed to mandate the airlines to require foreign nationals travelling to the Philippines to present proof of full vaccination prior to boarding flights to any points in the Philippines.
3. Upon the recommendations of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the national COVID-19 vaccination certificate of the following countries, namely Colombia, Iraq, Monaco, Italy, Tunisia, and Vietnam, shall be accepted/recognized for purposes of arrival quarantine protocols as well as for interzonal/intrazonal movement, in addition to such other countries/territories/jurisdictions whose proofs of vaccination the IATF has already approved for recognition in the Philippines, and without prejudice to such other proofs of vaccination approved by IATF for all inbound travellers.




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The Bureau of Quarantine, the Department of Transportation - One-Stop-Shop, and the Bureau of Immigration are directed to recognize only the proofs of vaccination thus approved by the IATF.

4. The recommendation of the Department of Tourism for hotels used as quarantine facilities to be likewise used as isolation facilities is adopted, subject to specific protocols that may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine - Department of Health.
- III.** The IATF expresses its full support to the programs of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority in enhancing the enforcement of COVID-19 Strategies at the barangay level.

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 157th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this January 13, 2022, 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

CERTIFICATION



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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 **13 January 2022** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **157** 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. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **13th** day of January 2022, Manila.


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Undersecretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF