



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

RESOLUTION NO. 27

Series of 2020

April 22, 2020

**RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION**

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, recognizing that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic requires the mobilization of a whole-of-government response, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency in the entire Philippines through Proclamation No. 922;

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 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, to mitigate and contain the transmission of COVID-19, and to mobilize the provision of basic necessities to sectors adversely affected by the Enhanced Community Quarantine, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 11469, or the “*Bayanihan* to Heal as One Act”;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, upon the recommendation of the IATF, the President extended the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine over the entirety of Luzon until April 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of April 22, 2020, there are six thousand seven hundred and ten (6, 710) confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

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

- A. To ensure their safety and convenience, special accommodations for all healthcare workers providing COVID-19-related care shall be arranged in hotel establishments or other housing facilities in close proximity to their respective places of work.

The Department of Tourism (DOT) is directed to finalize the inventory of hotels and similar establishments which can be utilized for this purpose;

- B. The National Task Force (NTF) COVID-19 Sub-Task Group for the Repatriation of Overseas Filipino Workers is directed to issue omnibus protocols governing the management and surveillance of repatriated land-based and sea-based OFWs upon arrival and after the completion of the mandated quarantine period;



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- C. The NTF Task Group for Resource Management and Logistics is hereby tasked to compile a compendium of all logistical requirements to further support health and emergency frontliners, such as but not limited to, provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs), establishment of disinfection chambers subject to guidelines issued by the Department of Health, and the maintenance of housing facilities for healthcare workers;
- D. Subject to continued compliance with relevant cybersecurity, data privacy, and confidentiality laws, as well as similar guidelines and protocols as may be issued by the IATF through the Sub-Technical Working Group (TWG) on Information and Communications Technology which shall be disclosed to all users prior to enrollment or registration, the IATF adopts StaySafe.ph as the official social-distancing, health-condition-reporting, and contact-tracing system that will assist in the government's response to COVID-19;
- E. The RapidPass system shall be applied prospectively, and existing IATF IDs already issued by the member-agencies shall be honored. Enrollment for RapidPass IDs shall be voluntary and shall only cover qualified private sector entities or persons. The movement of cargo vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, Business Process Outsourcing companies, and export-oriented establishments, shall remain unhampered even without enrolling in the RapidPass system.

In accordance with previous IATF Resolutions, government officials and government frontline personnel, including their official vehicles, shall continue to be exempt from the strict home quarantine requirement for the duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ); and

- F. An IATF Sub-TWG composed of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) as chair, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), DOT, DOH, the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), and such other agencies as may be determined by the chair, as members, is hereby directed to formulate and recommend protocols on the possible continuation of domestic air, land, and sea travel as a mode of transportation, subject to existing protocols and guidelines on social distancing, isolation, and quarantine.



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APPROVED during the 27th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 22nd of April, 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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City of Manila) S.S

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, **KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH**, of legal age, Filipino, with an office address at San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila, after having been sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and say as follows:

- 1) That I am the duly appointed Head Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Philippines hereinafter referred to as the "IATF", an entity duly organized and existing and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
- 2) That I am the custodian of the books and records of the IATF, including the Minutes and Resolutions;
- 3) That at the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on 20 April 2020, during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

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- 4) That the foregoing resolution has not been altered, modified, nor revoked; and that the same is now in full force and in effect; and
- 5) That I am executing this Certificate for whatever legitimate purpose it may serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 20th day of April 2020 at San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH
IATF HEAD SECRETARIAT



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ at _____,
affiant exhibiting to me his competent proof of identification issued on _____
in _____ and his Passport/Driver License No. _____, which will
expire on _____.

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