MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021-2273

To: All LTO Officials and Employees
   Central and Regional Offices

Date: 04 August 2021

Subject: GUIDELINES ON THE ADOPTION OF SKELETON WORKFORCE ON-SITE DURING ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) AND MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ)

Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 130-A issued on 29 July 2021 and in accordance with the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (with amendments as of 20 May 2021), the LTO Offices which will be placed under the status of ECQ and MECQ shall remain fully operational to ensure the continuous delivery of public services, subject to the on-site capacity and work-from-home arrangements.

In this connection, the following guidelines on the adoption of skeleton workforce on-site for officials, employees and job order (JO) personnel under those above-mentioned offices shall be implemented effective immediately:

1. In compliance with the IATF Guidelines and in support to the Department of Health (DOH) pronouncement to limit non-essential movement, those LTO Offices under the status of ECQ shall extend the validity of pertinent registration and licensing transactions, hence the frontline services will be closed. However, each office shall be required to maintain at least twenty percent (20%) on-site capacity at any given time, with the remainder being under work-from-home arrangements unless whose functions providing law enforcement and when their services are indispensable under the circumstances such as the preparation of payroll, disbursement vouchers and the like.

2. Those LTO Offices under the status of MECQ, each office including frontline services shall at all times be manned by a skeleton workforce with shifting of assignments and shall comprise of not more than fifty percent (50%), with the remainder being under work-from-home arrangements unless whose functions
providing law enforcement and when their services are indispensable under the circumstances such as the preparation of payroll, disbursement vouchers and the like.

3. Personnel who are not scheduled to physically report for work shall be considered on a work-from-home arrangement and they shall be given tasks to be performed to the full extent possible in terms of man-days per week. As such, they shall have access to or are provided with any communication equipment or facilities such as computer/laptop, internet, telephone or mobile phone.

4. The work-from-home arrangement shall also apply to all personnel who are below twenty-one (21) years old, sixty (60) years old and above, pregnant women as well as those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, other health risk and underlying health conditions, except when their services are indispensable under the circumstances or when office work is permitted.

5. The tasks to be performed by personnel under the work-from-home arrangement shall be subject to those enumerated under Section 3.1 (d) of Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 18 issued on 15 October 2020 (Amendment to the Revised Interim Guidelines for Alternative Work Arrangements and Support Mechanisms for Workers in the Government during period of State of National Emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic).

6. All personnel under the work-from-home arrangement shall always make themselves available during the work hours that they are at home via tele or videoconferencing, e-mail, online messaging and other means of communications.

7. The Heads of Offices shall adopt a monitoring mechanism such as submission of Daily/Weekly Accomplishment Reports to ensure that the delivery of services to clientele is not prejudiced.

8. The Heads of Offices shall ensure the proper distribution of tasks and monitoring of completion thereof.

9. The Heads of Office shall submit to the Human Resource Development (HRD) Section the list of personnel comprising their skeleton workforce and those designated to work-from-home as well as their assigned tasks.

10. Disciplinary sanction and appropriate penalties shall be imposed to personnel who fail to observe the set work hours and/or if found doing non-work-related tasks or activities during his/her schedule and work arrangement.
11. Only the face recognition/detection shall be used when registering the daily attendance in the biometric timekeeping machine to avoid the risk of virus transmission through fingerprint identification.

12. In instances when the face recognition/detection is not working or is malfunctioning, the employee may record his/her Time In or Time Out in the guard’s logbook and in his/her respective Unit/Section logbook, which shall be attached to the Daily Time Record (DTR) submitted to the HRD Section.

13. All personnel shall be exempted from using biometric machine to log their Break Out and Break In. However, they are still required to record their lunch break time in their Unit/Section logbook.

Further, all Heads of Offices shall ensure that all personnel and clients are advised of the health and sanitary protocols pursuant to LTO Memorandum Circular No. 2020-2183 issued on 09 May 2020.

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, revoked and/or superseded accordingly.

For strict compliance.

EDGAR C. GALVANTE
Assistant Secretary
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 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

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 continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, upon the recommendations of the Screening and Validation Committee, the IATF approves the following risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) effective 01 August 2021:

A. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until 31 August 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
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1. For Luzon:
   a. Cordillera Administrative Region - Ifugao, Kalinga, Abra, Benguet, Mt. Province;
   b. Region I - La Union, Pangasinan, Dagupan City;
   c. Batanes;
   d. Region III - Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo City;
   e. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro*, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, and Palawan*; and
   f. Region V - Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon.

2. For the Visayas:
   a. Region VII - Bohol, Siquijor; and
   b. Region VIII - Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar*, and Ormoc City*.

3. For Mindanao:
   a. Region X - Bukidnon*, Camiguin*, Iligan, Lanao del Norte*, Misamis Occidental*;
   b. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Maguindanao*, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

*Areas requiring special attention by the Local Government Units and Regional IATF/RTF

B. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 31 August 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

1. For Luzon:
   a. Cordillera Administrative Region: Baguio City and Apayao;
   b. Region II: Santiago City, Quirino, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya;
   c. Region IV-A: Batangas and Quezon; and
   d. Puerto Princesa.

2. For Visayas:
   a. Region VI: Guimaras, Negros Occidental.
3. For Mindanao:
   a. Region IX: Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Norte;
   b. Region XI: Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur;
   c. Region XII: Gen. Santos City, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, North Cotabato, and South Cotabato;
   d. Region XIII (CARAGA): Agusan Del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao Del Norte, Surigao del Sur, and Dinagat Islands; and
   e. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Cotabato City.

*Areas requiring special attention by the Local Government Units and Regional IATF/RTF*

C. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 15 August 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

   1. For Luzon: Ilocos Norte, and Bataan; and
   2. For Visayas: Mandaue City, Lapu Lapu City, Cebu City** and Cebu Province.**

   **subject to further appeals by their respective LGUs.

D. Gingoog City of Misamis Oriental, Iloilo, Iloilo City, and Cagayan de Oro City shall be placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) until 07 August 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas;

E. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions until 15 August 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:

   1. For Luzon:
      a. Ilocos Sur;
      b. Cagayan,
c. Bulacan,
d. Region IV-A: Cavite, Rizal, Laguna, Lucena City; and,
e. Naga City.

2. For Visayas:
   a. Region VI: Antique, Aklan, Bacolod City, and Capiz; and,
   b. Negros Oriental;

3. For Mindanao:
   a. Zamboanga del Sur;
   b. Misamis Oriental;
   c. Region XI: Davao City, Davao del Norte, Davao Occidental, and Davao de Oro; and
   d. Butuan City.

The provinces, HUCs, and ICCs in the preceding paragraph shall observe and implement the following heightened restrictions:

1. Food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries may operate with their indoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of twenty percent (20%), and with their al fresco or outdoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of fifty percent (50%).

2. Personal care services, such as beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas, may operate up to thirty percent (30%) of venue or seating capacity. For this purpose, these establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers.

3. Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) events and social events in venue establishments shall not be allowed;

4. Outdoor tourist attractions, as may be defined by the Department of Tourism (DOT), shall remain to be allowed at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity with strict adherence to minimum public health standards;

5. Under the Safety Seal Certification Program, business establishments awarded Safety Seal Certifications shall be allowed to operate at an
additional 10 percentage points beyond the prescribed on-site capacity or venue/seating capacity, whichever is applicable;

6. Indoor sports courts and venues and indoor tourist attractions shall not be allowed to operate;

7. Specialized markets of the DOT such as Staycations without age restrictions shall remain to be allowed at such capacities, protocols, and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT;

8. Interzonal travel shall be allowed subject to restrictions of the local government unit of destination. Point-to-Point travel to areas under General Community Quarantine and Modified General Community Quarantine shall be allowed without age restrictions subject to an RT-PCR test-before-travel requirement for those below eighteen years old (18) and above sixty-five (65), and other protocols and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT and the Local Government Unit of destination;

9. Particular to Cavite, Bulacan, Laguna, and Rizal, which together with the National Capital Region, shall form the NCR Plus Area, only Authorized Persons Outside their Residences as provided for under Section 7(2)(a) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, shall be allowed to travel into and out of said NCR Plus Area;

10. Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity. Provided that, there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, further, that the LGU may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed, provided that the same shall be limited to immediate family members, upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the deceased and with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity; and
11. Other provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, not affected by the foregoing shall continue to be in effect including those on interzonal travel into and out of the aforementioned areas and the operation of public transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted.

F. The National Capital Region shall remain to be under General Community Quarantine until 05 August 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas, subject to the immediate observance and implementation of the following heightened restrictions:

1. Indoor dine-in services and *al fresco* dining of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries shall not be allowed. The operation of these establishments shall be limited to take-out and delivery;

2. Personal care services, such as beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas, may operate up to thirty percent (30%) of venue or seating capacity. For this purpose, these establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers;

3. Indoor sports courts and venues; and indoor tourist attractions; specialized markets of the Department of the Tourism, may not operate;

4. Outdoor tourist attractions, as may be defined by the Department of Tourism (DOT), shall remain to be allowed at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity with strict adherence to minimum public health standards;

5. Only Authorized Persons Outside their Residences as provided for under Section 7(2)(a) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, shall be allowed to travel into and out of the NCR Plus Area;

6. Only virtual religious gatherings shall be allowed. Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed, provided that the same shall be limited to immediate family members, upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the deceased and with full compliance with
the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity; and

7. Other provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, not affected by the foregoing shall continue to be in effect including those on the operation of public transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted.

Beginning 06 August 2021, the risk classification of the National Capital Region shall be escalated to Enhanced Community Quarantine until 20 August 2021, observing the provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine, as amended.

G. All areas shall continue to implement the following measures:

1. Shorten detection to isolation/quarantine interval to less than five (5) days:
   a. Conduct active case finding in all areas, prioritizing those with clustering;
   b. Close contacts of suspect, probable, and confirmed cases must be traced within twenty-four (24) hours of detection of a case;
   c. Immediate isolation/quarantine and testing of cases and close contacts;
   d. Rapid antigen tests may be used for confirmation of suspect/probable cases and close contacts;
   e. Those who turn negative on rapid antigen test must undergo Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test;
   f. Local Government Units (LGUs) and Regional Epidemiological Surveillance Units (RESUs) must identify areas with case increases or clustering and facilitate immediate submission samples for sequencing from these areas through the Epidemiology Bureau and UP-Philippine Genome Center (within 7 days of sample collection);
   g. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to ensure that workplaces and establishments conduct daily health and exposure screening, report identified cases and close contact to the LGU, and coordinate for investigation and response;
   h. Workplaces to consider incentives that will encourage reporting and adherence to isolation/quarantine;
2. Prioritize facility-based isolation and quarantine to prevent household transmission:
   a. Increase number and utilization of isolation and quarantine facilities and Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities (TTMFs);
   b. Deploy additional staff, as needed, to ensure that cases and close contacts are closely monitored and infection prevention and control protocols are strictly followed;

3. Make readily available and accessible health care capacities and systems in preparation for case spikes:
   a. Each health facility must have a COVID-19 Surge Plan that will detail needed resources and how it shall be operationalized;
   b. Define additional metrics that will serve as early warning to signal a beginning “surge”, such as emergency department occupation rate and number of pending admissions;
   c. Needed logistics as indicated in the COVID-19 Surge Plan have to be secured and pre-positioned/readily accessible, including review of available supplies of ventilation requirements, oxygen tanks, regulators and canisters, and stockpiles of personal protective equipment and medicines, as needed;
   d. LGUs should have triage and referral systems that will enable assessment of cases for swift management at the appropriate facility;

4. Ramp up vaccination among Priority Groups A2 and A3 populations to reduce occurrence of more severe disease and fatalities. Parallel efforts to vaccinate A4 population, if resources are adequate, will provide protection for the economic sector. The NTF Vaccine Cluster is directed to ensure sufficient vaccine supply of up to Four Million Doses for the National Capital Region, and additional Two Million and Five Hundred Thousand Doses for Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal. All of the foregoing is subject to availability of vaccine supply. The provincial, city, and municipal local government units are likewise directed to intensify vaccination efforts during the period of Enhanced Community Quarantine;

5. Strictly enforce border control protocols at all ports of entry:
   a. Both air and sea ports, including sea ports for cargo vessels;
b. Isolation and quarantine facilities must strictly implement infection prevention and control protocols;
c. Close contacts among passengers have to be identified and closely monitored by the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ);
d. LGU must ensure proper endorsement, monitoring, and quarantine completion;

6. Continuously assess COVID-19 situation at all levels:
   a. Regular assessment of trends of cases and admissions;
   b. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to monitor that the Prevent - Detect - Isolate - Treat - Reintegrate (PDITR) Strategy of the National Task Force Against COVID-19 is implemented and enhanced case finding and contact tracing as well as proper isolation/quarantine are done; and

7. Disseminate information on the variants of concern and expected actions to be taken by individuals, establishments and implementers:
   a. Correct information on the variants of concern to counter mis- and dis-information;
   b. Clear call to action on:
      i. Correct and consistent Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) implementation;
      ii. Early consultation and adherence to isolation/quarantine guidelines;
      iii. Implementation of adequate ventilation and safety protocols at workplaces and establishment; and
      iv. Enhanced response by the LGUs to areas with case increases.

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 130th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this July 29, 2021, via video conference.

FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III
Secretary, Department of Health
IATF Chairperson

KARLOALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary 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;

5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on 29 July 2021 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. 130-A was unanimously approved and adopted;

6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the 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 29th day of July 2021, Manila.

ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Assistant Secretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF
WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. (E.O.) 168, (s. 2014) created the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to facilitate inter-sectoral collaboration to establish preparedness and ensure efficient government response to assess, monitor, contain, control, and prevent the spread of any potential epidemic in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 2(c) of E.O. 168 mandates the IATF to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with emerging infectious diseases, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

WHEREAS, on 28 January 2020, the IATF convened, and thereafter issued regular recommendations for the management of the 2019 Novel CoronaVirus Acute Respiratory Disease, which is now known as Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, the 18 March 2020 Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary directed all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of government, including the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Force of the Philippines (AFP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) to adopt, coordinate, and implement guidelines which the IATF may issue on the COVID-19 situation, consistent with the respective agency mandates and relevant laws, rules, and regulations;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (c) of RA 11332, allows the DOH to perform disease surveillance and response functions to address events of public health concern;

WHEREAS, on 30 April 2020, E.O. No. 112, (s. 2020) was issued which confirmed and adopted the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as approved and recommended under IATF Resolution No. 30, and authorized any amendment or modification thereto subject to the approval of the IATF.
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth herein, the IATF issues these amended Omnibus Guidelines to harmonize and codify existing guidelines of the IATF and member-agencies pertaining to community quarantine, which shall be applied to all regions, provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays placed under community quarantine.

SECTION [1] DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of these Guidelines, the following shall be defined as follows:

1. **Accommodation Establishments** - refers to establishments operating primarily for accommodation purposes including, but not limited to, hotels, resorts, apartment hotels, tourist inns, motels, pension houses, private homes used for homestay, ecolodges, serviced apartments, condotels, and bed and breakfast facilities. *(As amended by Paragraph A(1) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*

2. **Comorbidity** - refers to the presence of a pre-existing chronic disease condition.

3. **Community Quarantine** - refers to the restriction of movement within, into, or out of the area of quarantine of individuals, large groups of people, or communities, designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission of an infectious disease among persons in and to persons outside the affected area.

4. **COVID-19** - refers to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 which is caused by the virus known as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

5. **Enhanced Community Quarantine** - refers to the implementation of temporary measures imposing stringent limitations on movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

6. **Essential goods and services** - covers health and social services to secure the safety and well-being of persons, such as but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy, and others as may be determined by the IATF.

7. **General Community Quarantine** - refers to the implementation of temporary measures limiting movement and transportation, regulation of operating industries, and presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

8. **Health and emergency frontline services** - refers to services provided by public health workers [all employees of the DOH, DOH Hospitals, Hospitals of LGUs, and Provincial, City, and Rural Health Units, and Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers including those managed by other government agencies (e.g. police and military hospitals/clinics, university medical facilities), uniformed medical personnel], private health workers, such as but not limited to medical professionals, hospital and health
facility administrative and maintenance staff, and aides from private health facilities, as well as their service providers, health workers and volunteers of the Philippine Red Cross and the World Health Organization, and employees of Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC), health insurance providers, disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers.

9. **Interzonal movement** - the movement of people, goods and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under different community quarantine classification. For this purpose, the National Capital Region shall be considered as one area. Provided that movements to and from areas under granular lockdowns shall be considered as interzonal movement even if within the same province or highly urbanized city. *(As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)*

10. **Intrazonal movement** - the movement of people, goods and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under the same community quarantine classification, without transiting through an area under a different classification. For this purpose, the National Capital Region shall be considered as one area. *(As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)*

11. **Minimum public health standards** - refers to guidelines set by the DOH under Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 and such other issuances subsequent thereto, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by national government agencies as authorized by the IATF, to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), or public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities must carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population.

12. **Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine** - refers to the transition phase between ECQ and GCQ, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: stringent limits on movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

13. **Modified General Community Quarantine** - refers to the transition phase between GCQ and the New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

14. **New Normal** - refers to the emerging behaviors, situations, and minimum public health standards that will be institutionalized in common or routine practices and remain even
after the pandemic while the disease is not totally eradicated through means such as widespread immunization. These include actions that will become second nature to the general public as well as policies such as bans on large gatherings that will continue to remain in force.

15. **On-site capacity** - refers to the number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to be physically present at their designated workplace outside of their residences. *(As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)*

16. **Skeleton workforce** - refers to the on-site capacity which utilizes the smallest number of people needed for a business or organization to maintain its basic functions. *(As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)*

**SECTION [2] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS PLACED UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** Areas placed under ECQ shall observe the following protocols:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the ECQ.

2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section. *(As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 110, April 15, 2021)*

3. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section. *(As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)*

4. Only the following establishments, persons, or activities are allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken for the duration of the ECQ:
   
   a. With full on-site capacity:
      
      i. Public and private hospitals;
      ii. Health, emergency, and frontline services, including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, HMOs, health insurance providers, disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers, and the like;
iii. Manufacturers of medicines and vitamins, medical supplies, devices, and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution;

iv. Industries involved in agriculture (crops, fruits, vegetables, livestock, and poultry), forestry, fishery, and such other components of the food value chain and their workers, including farmers and fisherfolks;

v. Logistics service providers (delivery and courier services; cargo handling; warehousing; trucking; freight forwarding; shipping, port and terminal operators);

vi. Essential and priority construction projects, whether public or private, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);

vii. Manufacturing related to food and other essential goods such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, personal hygiene products, toilet paper, and wet wipes, and disinfectants;

viii. Companies that manufacture, distribute, and/or supply equipment or products necessary to perform construction or maintenance works, such as cement and steel, or spare parts;

ix. Essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, office supplies, bicycle shops, laundry shops, and water-refilling stations;

x. Food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, but limited to take-out and delivery;

xi. Public and private financial service providers involved in the distribution of government grants and amelioration subsidies; and

xii. Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs), and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying activities; and

xiii. Public transport providers and operators.

b. At a maximum of fifty percent (50%) on-site capacity:

i. Media establishments and their total permanent staff complement, inclusive of reporters and other field employees.

c. With an on-site skeleton workforce:

i. Dental, rehabilitation, optometry, and other medical clinics for the treatment of illness or injuries. Provided, that there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. Provided, further, that dental procedures shall be limited to emergency cases only and that the wearing of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and others.
attendants shall be mandatory. Provided, finally, that home service therapy for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed;

ii. Veterinary clinics;

iii. Banks, money transfer services, including pawnshops only insofar as performing money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any;

iv. Capital markets, including but not limited to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Stock Exchange, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation, and Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation;

v. Water supply and janitorial/sanitation services and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services;

vi. The energy sector (oil, gas, and power companies), their third-party contractors and service providers, including employees involved in electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, as well as those involved in the exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil, crude or petroleum and by-products (gasoline, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, jet oil, kerosene, lubricants), including gasoline stations, refineries, and depots or any kind of fuel used to produce electricity;

vii. Telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as the technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance, and repair works;

viii. Airline and aircraft maintenance, pilots and crew, and employees of aviation schools for purposes of the pilot’s recurrent training for flight proficiency and type rating using simulator facilities; and ship captains and crew, including shipyard operations and repair;

ix. Funeral and embalming services;

x. Security personnel licensed by the PNP - Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies;

xi. Printing establishments authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and other government agencies to print accountable forms and other security documents;

xii. Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, for households and essential permitted establishments;

xiii. Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including the sale of spare parts;

xiv. Leasing of real and personal properties;
xv. Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors;

xvi. Teachers, professors and other staff for purposes of conducting online/offline, and flexible classes, completion of grades, and processing of student credentials, requirements and documents;

xvii. Lawyers who will provide legal representation necessary to protect rights of persons as well as legal services for permitted establishments; and

xviii. All other establishments, to the extent necessary for the buying and selling of consumer goods or services via the internet.

All other businesses, persons, or activities, shall not be allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken on-site during ECQ. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is hereby authorized to issue a negative list of industries that shall remain prohibited in areas under ECQ.

6. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational, with a skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

7. The co-equal or independent authority of the legislature (Senate and the House of Representatives), the judiciary (the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and the lower courts), the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Constitutional Commissions, to implement any alternative work arrangements, is recognized. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

8. Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), whenever performing diplomatic functions and subject to the guidelines issued by the DFA, may operate with an on-site skeleton workforce.

9. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid Department of Tourism (DOT) Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises
such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to
guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF. (As amended by Paragraph A(2) IATF
Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and Paragraph C(2)(4) of IATF Resolution No. 95,
January 15, 2021)

10. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited. Gatherings at residences with any
person outside of one’s immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However,
gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or
humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or
instrumentality shall be allowed.

Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, or other religious ministers and their assistants may
conduct religious services performed through online video recording and transmission,
necrological services, wakes, inumment, and funerals, and they shall be allowed to move
for such purposes. Corollary, immediate family members of the deceased who died of
causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed to move from their residences to attend the
wake or interment of the deceased upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the
latter, fully complying with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the
duration of the activity. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B,
March 28, 2021)

11. Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall be suspended. The education sector
shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education
(CHED) for higher education, Technical Educational and Skills Development Authority
(TESDA) for technical vocational education and training, and Department of Education
(DeEd) for basic education. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no.
106-B, March 28, 2021)

12. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to
operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the
Department of Transportation (DOTr). (As amended by Paragraph B(2) of IATF
Resolution no. 106-A, March 27, 2021)

13. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued
by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii)
valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or
establishments allowed under ECQ, and, (iii) if required by the LGU, local IDs for
availing of essential goods and services. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting
persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted
establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other
documents establishing the nature of their work. (As amended by Paragraph B IATF
Resolution No. 46, June 15, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B,
March 28, 2021)
14. The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

15. Private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers and such other employees required for the processing of payroll shall be allowed to travel to their respective offices during ECQ. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

16. Uniform curfew hours may be imposed by LGUs, subject to the guidelines issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). Workers, cargo vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew. (As introduced by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

17. Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. (As introduced by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

SECTION [3] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS PLACED UNDER MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. Areas placed under MECQ shall observe the following protocols:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ.

2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section. (As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 110, April 15, 2021)

3. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five years (65) of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section. Local government units may relax the minimum age range down to fifteen (15) years old, depending on the COVID-19 situation in their respective jurisdictions. (As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)
4. All establishments, persons, or activities permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ under Section 2(4) of these Guidelines shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity.

5. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate at fifty percent (50%) on-site capacity while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without prejudice to the authority of DTI to issue a negative list of industries which shall remain prohibited even in areas under MECQ, the following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during MECQ:

a. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;

b. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;

c. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;

d. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities;

e. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centers or facilities, and swimming pools;

f. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office;

g. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, and cultural shows and exhibits;

h. Outdoor tourist attractions;

i. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions;

j. Personal care services which include beauty salons, beauty parlors, medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, make-up salons, nail spas, reflexology, aesthetics, wellness, and holistic centers, and other similar establishments; acupuncture and electrocautery establishments, and massage therapy including sports therapy establishments. It also includes establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing, and similar services. Home service for these activities are likewise not permitted; and

k. Indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries.

6. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational, with a skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as
approved by the head of agency unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.

7. The co-equal or independent authority of the legislature (Senate and the House of Representatives), the judiciary (the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and the lower courts), the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Constitutional Commissions, to implement any alternative work arrangements, is recognized.

8. Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the DFA, whenever performing diplomatic functions and subject to the guidelines issued by the DFA, may operate with an on-site skeleton workforce.

9. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF. *(As amended by Paragraph A(2) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and Paragraph C(2)(4) of IATF Resolution No. 95, January 15, 2021)*

10. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one’s immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that, there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, further, that the LGU may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inumment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed, provided that the same shall be limited to immediate family members, upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the deceased and with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.
11. Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended. The education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of the CHED for higher education, TESDA for technical vocational education and training, DepEd for basic education.

12. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged.

13. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii) valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or establishments allowed under ECQ, and, (iii) if required by the LGU, local IDs for availing of essential goods and services. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other documents establishing the nature of their work. (As amended by Paragraph B IATF Resolution No. 46, June 15, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

14. The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

15. Private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers and such other employees required for the processing of payroll shall be allowed to travel to their respective offices during MECQ. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

16. Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking, are allowed within the general area of their residence, e.g. within the barangay, purok, subdivision, and/or village. Provided, that the minimum public health standards and precautions such as the wearing of face masks, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.

17. Uniform curfew hours may be imposed by LGUs, subject to the guidelines issued by the DILG. Workers, cargo vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew.

18. Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its Implementing Rules and
SECTION [4] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. Areas placed under GCQ shall observe the following protocols:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the GCQ.

2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section. *(As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 110, April 15, 2021)*

3. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five years (65) of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this section. *(As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)*

4. All establishments, persons, or activities permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ under Sections 2(4) of these Guidelines shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity.

5. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate anywhere between fifty (50%) to one hundred percent (100%) on-site capacity as may be determined by the DTI while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable. From the maximum set by DTI, the LGUs may lower on-site capacities down to the minimum of fifty percent (50%) as set by DTI depending on the COVID-19 situation within their jurisdiction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and without prejudice to previous IATF resolutions, the following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during GCQ:

a. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;

b. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;
c. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
d. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments, except as may be authorized by the IATF or the Office of the President for the purpose of raising revenue for the government; and
e. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities;

The foregoing is likewise without prejudice to the authority of DTI to issue a negative list of industries that shall remain prohibited even in areas under GCQ. (As amended by Paragraph B(2)(c) of IATF Resolution No. 41, May 29, 2020, Paragraph B(1) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, Paragraph E of IATF Resolution No. 51, July 02, 2020, Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020, and by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)

6. All construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH.

7. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational and shall operate at a minimum of thirty percent (30%) up to full on-site capacity as determined by the head of the agency, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.

8. The co-equal or independent authority of the legislature (Senate and the House of Representatives), the judiciary (the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and the lower courts), the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Constitutional Commissions, to implement any alternative work arrangements, is recognized.

9. Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the DFA may operate at full on-site capacity.

10. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF. (As amended by Paragraph A(2) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, Paragraph D of IATF Resolution No. 48, June 22, 2020, Paragraph B(2) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, C(3) of IATF Resolution No. 70, September 10, 2020, Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020, and further amended by Paragraph C(2)(4) of IATF Resolution No. 95, January 15, 2021)
11. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited except for those permitted in GCQ under this Section. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one’s immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, further, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). Provided, further, that the same shall be with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

Visits to memorial parks, cemeteries, and columbaria shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group and not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). (As introduced by IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020)

12. Face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education shall be suspended. The basic education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of DepEd.

Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and technical vocational education and training may be allowed, subject to the guidelines of CHED and TESDA, respectively.

13. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged. (As amended by Paragraph D(7)(a) IATF Resolution No. 94, January 14, 2021)

14. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii) valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or establishments allowed under ECQ, and, (iii) if required by the LGU, local IDs for availing of essential goods and services. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other
documents establishing the nature of their work. (As amended by Paragraph B IATF Resolution No. 46, June 15, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

15. The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

16. Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, diving, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. Provided, further, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, are compliant with the protocols prescribed by the DTI. For this purpose, those below eighteen (18) years of age and above sixty-five (65), may be allowed outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise.

Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited. (As amended by Paragraph A(3)(a) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and further amended by Paragraph D of IATF Resolution No. 48, June 22, 2020, Paragraph B(3) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020)

17. Uniform curfew hours may be imposed by LGUs, subject to the guidelines issued by the DILG. Workers, cargo vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew.

18. Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. (As introduced by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

SECTION [5] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS PLACED UNDER MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. Areas placed under MGCQ shall observe the following protocols:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MGCQ.
2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section. *(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(a) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and further amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 110, April 15, 2021)*

3. Any person below fifteen (15) years old, those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times; *Provided*, that all activities and movements allowed under other Sections of these Guidelines for the foregoing persons under stricter forms of community quarantine shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ. *(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(b) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020, Paragraph B(8) of IATF Resolution No. 84, November 19, 2020, and by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution No. 95, January 21, 2021. Lowering of age-based restrictions suspended pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 96, January 26, 2021)*

4. All private offices may be allowed to operate anywhere between fifty (50%) to one hundred percent (100%) on-site capacity while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

5. The following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during MGCQ:

   a. Entertainment venues such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters;
   b. Fairs/Peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides; and
   c. Cockfighting and operation of cockpits, except for the sole purpose of conducting e-sabong licensed and regulated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation.

The foregoing is likewise without prejudice to the authority of DTI to issue a negative list of industries that shall remain prohibited even in areas under MGCQ.

6. All construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH.

7. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational and shall operate at a minimum of fifty percent (50%) up to full on-site capacity as determined by the head of the agency, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.
8. The co-equal or independent authority of the legislature (Senate and the House of Representatives), the judiciary (the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and the lower courts), the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Constitutional Commissions, to implement any alternative work arrangements, is recognized.

9. Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the DFA may operate at full on-site capacity.

10. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF. (As amended by Paragraph C(2)(4) of IATF Resolution No. 95, January 15, 2021)

11. Gatherings shall be allowed up to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity. Provided, that participants shall strictly observe the minimum public health standards, and the establishments or venues where the gatherings will take place shall strictly comply with ventilation standards as provided for under relevant issuances of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

12. Face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education shall be suspended. The basic education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of DepEd.

Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and technical vocational education and training may be allowed, subject to the guidelines of CHED and TESDA, respectively. (As amended by Paragraph A(4)(e) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 47, June 19, 2020)

13. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOT.

The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged. (As amended by Paragraph D(7)(b) IATF Resolution No. 94, January 14, 2021)

14. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii) valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or establishments allowed under MGCQ, and, (iii) if required by the LGU, local IDs for availing of essential goods and services. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other...
documents establishing the nature of their work. (As amended by Paragraph B IATF Resolution No. 46, June 15, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

15. The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

16. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports are allowed. Non-contact sports refer to a sport or activity in which participants are physically separated throughout its duration, thus minimizing the possibility of making any form of purposeful or accidental physical contact. Provided, that, where applicable, the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing, and no sharing of equipment, are observed. For this purpose, those below 15 years of age and above 65, may be allowed outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise. (As amended by Paragraph A(4)(c) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020)

17. Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. (As introduced by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

SECTION [6] POST-COMMUNITY QUARANTINE SCENARIO. Areas, where no community quarantine is in place, where no community quarantine is in place can be considered as being under the New Normal.

SECTION [7] GUIDELINES FOR INTERZONAL AND INTRAZONAL MOVEMENT.

1. As a national policy, all LGUs shall ensure unhampered movement by land, air, or sea of all types of goods and cargoes - including their personnel and delivery vehicles - to and from their destination regardless of existing community quarantine classification.

Personnel of delivery vehicles up to a maximum of five (5) persons, when transporting goods and cargoes, are exempt from any testing and quarantine protocols that may be imposed by the LGUs en route to the point of destination. Provided, they undergo the usual symptom screening at the point of destination. Provided, further, that strict social distancing measures must be observed, which may include, if necessary, the putting up of additional safe and humane seats or space in the vehicles. Provided, finally, that the PNP
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retains its authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for the purpose of ensuring that protocols on strict home quarantine are observed.

2. (a) The movement of the following authorized persons outside their residences (APOR), by land, sea, or air, within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be allowed: (1) health and emergency frontline services and uniformed personnel, (2) government officials and employees on official travel, (3) duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), especially those transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19, and other relief and humanitarian assistance, (4) persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (5) persons going to and from the airport, (6) anyone crossing zones for work or business permitted in the zone of destination, or activities as may be authorized by the IATF, and going back home, and (7) public utility vehicle operators. The PNP shall be authorized to promulgate and regularly update the list of APORs. Authorized shuttle services shall be allowed to travel within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine, with priority given to persons rendering health and emergency frontline services. (As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020, and further amended by Paragraph C(5) of IATF Resolution No. 114, May 06, 2021)

(b) Outbound travel of Filipinos, regardless of purpose, may be allowed subject to compliance with the following requirements:

i. For those traveling 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;

ii. Execution of a Bureau of Immigration Declaration acknowledging the risks involved in traveling, including the 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 the Management of Returning Overseas Filipinos;

The foregoing provisions shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel by Filipinos to countries where travel restrictions are in place; and finally, this is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration with respect to departure...
formalities. (As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020, and Paragraph A(2) of IATF Resolution No. 80, October 22, 2020)

(c) Repatriated OFWs or returning OFs who have been issued a DOH/BOQ quarantine certificate shall be granted unhampered passage across zones *en route* to their final destination in the Philippines, as well as unimpeded entry to the final LGU of destination, regardless of the mode of transport.

(d) The inbound international travel of all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to any port of the Philippines, shall be governed by the following entry, testing and quarantine protocols:

i. All arriving travelers shall undergo fourteen (14) day quarantine upon arrival. The first ten days of which shall be observed in a quarantine facility, with the remainder to be completed under home quarantine in their respective local government units of destination;

ii. Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing shall be conducted on the seventh day with Day 1 being the day of arrival. Notwithstanding a negative test result, the arriving traveler shall complete the facility-based quarantine period of ten (10) days;

iii. The Bureau of Quarantine shall ensure strict symptom monitoring while in the facility quarantine for 10 days; and

iv. The foregoing shall be subject to special protocols approved by the IATF or the Office of the President for certain classes of travelers or ports of origin. (As introduced by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 116, May 20, 2021)

3. The interzonal movement of persons not authorized outside of residences (non-APOR) between areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ for any purpose shall be permitted subject to the reasonable regulations imposed by the LGU concerned, if any, and which should be submitted to the DILG, or in the case of Boracay Island, subject to those imposed by the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF). (As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)

4. The intrazonal movement of non-APORs for any purpose across areas placed under GCQ or MGCQ shall be permitted subject to the reasonable regulations imposed by the LGU concerned if any, and which should be submitted to the DILG, or in the case of Boracay Island, subject to those imposed by the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF). (As amended by Paragraph A(5) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)
5. The interzonal movement of non-APOR between areas placed under MGCQ and New Normal for any purpose shall be permitted subject to the reasonable regulations as may be imposed by the LGU concerned, if any, and which should be submitted to the DILG.  
(As amended by Paragraph A of IATF Resolution No. 79, October 15, 2020)

SECTION [8] GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. LGUs are enjoined to enact the necessary ordinances to enforce protocols contained in these Guidelines and to penalize, in a fair and humane manner, violations of these protocols. Law enforcement agencies are likewise strongly enjoined to observe fair and humane treatment of violators.  
(As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 47, June 19, 2020)

2. All national government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as private sector establishments, shall adopt measures to strictly implement and enforce the minimum public health standards set by DOH and other standards set by relevant government agencies.

3. All persons are mandated to wear full-coverage face shields together with face masks (earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, or do-it-yourself masks, or other facial protective equipment), whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government agencies and LGUs.  
(As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 88, December 14, 2020)

4. Acts of discrimination such as, but not limited to, coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of lease or employment inflicted upon healthcare workers, government frontliners, repatriated OFWs and returning OFs, and COVID-19 cases whether confirmed, recovered or undergoing treatment, as well as suspect and probable cases, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly, and/or administratively. LGUs are enjoined to issue the necessary executive orders and/or enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing these discriminatory acts.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions under the different community quarantine classifications as set forth under this Omnibus Guidelines, the IATF may, in exceptional circumstances, suspend the application of the rules or adopt rules applicable to a different community quarantine classification, in order to address the COVID-19 situation in a region, province, city, or municipality.

SECTION [9] SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part, section, or provision of these Guidelines is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION [10] REPEALING CAUSE. All IATF Resolutions or previous guidelines on the implementation of community quarantine in the Philippines or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of these Guidelines are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


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