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FOR / TO : Undersecretaries
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Regional Directors
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For information and guidance, attached is a copy of Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 115-A dated May 13, 2021 recommending, among others, the ***DE-ESCALATION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR), BULACAN, CAVITE, LAGUNA, AND RIZAL (NCR PLUS) TO GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE WITH HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS UNTIL 31 MAY 2021.***

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on Thursday, May 13, 2021, approved the recommendation of the IATF to place the National Capital Region (NCR) Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions from 15 May 2021 to 31 May 2021.

A copy of the said Resolution may also be downloaded from the DPWH website: <http://dpwhweb>. If an office cannot access the DPWH website, a hard copy may be obtained from the Records Management Division, HRAS, upon request.

For dissemination to all concerned.

MARICHU A. PALAFOX, CESO III
Assistant Secretary for Support Services

Encl: IATF Resolution No. 115-A dated May 13, 2021

cc: Office of the Secretary

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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RESOLUTION NO. 115-A

Series of 2021

May 13, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, to prevent the sharp rise of COVID-19 cases in the country, the President placed the entirety of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining the risk-based classification of areas in the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to develop the LGU Epidemic Response Framework and to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112 Imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine in High-Risk Geographic Areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine in the Rest of The Country from 01 To 15 May 2020, Adopting The Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof, And For Other Purposes;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the IATF released an updated risk classification in all Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities and Independent Component Cities in the country, placing localities under different classifications of community quarantine with the goal of balancing economic activity and public health;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 declared under Proclamation No. 929 (s.2020);

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Screening and Validation Committee, the IATF has approved risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) effective 01 May 2021 until 31 May 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following recommendations of the Sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics:

- A. The risk-level classifications of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs), without prejudice to their reclassification as may



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be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas, shall be as follows:

1. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 31 May 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
 - a. Abra;
 - b. Bulacan;
 - c. Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal; and
 - d. National Capital Region.
2. The following provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 31 May 2021, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
 1. The city of Santiago, and Quirino;
 2. Ifugao; and
 3. Zamboanga City.

B. The implementation of the following measures in all provinces, HUCs, and ICCs:

1. To further reduce the period between symptom onset to isolation, strengthen and measure the gatekeeping performance of local government units to ensure that targets are met and are ready for de-escalation;
2. To contain localized spikes in cases and prevent its further increase and spread, ensure implementation of granular lockdowns along with the implementation of Coordinated Operations to Defeat Epidemic Strategies;
3. To improve and maintain health and critical care capacities at below risk level, the National Task Force Task Group Treat to utilize emergency department occupancy rate and human resource for health to admitted patient ratio, as indicators;
4. To limit the carrying capacity at the workplace, the Department of Labor and Employment to optimize work-at-home and other alternative work arrangements both in government and private workplaces, and maintain thirty percent (30%) maximum occupancy in government offices; and



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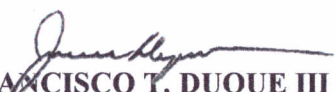
5. To ensure strict border control, the NTF Task Group on the Management of Returning Overseas Filipinos and Bureau of Quarantine to implement a.) current testing and quarantine protocols for arriving travelers; b.) submit reports on the isolation and quarantine completion to IATF on a weekly basis; c.) ensure contact tracing and monitoring of close contacts among co-passengers of PCR-positive incoming international travelers; and, d.) ensure proper handover and completion of quarantine to local government units.
- C. On the de-escalation of the National Capital Region, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal (NCR Plus) to General Community Quarantine, the following heightened restrictions shall be strictly observed and implemented until May 31, 2021:
1. Only essential travel into and out of the NCR Plus, as provided for under the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, shall be allowed. Public transportation shall remain to be operational at such capacities and protocols in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted;
 2. 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 fifty percent (50%) for *al fresco* or outdoor dining;
 3. Outdoor tourist attractions may be opened at thirty percent (30%) with strict adherence to minimum public health standards;
 4. Specialized markets of the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall be allowed following minimum public health standards, and implementation of such protocols and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT;
 5. Religious gatherings and gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity; and
 6. In all of the aforementioned, the implementation of the pertinent provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, in the NCR Plus insofar as inconsistent with the foregoing is temporarily suspended.


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.



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APPROVED during the 115th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this May 13, 2021, via video conference.


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


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretary
IATF Co-Chairperson



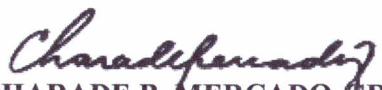
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CERTIFICATION

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, series of 2014 and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. In a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. 115-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 13th day of May 2021, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Head of the Secretariat, IATF
Assistant Secretary of Health