

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33

Series of 2020 May 6, 2020

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 whether the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon should be totally or partially lifted, extended, or expanded to other areas, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the IATF finalized the parameters for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order 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, as of May 6, 2020, there are a total of ten thousand four (10,004) confirmed cases in the Philippines;

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

- A. The Food Security Framework and the Food Safety Guidelines for the Agriculture and Fishery Sectors during the COVID-19 health event as presented by the National Task Force (NTF) COVID-19 Task Group on Food Security are hereby adopted.
- B. The recommendations of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to manage and address supply chain issues are hereby adopted, the specifics of which are the following:
 - 1. The creation of the sub-Task Group for Supply Chain Analytics under the NTF Task Group on Resource Management and Logistics, consisting of the NEDA as chair, and



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the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and such other agencies as may be determined by the chair or the NTF Chief Implementer, as members;

- 2. The launching of the Supply Chain Analytics (SCAn) IATF Reporter Mobile App, subject to compliance with data privacy laws as well as rules and regulations issued by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and the National Privacy Commission;
- 3. The development of the SCAn Dispatch Optimization sub-dashboard for medical supplies as part of the SCAn dashboard in cooperation with the DICT, Office of Civil Defense and the Department of Health; and
- 4. The donation of equipment for the viewing of the SCAn dashboard at the NTF National Incident Command Emergency Operations Center (NIC-EOC);
- C. To support the Hatid Estudyante Program of the DOTr, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is directed to assist in coordinating with Local Government Units (LGUs) for the return of stranded students to their respective places of residences. Stranded students who will be registered under the Program, including those with ages below twenty-one years old, shall be exempted from the stay-at-home requirement when travelling for this purpose.
- D. To reduce social vulnerability in communities, an IATF sub-Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of the Department of Health as chair, and the Department of Education, the Department of Energy, the Department of National Defense, the Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the DILG, and such other agencies as may be necessary, as members, is directed to convene and propose a national framework to increase the physical and mental resilience of the general public;
- E. In accordance with applicable Resolutions of the IATF establishing the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) in all regions, the RIATF shall be chaired by the Center for Health Development in regions including National Capital Region and the Minister of Health Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, and shall be composed of agencies as indicated under Executive Order No. 168, s. 2014, and such additional members as approved by the IATF in its Resolutions, as members, thereby mirroring the membership of the national IATF; and
- F. As a matter of declared national policy and pursuant to paragraphs (aa) and (bb), Section 4 of the Republic Act No. 11469, all banks, quasi-banks, financing companies, lending companies, and other financial institutions, public and private, including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig Fund, are directed to



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implement a minimum of a thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the community quarantine is lifted, whichever is longer, for the payment of all loans, including but not limited to salary, personal, housing, and motor vehicle loans, as well as credit card payments, falling due within the period of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) or General Community Quarantine (GCQ) without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges. Persons with multiple loans shall likewise be given a minimum 30-day grace period from due date or until such time that the community quarantine is lifted, whichever is longer, shall be observed for every loan.

For residential and commercial rents falling due within the duration of the ECQ or GCQ upon residential lessees and micro-, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and sectors not permitted to operate during said period, a grace period of thirty (30) days from the last due date or until such time that the community quarantine is lifted, shall be observed, whichever is longer, without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges.

APPROVED during the 33rd Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 6th of May, 2020 *via* video conference.

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IATF Chairperson

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Cabinet 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;
- I am the designated 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;
- In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on ______ via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. ____ was unanimously approved and adopted;
- The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon 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 ____ day of May 2020, Manila.

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