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TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
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All Others Concerned

FROM : **VICTORIA V. GAZO**  
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DATE : May 29, 2020

SUBJECT: **DISSEMINATION OF DEPED MEMORANDUM No. 053, s. 2020 RE: JOINT IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE 2020 BRIGADA ESKWELA AND OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION**

For information and guidance, the Office hereby disseminates DepEd Memorandum No. 053, s. 2020 re: Joint Implementing Guidelines on the 2020 Brigada Eskwela and Oplan Balik Eskwela Relative to the COVID-19 Situation (Amending Thereby DepEd Memorandum No. 032, s. 2020 titled 2020 Brigada Eskwela Program Implementing Guidelines and DepEd Memorandum No. 014, s. 2020 titled 2020 Oplan Balik Eskwela)

Attached are the Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 of the Department of Health Secretary and the Inter-Agency Task Force Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines.

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**JOINT IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE 2020 BRIGADA ESKWELA  
AND OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION**

(Amending Thereby DepEd Memorandum No. 032, s. 2020 titled *2020 Brigada Eskwela*  
Program Implementing Guidelines, and DepEd Memorandum No. 014, s. 2020 titled  
*2020 Oplan Balik Eskwela*)

To: Undersecretaries  
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Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
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1. Relative to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, the Office of the President has issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency throughout the Philippines. In response to the public health emergency, and guided by the issuances on the management of COVID-19 by the Office of the President, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases in the Philippines (IATF-EID), and the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Education (DepEd) developed a Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP) for the guidance of all DepEd units. Titled **Learning Opportunities Shall be Available: The Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan in the Time of COVID-19**, the BE-LCP lays down the direction for basic education in the coming school year, and shall be operationalized on a rolling basis through implementing issuances, programs, and activities at all governance levels of DepEd.
2. As articulated in the BE-LCP, *Brigada Eskwela* (BE) and *Oplan Balik Eskwela* (OBE), the annual activities of DepEd to prepare for the school opening shall be reconfigured to fully assist the preparation of stakeholders for the coming school year. *Brigada Eskwela* and *Oplan Balik Eskwela* will be undertaken from **June 1, 2020 to August 29, 2020**.
3. Pursuant to this and in consideration of the relevant regulations for the management of COVID-19, DepEd issues this **Joint Implementing Guidelines on the 2020 Brigada Eskwela and Oplan Balik Eskwela Relative to the COVID-19 Situation** (copy enclosed) which amends relevant provisions of DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 032, s. 2020 titled **2020 Brigada Eskwela Program Implementing Guidelines**, and DM No. 014, s. 2020 titled **2020 Oplan Balik Eskwela**.
4. The approved theme for the 2020 *Brigada Eskwela* as provided under DM No. 032, s. 2020, *Pagpapanatili ng Bayanihan Tungo sa Kalidad na Edukasyon para sa Kabataan*, shall now be the theme for the joint implementation of the 2020 *Brigada Eskwela* and *Oplan Balik Eskwela*. The slogan for this year's conduct of BE and OBE shall be, *Bayanihan sa Paaralan*. With the aim of promoting sustainable and safe

living, the slogan highlights the application of knowledge and convergence of efforts to address the required health standards and social issues at home, in school, and in the community in the context of COVID-19.

5. The required health standards involves following social distancing measures and practicing proper hygiene consistent with the IATF health protocols, DOH health standards, local and national quarantine rules, and all other relevant protocols as detailed in DepEd and DepEd Task Force COVID-19 issuances. To date, the latest applicable national guidelines are contained in DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 dated April 27, 2020, providing for the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation, and the Amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as approved by the IATF at its 39th Meeting held on May 22, 2020. Copies of the Guidelines are attached as Annex A and B, respectively.

6. The implementation of BE and OBE includes the engagement of stakeholders and addressing problems, queries, and other concerns in preparation for the start of classes. The specific amendments and implementation adjustments and plan of action of *Brigada Eskwela* and *Oplan Balik Eskwela* are provided in **Enclosure No. 1** in Items A and B, respectively.

7. The traditional concept of *Brigada Eskwela*, which involves physical cleaning, painting, repainting, and doing minor repairs will no longer happen in May. Unless otherwise provided by another DepEd issuance, it may still be done during the two weeks before the opening of classes in public schools on August 24, 2020, depending on the prevailing local risk classification and community quarantine guidelines. If allowed, schools shall strictly comply with protocols on social distancing and implement precautionary measures consistent with the IATF health protocols, DOH protection protocols, local quarantine rules and all other relevant protocols provided in DepEd and DepEd Task Force COVID-19 issuances.

8. The new concept of *Brigada Eskwela* shall focus on preparations and strengthening partnership engagement to ensure that learning continues even in the time of COVID-19. The activities shall highlight partnership initiatives that complement the Department's efforts to ensure that quality basic education will continue despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, and to implement the BE-LCP. Details of the mandated partnership activities and stakeholders engagement are provided in **Enclosure No. 2**.

9. Under *Oplan Balik Eskwela*, DepEd shall set up the Public Assistance Command Center (PACC) at the Central Office, with its counterparts at the regional and schools division offices through its Public Affairs Unit (PAU). *Oplan Balik Eskwela* shall continue to address frequently asked questions by parents and learners in relation to enrollment, attendance, and other relevant DepEd policies, rules, and regulations on class opening.

10. In partnership with *Brigada Eskwela*, *Oplan Balik Eskwela* shall focus on an information campaign on the implementation of the LCP. The National *Brigada Eskwela* and *Oplan Balik Eskwela* Media/Online Kick-Off Program, which shall be hosted by DepEd Region VI, shall be held on **June 1, 2020**. The details of the Kick-Off Program shall be the subject of a separate DepEd issuance.

11. All other provisions stated in DM No. 032, s. 2020 and DM No. 014, s. 2020 shall remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise amended or rescinded.

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References:

DepEd Order No. 07, s. 2020  
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**JOINT IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE 2020 BRIGADA ESKWELA  
AND OPLAN BALIK ESKWELA RELATIVE TO COVID-19 SITUATION**

**A. Specific Amendments to DepEd Memorandum No. 032, s. 2020 (2020  
Brigada Eskwela Program Implementing Guidelines)**

1. The schedule of the 2020 *Brigada Eskwela* Week on May 18-23, 2020 as stipulated in DM No. 032, s. 2020, is postponed. DepEd through the External Partnerships Service (EPS) shall now be implementing **a longer national schools' preparation through *Brigada Eskwela* from June 1 to August 29, 2020.** However, under the *Brigada Eskwela Plus*, the partnership initiatives shall be implemented throughout the school year. This will ensure readiness not only of the school facilities but also the learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, school administrators, and the community. Social distancing measures and regulated gathering of people/volunteers in schools shall be strictly implemented.

2. The national schools' maintenance week, which includes cleaning, minor repairs, repainting, beautification, landscaping, electrical works and installations, and other activities **may** still be done during the two weeks before the opening of classes in public schools on August 24, 2020 but only in areas allowed by the local risk classification and applicable quarantine guidelines by that time. If allowed, schools shall strictly comply with protocols on social distancing and implement precautionary measures consistent with the IATF health protocols, DOH protection protocols, local quarantine rules and all other relevant protocols outlined in DepEd and DepEd Task Force COVID-19 issuances.

3. Item No. 3 of DM No. 032, s. 2020 shall be amended to read as:

**"The National *Brigada Eskwela* Media/Online Kick-off Program** shall be held online on **June 1, 2020** via MS Teams and/or other media platforms. DepEd Region VI shall host the national kick-off which shall be participated virtually by all regions and selected stakeholders. ROs and SDOs may hold their own virtual kick-off ceremonies during the *Brigada Eskwela* Kick-Off Week from June 1 to 6, 2020 to launch the *Brigada Eskwela* in their respective areas **after** the national kick-off program. If ROs and SDOs opt to hold their virtual kick-off, it shall be conducted as an online *Brigada Eskwela Forum* which may involve the following activities:

- a. Orientation on the COVID-19 situation and scenarios;
- b. Discussion of the Learning Continuity Plan (LCP);
- c. Investment in Education: Giving New Direction in Engaging Partners;
- d. One major *Brigada Eskwela* activity to be adopted by RO/SDO;
- e. Conduct of Psychological First Aid (PFA) and PFA training;
- f. Discussion on the basic roles and responsibilities of different sectors, including parents; and
- g. Debriefing of learners, among others."

4. All Regional Directors (RDs) and Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs) shall mobilize their Partnerships Focal Persons to effectively implement *Brigada Eskwela* in all public elementary and secondary schools. Partnership engagement activities, if face-to-face is allowed, shall strictly comply with protocols on social distancing and implement precautionary measures consistent with the IATF health protocols, DOH protection protocols, local quarantine rules and all other relevant protocols outlined in DepEd and DepEd Task Force COVID-19 issuances.

5. The schedule of activities for the 2020 *Brigada Eskwela* under Item No. 11 of DM No. 032, s. 2020 shall be modified as follows:

Activity	Schedule
National <i>Brigada Eskwela</i> Media/ Online Kick-off Program	June 1, 2020
Regional/Division Kick-off Program (Optional)	During BE Kick-off Week from June 1-6, 2020
<i>Brigada Eskwela</i> Implementation and Monitoring of Schools	June 1-August 29, 2020
Submission of <i>Brigada Eskwela</i> Accomplishment Reports	By Schools Divisions: September 24, 2020 By Regions: October 30, 2020

6. In addition to DM No. 032, s. 2020, the School Heads shall take the lead in planning the activities geared on making schools virus free, ecologically conscious, resilient, clean, safe and conducive to learning. School Heads are encouraged to take into account the engagement of partners the way as stipulated in the 4th pillar of *Sulong EduKALIDAD* of DepEd in their school's **Learning Continuity Plan**.

7. The schools are encouraged to document all their efforts to implement the new way of conducting *Brigada Eskwela*. The usual reporting format shall be adopted with highlights on the effort in line with the COVID-19 recovery initiatives.

8. The External Partnerships Service (EPS) at the central office shall lead in the conduct of an appreciation program for all the partners in this endeavor. The schools and SDOs are highly encouraged to conduct their own recognition program for partners, and award a certificate of recognition in appreciation of their contribution and initiative to ensure the continuation of learning.

#### **B. Specific Amendments to DepEd Memorandum No. 014, s. 2020 (2020 *Oplan Balik Eskwela*)**

The conduct of the 2020 *Oplan Balik Eskwela* scheduled to start on May 25 as stipulated in DM No. 014, s. 2020, was postponed due to COVID-19. The DepEd through the Public Affairs Service (PAS) shall formally implement the activity starting June 1 to August 29, 2020.

1. *Oplan Balik Eskwela* is part of the Department's effort to ensure that learners are properly informed of the learning opportunities amidst COVID-19 as part of BE-LCP. It aims to address enrollment-related problems, queries and other concerns commonly encountered by the public. *Oplan Balik Eskwela* shall strengthen its synergy with the Department's *Brigada Eskwela* for this school year to engage

agencies, organizations, and other stakeholders in contributing to educational needs, especially at this critical time.

2. The *Oplan Balik Eskwela*-Inter Agency Task Force (OBE-IATF) shall again be activated, with the following membership:

- a. Department of Health (DOH)
- b. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- c. Department of Transportation (DOTr)
- d. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- e. National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
- f. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)
- g. Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA)
- h. Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
- i. Department of Energy (DOE)
- j. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- k. Manila Electric Company (MERALCO)
- l. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS)
- m. Philippine National Police (PNP)
- n. Department of National Defense (DND)
- o. National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC)
- p. Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO)

3. The member agencies will perform a critical role by providing guidelines on health and safety, peace and order, and transportation in the context of COVID-19 to ensure the safe conduct of any allowed face-to-face pre-opening and opening school activities.

4. The DepEd Central Office shall set up an OBE-Public Assistance Command Center (PACC) to be led by the PAS at the national level. This will also be established at the Regional and Division levels to expedite and facilitate the resolution of issues and concerns. The simultaneous conduct of *Oplan Balik Eskwela* ensures that issues and concerns are immediately addressed in their respective areas.

5. Other functions of the Command Center are the following:

- a. Receive, process and respond to simple queries, information requests, and grievance from the general public. Complex issues and complaints shall be referred to Legal Officers.
- b. Assist in the dissemination and clarification of DepEd policies, programs, projects, and processes, particularly those relevant to enrollment issues;
- c. Monitor, document, and submit daily reports on all issues and concerns received daily including the action taken to the OBE-PACC Central Office at 3:00 p.m.

6. The composition of OBE committees in the region and schools division offices are the following:

**a. Regional Office**

Chair	:	Regional Director
Vice Chair	:	Assistant Regional Director
Members	:	Regional Public Affairs Unit Regional Legal Office Regional Administrative Office Curriculum Division (Other relevant offices may be included)

**b. Schools Division Office**

Chair	:	Schools Division/City Superintendent
Vice -Chair	:	Assistant Schools Division/City Superintendent
Members	:	Legal Unit Administrative Office Information or Public Affairs Office Curriculum Division (Other relevant offices may be included)

7. The composition and contact information of the Regional and Division OBE committee members (e.g. names, designation and contact details such as landline, mobile, email, social media account) shall be submitted immediately to the Central Office through the PAS-Public Assistance Action Center (PAAC).

8. The central, regional, and division office shall use any available online means of communications that are accessible to the public: hotlines, emails, Short Messaging System (SMS), and social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Viber).



**2020 BRIGADA ESKWELA MANDATED PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES AND  
STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT UNDER THE NEW NORMAL FOR SCHOOLS**

1. *Brigada Eskwela* champions the spirit of volunteerism in DepEd. It is not only the program of DepEd, but also that of education stakeholders.
2. In light of the current COVID-19 situation, this year's *Brigada Eskwela* shall ensure that support for the provision of learning opportunities while ensuring that the health, safety, and well-being of learners, teachers and personnel are protected. *Brigada Eskwela* shall play an important mechanism to enable schools to catch up with the expectations for multiple learning delivery modalities.
3. Aside from the usual activities conducted in the past *Brigada Eskwela*, School Heads must ensure the following among other related initiatives:
  - a. Coordinate with the Local Government Units or other non-government organizations and volunteers to clean and disinfect school buildings, classrooms, and other school facilities.
  - b. School Heads shall engage partners to raise the availability of the following items in school during *Brigada Eskwela*:
    - i. Thermal scanners;
    - ii. Hand sanitizing materials, such as rubbing alcohol, anti-bacterial or germicidal soap;
    - iii. Cleaning tools, materials or disinfectants that may be used to disinfect the learning areas, such as spray tank, disinfectant spray or disinfecting bleach, foot bath;
    - iv. Washable face mask, surgical face mask, face shield, and surgical gloves;
    - v. Multivitamins capsules, tablets, or syrups for DepEd personnel and learners;
    - vi. Printing of COVID-19 and sanitation/proper hand washing hygiene information materials; and
    - vii. Printing of materials and provision of supplies for distance learning for the learners, teachers and parents (i.e. bond papers, worksheets, notebooks, pad paper, ball pens, pencils, crayons, coloring materials and others).
  - c. The School Heads shall ensure that psychological first aid or other psychological interventions and debriefing are conducted in partnership with stakeholders during the implementation of *Brigada Eskwela*.
  - d. Orientation activities with teachers, partners, PTA and learners on DepEd's Learning Continuity Plan, with special focus on the implementation of DepEd's multiple learning delivery modalities. The use of computer-mediated communication strategy in conducting the above-cited activities is highly encouraged.

- i. Encourage parents through the Parents-Teachers Associations (PTA) on possible collaborations with the schools to provide support for the continuation of learning opportunities.
- ii. Engage parents in the promotion of the new school system. The new role and increased involvement of the parents in the learning of their children are essential to augment available resources and technology in the community.
- iii. Engage partners in the promotion and provision of distance learning delivery modalities such as local radio/TV stations and other available media as a form of *Brigada Eskwela* and partnership initiative to deliver the curriculum. The School Heads may identify resources and partnerships necessary for High Tech, Low Tech or No Tech aide for learning.
- e. Coordinate with the concerned DepEd units on the possible implementation of *Gulayan sa Tahanan* or Urban Vegetable Gardening at Home as part of *Brigada Eskwela* and School-Family-Community partnerships to promote sustainable food supply at homes, as well as on communicating to stakeholders on how they can support the school emergency and contingency to ensure resiliency.
- f. Collaborate with various stakeholders to support the implementation of the Learning Continuity Plan.
- g. Strengthen *Brigada Pagbasa* in their Learning Continuity Plan.
- h. Partnership appreciation and other school-based initiatives.



**Annex A (DM\_s2020\_053)**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

No. 2020 - 0015

**SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation**

**I. RATIONALE**

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was first identified last December 2019 as a cluster of pneumonia cases of unknown etiology. On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and eventually as a Global Pandemic by 11 March 2020.

In the absence of specific treatment or a vaccine, non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) form the backbone of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Non-pharmaceutical interventions are public health strategies meant to mitigate and suppress transmission of infectious diseases. While the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) has been instrumental in slowing the rapid spread of the disease, local evidence suggests that the gains from the ECQ will be reversed in the absence of complementary interventions that will minimize case resurgence.

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 28 mandates that minimum public health standards must be specified by the Department of Health (DOH) and adhered to by all sectors. These standards shall serve as a guide in institutionalizing key NPIs to combat COVID-19.

**II. OBJECTIVE**

This Order aims to provide guidance for sectoral planning on the implementation of NPIs as minimum public health standards to mitigate the threat of COVID-19. It shall serve as a basis in the decision-making process and development of more specific sectoral policies for COVID-19 response.

**III. SCOPE AND COVERAGE**

This Order shall apply to all entities involved in COVID-19 response both from public and private sectors, including all national government agencies (NGAs), government offices, private offices and workplaces, local government units (LGUs), development partners, academic and research institutions, civil society organizations,, and all others concerned.

**IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**A. Administrative Controls** - refer to procedural interventions or modifications in policies, standards, and processes, that are meant to reduce the frequency and severity

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of exposure to infectious diseases (e.g. hygiene and disinfection protocols, work shifting, etc.)

- B. Comorbidity at risk of COVID-19 exacerbation** - presence of one or more additional conditions co-occurring with (that is, concomitant or concurrent with) a primary condition that increases an individual's risk for mortality if afflicted by COVID-19. This includes immunocompromised individuals (such as but not limited to those with cancer, HIV/AIDS and other autoimmune disorders) and individuals with chronic conditions (such as but not limited to hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and chronic kidney disease).
- C. Engineering Controls** - refer to physical interventions or modifications in spaces or environments, that is meant to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases (e.g. use of physical barriers, exhaust ventilation, etc.)
- D. Medical-grade Protective Apparel** - refers to the specialized personal protective equipment worn by healthcare workers and other frontliners involved in the disease outbreak response, for the purpose of protection against infectious materials. These include surgical face masks, N95 respirators, face shield or goggles, coveralls, isolation gowns, surgical gloves, protective oversleeves, head cap, and shoe cover, among others.
- E. Modification Potential** - refers to the degree to which mitigation strategies and other public health measures can reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in different settings.
- F. Most-at-risk Population (MARP) for COVID-19** - refers to population groups who have a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 infection such as individuals aged 60 and above, pregnant, and those with underlying conditions or comorbidity at risk of COVID-19 exacerbation.
- G. Non-pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)** - refers to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, that individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population.
- H. Protective Personal Equipment**- refers to protective garments or equipment worn by individuals to increase personal safety from infectious agents
- I. Vulnerable groups** - refers to socially disadvantaged groups that are most susceptible to suffer directly from disasters and health events. These include senior citizens, immunocompromised individuals, women, children, persons deprived with liberty (PDL), persons with disabilities (PWDs), and members of indigenous peoples (IPs), internally displaced persons (IDPs), indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), among others.

## **V. GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- A.** The DOH shall set minimum public health standards to guide the development of sector-specific and localized guidelines on mitigation measures for its COVID-19 response across all settings - such as but not limited to home, public places, offices and workplaces, high-density communities, food and other service establishments, schools, hotels and other accommodations, churches and places of worship, prisons and other places of detention, public transportation (air, land, and water transport), and health facilities.

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**B.C.** The adoption and implementation of the standards shall be guided by the following principles:

**1. *Shared accountability***

- a) Health is a key development objective that is the shared accountability of the government, communities, households, and individuals.
- b) A whole-of-system, whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach is essential to develop cohesive solutions to current and future challenges to public health and national security.
- c) All efforts shall espouse the government's strategic directions of national government-enabled, local government-led, and people-centered response to the COVID-19 health event.

**2. *Evidence-based decision-making***

- a) Evidence shall guide policy development and decision-making at all levels of government.
- b) As science continues to evolve, all actors shall periodically assess and recalibrate policies, plans, programs and guidelines.

**3. *Socioeconomic equity & rights-based approach***

- a) Recognizing that vulnerabilities are socially determined, it is important to be cognizant of the equity considerations and implications of blanket policies, plans, and programs that are being conceptualized for scaled-up implementation. Vulnerable groups should therefore be identified and provided additional social safety net protections.
- b) Policy design shall always choose the least restrictive alternative that achieves its goals.
- c) In the event of any conflict of rules or guidelines, the interpretation shall ensure the protection of human rights. As such, the safety, needs, and well-being of the individual shall prevail.

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**C.D.** All policies, investments, and actions shall ensure that COVID-19 mitigation objectives are achieved using the following strategies:

**1. *Objective 1: Increase physical and mental resilience***

- a. Ensure access to basic needs of individuals, including food, water, shelter and sanitation.
- b. Support adequate nutrition and diets based on risk.
- c. Encourage appropriate physical activity for those with access to open spaces as long as physical distancing is practiced.
- d. Discourage smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages.
- e. Protect the mental health and general welfare of individuals.
- f. Promote basic respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.
- g. Protect essential workforce through provision of food, PPE and other commodities, lodging, and shuttle services as necessary.
- h. Provide financial and healthcare support for workforce who contracted COVID-19 through transmission at work.
- i. Limit exposure of MARP groups, such as through limitation in entry or prioritization in service or provision of support.
- j. Provide appropriate social safety net support to vulnerable groups for the duration of the COVID-19 health event.

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## 2. Objective 2: Reduce transmission

- a. Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water, and discourage the touching of the eyes, nose, and mouth, such as through appropriate information and education campaigns.
- b. Encourage symptomatic individuals to stay at home unless there is a pressing need to go to a health facility for medical consultation, if virtual consultation is not possible.
- c. Ensure access to basic hygiene facilities such as toilets, handwashing areas, water, soap, alcohol/ sanitizer.
- d. Clean and disinfect the environment regularly, every two hours for high touch areas such as toilets, door knobs, switches, and at least once every day for workstations and other surfaces.
- e. Ensure rational use of personal protective equipment (PPEs) that is suitable to the setting, and the intended user. Medical-grade protective apparel shall be reserved for health care workers and other frontliners, and symptomatic individuals at all times.

## 3. Objective 3: Reduce contact

- a. Implement strict physical distancing at all times, specially at public areas, workstations, eating areas, queues, and other high traffic areas.
- b. Reduce movement within and across areas and settings.
- c. Restrict unnecessary mass gatherings.
- d. Limit non-essential travel and activities.
- e. Install architectural or engineering interventions, as may be deemed appropriate.
- f. Implement temporary closure or suspension of service in high risk areas or establishments, as necessary.

## 4. Objective 4: Reduce duration of infection

- a. Identify symptomatic individuals and immediately isolate, such as through the use of temperature scanning, symptom self-monitoring, and voluntary disclosure.
- b. Coordinate symptomatic individuals through appropriate health system entry points such as primary care facilities or teleconsulting platforms.
- c. Trace and quarantine close contacts of confirmed individuals consistent with Department of Health guidelines.

# VI. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

- A. **Risk Severity Grading.** All actors (NGAs in coordination with Civil Service Commission, LGUs and/or Private Sector) shall base their COVID-19 mitigation response from the IATF-EID's risk severity grading (e.g., Low, Moderate, and High Severity)
- B. **Risk-based Public Health Standards Across Settings.** *At the minimum*, all actors shall implement the prescribed interventions in various settings (**Annex A**) depending on their Risk Severity Grading. For each prescribed intervention, concrete examples of corresponding hazard controls (e.g. engineering control, administrative control, and PPEs.) are provided.

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Depending on the risk severity grading:

1. Interventions that are listed as '**MUST DO**' shall be mandatory. See **Annex B**.
2. Interventions that are listed as '**CAN DO**' shall be optional, and may be tailored further as guided by the Modification Potential Matrix on **Annex C.1**.

NGAs shall build on the identified interventions in developing sector-specific policies and plans, and may propose adjustments for additional interventions inconsistent with those indicated in this Order.

**C. Prioritizing Additional Mitigation Strategies based on Modification Potential.**

All actors may implement additional mitigation interventions for different settings. The Modification Potential Matrix provided for in **Annex C.1**, rated settings based on the likelihood that it can be modified to lessen contact. All actors are encouraged to prioritize settings that scored high, followed by medium, then low.

## **VII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. DOH shall:**

1. Provide technical assistance in facilitating inter-agency or sector-specific planning;
2. Continue to update the set minimum public health standards based on most recent evidence available and issue succeeding updates through DOH Department Circulars;
3. Develop standards, systems, and guidelines on operationalizing post-ECQ interventions;
4. Engage stakeholders and promote awareness on NPIs and its importance, including relevant and accurate information about appropriate protocols; and
5. Consolidate reports and recommendations from NGAs and LGUs for endorsement to the IATF-EID and other agencies concerned

**B. Other National Government Agencies shall:**

1. Develop and submit their sector-specific plans and guidelines on the operationalization of the risk-based public health standards to the DOH, which shall be consolidated and endorsed by the Secretary of Health to the IATF; and
2. Submit to the DOH sector-specific monitoring tools to track compliance.

**C. Local Government Units shall:**

1. Ensure implementation of risk-based public health standards for COVID-19 mitigation;
2. Set up mechanisms to monitor compliance and submit reports according to provided tools;
3. Coordinate with DOH and other NGAs in carrying out these guidelines;
4. Develop counterpart local ordinances, to ensure compliance with national directives at the local level; and
5. Ensure immediate and widest dissemination of these guidelines to all units/sectors within their jurisdiction

**D. Industries and the Private Sector shall:**

1. Comply with the risk-based public health standards set by DOH, sector-specific policies and plans by other NGAs, and other relevant rules and regulations

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#### **VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE**

Other related issuances not consistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby revised, modified, or rescinded accordingly. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as a limitation or modification of existing laws, rules and regulations.

#### **IX. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

Should any provision of this Order or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **X. EFFECTIVITY**

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
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Secretary of Health



Annex A. Required public health standards across all settings (as of April 27, 2020)

Intervention	Minimum Requirements by Settings				
	A. Home	B. Public Places	C. High-Density Communities	D. Offices/Workplaces	E. Food and Other Service Establishments
<b>1. INCREASE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESILIENCE</b>					
<b>1.1 Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette</b>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or the inner portion of the elbow to cover the nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing. Practice proper disposal of tissue after use.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or the inner portion of the elbow to cover the nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing. Practice proper disposal of tissue after use.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals if going to a health facility.</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or the inner portion of the elbow to cover the nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing. Practice proper disposal of tissue after use.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or the inner portion of the elbow to cover the nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing. Practice proper disposal of tissue after use.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers may provide tissues within easy reach in all workstations and communal space</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or the inner portion of the elbow to cover the nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing. Practice proper disposal of tissue after use.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners may provide tissues in strategic places within the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
<b>1.2 Promote Mental Health</b>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to families and friends or a mental health professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to a professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to families and friends or a mental health professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to a professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to a professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>

	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers must provide mental and psychosocial support such as but not limited to providing mindfulness activities, sessions, in-house counseling sessions, online counseling, and support groups to its employees</p> <p>Employers to promote work-life balance through proper scheduling of activities and rotation of workforce</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners must provide mental and psychosocial support such as but not limited to in-house counseling sessions, online counseling, and support groups to its employees</p> <p>Owners to promote work-life balance through proper scheduling of activities and rotation of workforce</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>
<p><b>1.3 Reduce exposure of vulnerable individuals (e.g., senior citizens, individuals with underlying health conditions) to prevent infection</b></p>	<p>Elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women must stay at home and limit their travel to essential or urgent needs. They should also minimize their exposure from individuals who frequently leave the house.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Daily monitoring of individuals at risk; and contingency planning by the household for accessing healthcare or purchasing of</p>	<p>Elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women must stay at home and limit their travel to essential or urgent needs</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> LGUs and establishment owners must designate specific lanes or areas for the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women in public places</p>	<p>Elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women living in high-density communities must stay at home and limit their travel to essential or urgent needs</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women may be asked not to physically report to work</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers must provide alternative work arrangements to the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women for the duration of COVID-19 health event</p>	<p>Elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women may be asked not to report to work</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners must designate specific lanes or areas for the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women within the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general</p>

	<p>medication from pharmacy in case of emergency.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>LGUs must provide transport services to health facilities for vulnerable groups needing health care.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>		<p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
<p><b>1.4 Provision of support for essential workforce (ex: financial, lodging, shuttle, food, etc.)</b></p>	N/A	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food, and other services as needed</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user (personnel managing checkpoints, monitoring of public spaces) and setting</p>	N/A	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Provision of temporary accommodations to employees, if necessary</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food, and other services to employees as needed</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user setting</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Provision of temporary accommodations to employees, if necessary</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food, and other services as needed</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user setting</p>
<p><b>1.5 Provision of support for vulnerable groups (ex: Social Amelioration Programs, Food Assistance)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provision of benefits under the Social Amelioration Program to qualified beneficiaries as determined by DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 04, Series of 2020</li> <li>- LGUs may further extend their support to other vulnerable groups (e.g. PWDs, women, IPs, IDPs, among others) as may be deemed necessary</li> <li>- Other NGAs shall continue or may further expand their assistance to the vulnerable groups as part of their mandates.</li> <li>- Private sector may also provide additional assistance and support to MARPs and vulnerable groups</li> </ul>				

2. REDUCE TRANSMISSION					
2.1 Personal Hygiene (e.g. handwashing with soap and water, sanitizing with hand disinfectants, etc.)	Individuals must wash their hands with soap and water regularly or use hand disinfectants	Individuals must wash their hands with soap and water regularly or use hand disinfectants	Individuals living in high-density communities must wash their hands with soap and water regularly or use hand disinfectants	Individuals must wash their hands with soap and water regularly or use hand disinfectants	Individuals must wash their hands with soap and water regularly or use hand disinfectants
	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of makeshift handwashing facilities, hand sanitizers and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all public places, (i.e. areas with high foot traffic, transportation systems)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine monitoring and replacement of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in all public places</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of handwashing facilities, hand sanitizers, and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all entrances, exits, areas with high foot traffic and facilities</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers must ensure daily monitoring and availability of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in restrooms and in all entrances and facilities</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of handwashing facilities, hand sanitizers, and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all entrances and facilities</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners must ensure daily monitoring and availability of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants within the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>
2.2 Environmental Hygiene (e.g. disinfecting surfaces and objects)	Disinfection of frequently touched surfaces such as but not limited to tables, doorknobs, light switches, phones, toilets, among others using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water)	Disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and objects using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water) at least twice a day	Disinfection of frequently touched surfaces such as but not limited to tables, doorknobs, light switches, phones, toilets, among others using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water)	Disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and objects such as but not limited to tables, switches, doorknobs, and workstations using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water) at least once a day	Disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and objects such as but not limited to tables, switches, doorknobs, and workstations using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water) at least once a day
	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b></p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b></p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach</p>

	<p>None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>solution; 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Placement of signs reminding the general public to minimize touching of surfaces in public places</p> <p>Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>solution; 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>solution; 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)s</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>
<p><b>2.3 Use of PPE and other medical-grade protective apparel</b></p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Individuals with flu-like symptoms must wear a medical-grade mask at all times (and the elderly or people with underlying conditions)</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Healthy or Asymptomatic Individuals shall use cloth face masks in public places.</p> <p>Individuals with suspected flu-like symptoms, or are feeling sick must wear medical-grade mask at all times if they go outside</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Individuals living in high-density communities must wear cloth face masks when leaving the household</p> <p>Individuals with suspected flu-like symptoms must wear medical-grade mask at all times</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Management shall allocate appropriate PPEs to employees (i.e., essential workforce) on duty, depending on the nature of work and contact with the general public.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Healthy or Asymptomatic Individuals shall use cloth face masks.</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners shall allocate appropriate PPEs to employees (i.e., essential workforce) on duty, depending on the nature of work and contact with the general public.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Individuals may use cloth face masks when going to restaurants and other establishments</p>

<b>3. REDUCE CONTACT</b>					
<b>3.1 Practicing physical Distancing</b>	<p>Practice physical distancing (at least 1 meter apart) in communal areas (e.g. living room, dining room, etc.)</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of red marking tapes on the floor to guide individuals to stay at least one meter apart from each other</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the number of people inside the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>If possible, practice physical distancing (at least 1 meter apart) in communal areas (e.g. living room, dining room, etc.)</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Installation of temporary barriers between cubicles</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers must limit face to face meetings as much as possible and adopt WFH arrangements.</p> <p>Allow flexible dining policy in the work space/cubicle during lunch break; OR limit the number of individuals who can eat in the pantry at a given time.</p> <p>If WFH are not possible, practice physical distancing in the workplace (at least one meter apart from each co-worker)</p> <p>Employers provide cloth masks to employees.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Installation of temporary barriers in front desks, counters, etc.</p> <p>Placement of red marking tapes on the floor to guide individuals to stay at least one meter apart from each other when ordering for food at the counter</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the number of people inside the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
<b>3.2 Modified Work Structures and Schedules, and alternative work arrangements</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers should provide modified alternative</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners should provide modified alternative</p>

				structures and arrangements  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	structures and arrangements (e.g. online transactions and pick-up, drop-off points, delivery services, etc.)  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals
<b>3.3 Limitation of non-essential services</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners should provide modified alternative structures and arrangements for transactions (i.e. pick-up, delivery, drop-off points, online transactions, etc.)  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals
<b>3.4 Restriction on Mass Gatherings</b>	N/A	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the number of people in public places  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> None  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Suspension of office meetings, conferences, and other large gatherings  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the foot traffic within the establishment  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals

#### 4. REDUCE DURATION OF INFECTION

<p><b>4.1 Detection and isolation of Symptomatic Individuals (at home or in designated community quarantine facilities)</b></p>	<p>Individuals with flu-like symptoms must be isolated in a separate room or area within the household</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Individuals with flu-like symptoms must not go to any setting except for health-related concerns, if virtual consultation is not possible.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Placement of standard symptom and temperature checks in strategically located areas in public places and proper referral of all individuals with symptoms of ILI</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>If possible, Individuals with flu-like symptoms must be isolated in a separate room or area within the household or a community quarantine isolation facility when made available by the LGU</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Employers must subject all employees to temperature checks prior to entering the building/ office spaces and proper referral to appropriate facility for symptomatic employees</p> <p>Employers must monitor all employees daily to ensure proper detection of employees with symptoms</p> <p>Employees with mild flu-like symptoms shall adopt a work from home (WFH) arrangement for the duration of COVID-19 health event</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Individuals with flu-like symptoms must not go to any setting except for health-related concerns, if virtual consultation is not possible.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners must subject all customers to temperature checks prior to entering the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
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Intervention	Minimum Requirements by Settings (cont.)				
	F. Schools	G. Hotels and other accommodations	H. Transportation and Ports of Entry	I. Churches / Places of worship	J. Prisons and other places of detention
<b>1. INCREASE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESILIENCE</b>					
<b>1.1 Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette</b>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or inner portion of elbow to cover nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> School administration may provide tissues and alcohol hand rub in entrances, corridors and other communal areas. All toilet facilities should have adequate water and soap for handwashing.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or inner portion of elbow to cover nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Hotel Management may provide tissues and alcohol hand rub in communal areas and amenities. All toilet facilities should have adequate water and soap for handwashing.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or inner portion of elbow to cover nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None Management may provide tissues and alcohol hand rub in entrances and exits and along waiting. All toilet facilities should have adequate water and soap for handwashing.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or inner portion of elbow to cover nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Practice respiratory etiquette at all times. Use tissue or inner portion of elbow to cover nose and mouth when sneezing/coughing</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Owners must provide tissues within the establishment</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
<b>1.2 Promote Mental Health</b>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to a professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Services to support mental health must be made available.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to a professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Individuals may reach out to a professional through the telemedicine hotlines</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>	<p>Health emergencies can put people in extreme stress. Services to support mental health must be made available.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p>

	<b>Administrative Control:</b> Administrators must provide mental and psychosocial support such as but not limited to in-house counseling sessions, online counseling, support groups, etc.  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Administrative Control:</b> Management must provide mental and psychosocial support such as but not limited to in-house counseling sessions, online counseling, and support groups to its employees  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Administrative Control:</b> None  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Administrative Control:</b> None Management can institute activities promoting mental wellbeing and overall health to their constituents including online programs and counseling. Communal online prayer activities  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Administrative Control:</b> Management must provide mental and psychosocial support such as but not limited to in-house counseling sessions and support groups to employees and inmates  <b>PPE:</b> None
<b>1.3 Reduce exposure of vulnerable individuals (e.g., senior citizens, individuals with underlying health conditions) to prevent infection</b>	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> School administrators may offer alternative arrangements to personnel who are elderly, with underlying conditions, and pregnant.  If alternative arrangements are not possible, designated areas in communal areas must be available to high-risk groups  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Availability of designated areas or facilities for the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Operators and drivers may designate a specific area for the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women within the vehicle and waiting area.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Officiators and religious leaders may designate a specific area for the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women in the place of worship or offer alternative ways of participation (e.g. online, recorded mass, etc.)  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals	<b>Engineering Control:</b> None  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Availability of designated lanes or areas for the elderly, individuals with underlying conditions, and pregnant women.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals
<b>1.4 Provision of support for essential workforce (ex: financial, lodging, shuttle, food, etc.)</b>	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Provision of temporary accommodations to employees, if necessary	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Provision of temporary accommodations to employees, if necessary	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Provision of temporary accommodations to employees, if necessary	N/A	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Provision of temporary accommodations to employees, if necessary

	<b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user/setting	<b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user/setting	<b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user/setting		<b>Administrative Control:</b> Provision of financial, transportation, food.  <b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public, or medical-grade protective apparel, depending on the intended user/setting
<b>1.5 Provision of support for vulnerable groups (ex. Social Amelioration Programs, Food Assistance)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provision of benefits under the Social Amelioration Program to qualified beneficiaries as determined by DSWD Memorandum Circular No. 04, Series of 2020</li><li>- LGUs may further extend their support to other vulnerable groups (e.g. PWDs, women, IPs, IDPs, among others) as may be deemed necessary</li><li>- Other NGAs shall continue or may further expand their assistance to the vulnerable groups as part of their mandates.</li><li>- Private sector may also provide additional assistance and support to MARPs and vulnerable groups</li></ul>				
<b>2. REDUCE TRANSMISSION</b>					
<b>2.1 Personal Hygiene (e.g. handwashing with soap and water, sanitizing with hand disinfectants, etc.)</b>	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of handwashing stations, hand sanitizers, and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all rooms, communal areas, and amenities especially eating areas.  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Students and teachers must perform regular and thorough handwashing with soap and water. Allot a specific period of time for handwashing.  Hand sanitizers or alcohol-based solutions must be available in all classroom	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of handwashing stations, hand sanitizers, and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all rooms, communal areas, and amenities  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine monitoring and replacement of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in all rooms and public areas  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of hand sanitizers and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all vehicles, LRT/MRT, bus and train stations, and in all exits and entrances.  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine monitoring and replacement of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in all exits and entrances.  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of hand sanitizers and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution at strategic entry points  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine monitoring and replacement of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in all strategic entry points  <b>PPE:</b> None	<b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of handwashing stations, hand sanitizers, and dispensers with an alcohol-based solution in all rooms, communal areas, and amenities  <b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine monitoring and replacement of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in all strategic entry points  <b>PPE:</b> None

	<p>or school facilities</p> <p>Ensure routine monitoring and replacement of hand soaps, sanitizers, and other disinfectants in all classrooms, restrooms, etc.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>				
<p><b>2.2 Environmental Hygiene (e.g. disinfecting surfaces and objects, waste management, proper disposal of infectious wastes)</b></p>	<p>Disinfection of tables, doorknobs, desks, and school items using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water) at least twice a day</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach solution: 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>Regular disinfection of rooms, front desks, counters, and other frequently touched surfaces and objects such as key cards, door handles/knobs, elevator buttons, among others using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water)</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach solution: 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p>Ensure implementation of proper food preparation and handling.</p>	<p>Disinfection of surfaces that are often touched by passengers using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water) at least every two hours</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach solution: 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>Regular disinfection of chairs, tables, cloths, relics, and other equipment using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water)</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach solution: 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>	<p>Disinfection of surfaces and frequently touched surfaces using 0.5% bleach solution (100 mL Bleach, 900 mL water) at least twice a day</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of foot baths in all entrances (1:10 bleach solution: 1 litre bleach mixed with 9 litres of clean water)</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Ensure routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and routine cleaning and replacement of disinfectant solutions in foot baths</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> None</p>

		<p><b>PPE:</b> Surgical masks for front desk concierge staff staff stationed at entry points and at the lobby.</p> <p>Mouth cover and gloves for food preparers and handlers in the kitchen, buffet/hotel restaurants</p>			
<b>2.3 Use of PPE and other medical-grade protective apparel</b>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> School administrators shall allocate appropriate PPEs to teachers, canteen vendors, maintenance, and security guards.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> School personnel who are in contact with students and school staff (security guards, maintenance crew, canteen handlers, etc.) must wear cloth masks at all times</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Hotel Management shall allocate appropriate PPEs to its hotel staff (e.g. concierge, maintenance, guards, etc)</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Hotel staff who are in contact with guests (security guards, concierge, maintenance, etc) must wear cloth masks at all times</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Drivers, Barters, and conductors who are in contact with passengers must wear cloth masks at all times</p> <p>Personnel manning exits and entrances and those with high exposure to people entering must wear surgical mask</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Attendees may wear cloth face masks during mass and other religious gatherings</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Governing body with jurisdiction over prisons shall appropriate funds to provide PPEs to its essential employees and inmates</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Provision of cloth face masks for inmates and detained individuals</p>
<b>3. REDUCE CONTACT</b>					
<b>3.1 Practicing Physical Distancing</b>	<p>Practice physical distancing (at least 1 meter apart) in all communal areas</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Restriction on mass</p>	<p>Practice physical distancing (at least 1 meter apart) in all areas</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of red marking tapes on the floor of front desks, buffet, and other</p>	<p>Practice physical distancing (at least 1 meter apart) in all areas</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of marks or temporary barriers in buses, trains</p>	<p>Practice physical distancing (at least 1 meter apart) in all areas</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of marks to guide attendees during communion or offertory services and</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> Placement of temporary barriers between inmates and non-residents</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Practice physical distancing</p>

	<p>gatherings that will require close contact (e.g. school activities, flag ceremony if physical distancing is not possible, etc.)</p> <p>Provide platforms for online learning, adjustment of teaching methods and schedules to allow for physical distancing.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>amenities to guide guests to stay at least one meter apart from each other</p> <p>Installation of temporary barriers in concierge, front desks, etc.</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the number of guests inside the hotel, amenities (pool, buffet, etc.), and other public places</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Passengers must keep a safe distance from other passengers</p> <p>Limitation on the number of passengers in public transportation including buses, jeepney, taxi, tricycles, and trains.</p> <p>Restrict motorcycle-sharing public transportation system</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>temporary barriers to separate attendees</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> If possible, religious authorities should release guidelines modifying religious practices to limit close contact, maintain physical distancing, and prevent cross-contamination of frequently touched surfaces and religious objects.</p> <p>Limitation on the number of attendees in churches and places of worship. But if possible, implement online religious services until further notice.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>in all communal areas</p> <p>Temporarily suspend visitation privileges or provide alternative mechanisms (e.g. online visitations)</p> <p>Limit conduct of group activities within the facility</p> <p>Isolate symptomatic individuals</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
3.2 Modified Work Structures and Schedules, and alternative work arrangements	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Administrators should provide modified alternative structures and arrangements</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Administrators should provide modified alternative structures and arrangements</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A

3.3 Limitation of non-essential services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.4 Restriction on Mass Gatherings	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Restriction on large gatherings (e.g. school activities, field trips, sports festivals, and flag ceremony, if physical distancing is not possible, etc.)</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the number of reservations to control the number of guests in the hotel</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Limitation on the number of passengers in vehicles, buses, trains, and other public transportation</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Provide multiple schedule of services or alternative practices to limit the number of attendees in religious services</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>
<b>4. REDUCE DURATION OF INFECTION</b>					
Detection and isolation of Symptomatic Individuals (e.g. temperature scanning at entry points, symptom monitoring, etc.)	<p>School administrators must provide alternative arrangements for students, teachers, and personnel (e.g. online meetings/classes, recorded classes, etc) with flu-like symptoms</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> School administrators and teachers must subject all students and personnel to temperature checks prior to entering the classrooms and facilities.</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Hotel Management must subject all guests and employees to temperature checks prior to entering the hotel</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p>Individuals with flu-like symptoms must not go to any setting except for health-related concerns, if virtual consultation is not possible.</p> <p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Operators and drivers must subject passengers to temperature checks prior to entering public transportation (e.g. buses and trains)</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Officers and Religious Leaders must subject all attendees to temperature checks prior to entering the place of worship</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>	<p><b>Engineering Control:</b> None</p> <p><b>Administrative Control:</b> Immediate isolation of suspected, probable, and confirmed cases in designated areas within the facility</p> <p><b>PPE:</b> Cloth mask for general public or surgical mask for symptomatic individuals</p>

## Annex B. Risk Severity Grading and Risk-based Public Health Standards

Intervention	Risk Severity <sup>1</sup> Based on Classification Tool		
		Moderate	
<b>OBJECTIVE NO. 1 Increase Physical and Mental Resilience</b>			
Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette	Must Do	Must Do	Must Do
Promote Mental Health	Must Do	Must Do	Must Do
Reduce exposure of vulnerable individuals (e.g., senior citizens, individuals with underlying health conditions) to prevent infection	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do
Provision of support for essential workforce (ex: financial, lodging, shuttle, food, etc.)	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do
Provision of support for vulnerable groups (ex. Social Amelioration Programs, Food Assistance)	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do
<b>OBJECTIVE NO. 2 Reduce Transmission</b>			
Personal Hygiene (e.g. handwashing with soap and water, sanitizing with hand disinfectants, etc.)	Must Do	Must Do	Must Do
Environmental Hygiene (e.g. disinfecting surfaces and objects)	Must Do	Must Do	Must Do
Use of PPE and other medical-grade protective apparel	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do
<b>OBJECTIVE NO.3 Reduce Contact</b>			
Physical Distancing	Must Do	Must Do	Must Do
Modified Work Structures and Schedules, and alternative work arrangements	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do
Limitation on non-essential	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do

<sup>1</sup> Takes into account the case doubling rate and critical care utilization rate



Limitation of non-essential Services	Can Do	Can Do	Must Do
Restriction on Mass Gatherings	Can Do (50 individuals max)	Can Do (10 individuals max)	Must Do
Closure of Schools OR use of alternative learning modalities (e.g., online/distance learning)	Can Do	Must Do	Must Do
<b>OBJECTIVE NO.4 Reduce Duration of Infection</b>			
Detection and isolation of Symptomatic Individuals (e.g. temperature scanning at entry points, symptom monitoring, etc.)	Must Do	Must Do	Must Do

### Annex C.1. Modification Potential Per Setting<sup>2</sup>

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Contact Intensity</b>	<b>Number of Contacts</b>	<b>Modification Potential</b>
<b>Home</b>	Low	Low	Low
<b>Public Places</b>			
Groceries	Medium	Medium	Medium
Wet Markets	Medium	Medium	Medium
Parks, playground, and other outdoor recreation spaces	Low	Low/Medium	Low
Athletic Fields	Medium	Medium	Low
Pools	Medium	Low/Medium	High
Beaches	Low	High	Medium
<b>Communities</b>	High	High	Low
<b>Food and other service establishments</b>			
Restaurants	Medium	Medium	Medium
Shopping Malls	Low	Medium	Medium
Salon, spas, and other personal care services	Medium/High	Low	Medium
Gyms/Fitness studios	Medium	Medium	Medium
Theaters, Museums	Medium	High	Medium
Outdoor large venues (concerts, sports)	High	High	Medium
Indoor large venues (concerts, sports)	High	High	Low
<b>Offices and workplaces</b>	High	Medium	High
<b>Schools</b>			
Childcare facilities (day care, play schools)	High	Medium/High	Low/Medium
Schools (elementary and high school)	High	High	Low

<sup>2</sup>Adopted from the *Public Health Principles for a Phased Reopening During COVID-19: Guidance for Governors*, John Hopkins University (2020), and modified to local context.

Universities	High	High	High
Residence Hall and other dormitories	High	Medium	Low
<b>Hotels and other Accommodations</b>	Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>Transport and Ports of Entry</b>			
Buses, PUVs	High	High	Medium
LRT/MRT	High	High	Medium
Airplanes	High	High	Medium
Taxis	High	Low	Low
Ports of Entry	High	High	Medium
<b>Places of worship</b>	High	High	Medium
<b>Prisons and other places of detention</b>	High	High	Medium

## Annex C.2. Basis of Assessment Rating for Modification Potential Matrix

Criteria	Rating		
	Low	Medium	High
<b>Contact Intensity</b>	Individuals are only in contact for a brief period of time and they can easily practice physical distancing at all times(e.g. walking past someone)	Individuals are in contact for a longer period of time and are fairly distant from each other (e.g individuals in restaurants who are separated by several feet apart)	Individuals are in prolonged close contact (e.g. inmates sharing communal prison cells), and may not be able to practice physical distancing at all times
<b>Number of Contacts</b>	A few number of individuals in the setting at a given time	A small group of individuals in the setting at a given time	A large group of individuals in a setting at a given time
<b>Modification Potential</b>	Risk of transmission can be reduced through the use and provision of Personal Protective Equipment (e.g wearing masks, face shields, coverall, etc.)	Risk of transmission can be reduced through administrative controls (e.g. enforcing limits on the number of people allowed within an establishment)	Risk of transmission can be reduced through engineering controls (e.g. installation of temporary barriers and placement of red marking tapes on the floor, etc.)



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COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**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 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 CoronaVirus 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**, on 30 April 2020, Executive Order (E.O.) No. 112, s. 2020 was issued imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in high-risk geographic areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the rest of the country from 01 to



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15 May 2020, adopting the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation thereof, and for other purposes;

**WHEREAS**, the IATF approved the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) and the zoning concept and corresponding qualification and its phased response or intervention.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to revise existing guidelines on community quarantine to streamline rules which will be applicable to transitional community quarantine classifications;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3 of E.O. 112 authorizes the IATF to amend or modify the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises set forth herein, the IATF issues these amended Omnibus Guidelines to harmonize and codify existing policies 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. **Comorbidity** - refers to the presence of a pre-existing chronic disease condition.
2. **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 COVID-19 among persons in and to persons outside the affected area.
3. **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).
4. **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.



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5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Health and emergency frontline services** - refers to services provided by public health workers [all employees of the Department of Health (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.
8. **Interzonal movement** - the movement of people, goods and services across areas under different community quarantine classifications.
9. **Intrazonal movement** - the movement of people, goods and services between localities under the same community quarantine classification, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification.
10. **Minimum public health standards** - refers to guidelines set by the DOH in Administrative Order No. 2020-0015, 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), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the



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population to mitigate COVID-19. For this purpose, the Department of Tourism and Department of Public Works and Highways are recognized as the sector-relevant agencies with respect to tourism and construction, respectively.

11. **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.
12. **Modified General Community Quarantine** - refers to the transition phase between GCQ and 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.
13. **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.
14. **Operational capacity** - refers to such a number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment.
15. **Skeleton workforce** - refers to the operational capacity which utilizes the smallest number of people needed for a business or organization to maintain its basic functions.

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





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1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the ECQ.
2. Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households, and the movement of all residents shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in permitted offices or establishments as well as activities listed hereunder.
3. Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.
4. The following activities/persons/establishments are allowed to work or operate during ECQ:
  - a. With full operational capacity:
    - i. Public and private hospitals;
    - ii. Health, emergency and frontline services, including dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers and the like;
    - iii. Manufacturers of medicines, medical supplies, devices and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution;
    - iv. Industries involved in agriculture, forestry, and fishery and their workers, including farmers, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), fisherfolk, and agri-fishery stores, and such other components of the food value chain; and
    - v. Delivery and courier services, whether in-house or outsourced, transporting food, medicine, or other essential goods, including clothing, accessories, hardware, housewares, school and office supplies, as well as pet food and other veterinary products.
  - b. At a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, without prejudice to the adoption of work-from-home or other alternative work arrangements and without diminution of the existing operational capacity previously allowed:



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- i. Private establishments and their employees involved in the provision of essential goods and services, and activities in the value chain related to food, medicine and vitamins production, medical supplies, devices and equipment, and other essential products such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and wet wipes, and disinfectants. Such establishments shall include, but shall not be limited to, public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, laundry shops, food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, and water-refilling stations, unless otherwise authorized by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
  - ii. Media establishments and their total permanent staff complement, inclusive of reporters and other field employees, as registered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and accredited by the Presidential Communications Operations Office; and
  - iii. Workers accredited by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to work on utility relocation works, and specified limited works across thirteen (13) railway projects, including replacement works for the Manila Metro Rail Transit System Line 3. *Provided that* where applicable, on-site or near-site accommodations and/or point-to-point shuttle services should be arranged.
- c. With skeleton workforce:
- i. Other medical, dental, rehabilitation, and optometry clinics; pharmacies or drug stores: *Provided*, 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 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;



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- 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 sanitation services and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services;
- vi. Energy 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. Manufacturing companies and suppliers of equipment or products necessary to perform construction works, such as cement and steel;
- x. The Philippine Postal Corporation, at an operational capacity necessary to maintain the prompt delivery of services to its clients;
- xi. The Philippine Statistics Authority, at an operational capacity necessary to conduct data gathering and survey activities related to COVID-19 and the registration and implementation of the national identification (ID) system;
- xii. Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs) and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying, with work-from-home, on-site or near site accommodation, or point-to-point shuttling



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arrangements. For this purpose, BPOs and export-oriented businesses, and their service providers, shall be allowed to install, transport and maintain the necessary on-site and work-from-home equipment, deploy their workers under on-site or near-site accommodation arrangements, or provide point-to-point shuttle services from their near-site accommodations to their offices;

- xiii. Essential projects, whether public or private, such as but not limited to quarantine and isolation facilities for Persons under Monitoring (PUMs), and suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients, facilities for the health sector including those dealing with PUMs, and suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients, facilities for construction personnel who perform emergency works, flood control, and other disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation works, sewerage projects, water service facilities projects, and digital works. Priority public and private construction projects, defined as those that refer to food production, agriculture, fishery, fishport development, energy, housing, communication, water utilities, manufacturing, and Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs), shall likewise be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the DPWH;
- xiv. Funeral and embalming services. *Provided*, there is shuttling service and/or housing accommodation for their personnel and staff;
- xv. Humanitarian assistance personnel from civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and United Nations-Humanitarian Country Teams, as well as individuals performing relief operations to augment the government's response against COVID-19 and other disasters or calamities that may occur. *Provided that* they are authorized by the appropriate government agency or LGU;
- xvi. Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams or such other religious ministers whose movement shall be related to the conduct of necrological or funeral rites. In this connection, immediate family members of the deceased who died from 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 and social distancing measures;
- xvii. Security personnel;



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- xviii. Printing presses authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue or other appropriate agencies to print official receipts and other accountable forms;
- xix. Companies engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, including those engaged in the repair of computers and household fixtures and equipment; and
- xx. Real estate activities limited to leasing only;

For purposes of the foregoing, transit by permitted persons to and from the above establishments anywhere within the area covered by ECQ shall be allowed.

- 5. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs, as well as LGUs, may operate at skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a different operational capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, border control, and other critical services.
- 6. Agencies and their regional offices in the executive branch shall issue accreditation, office or travel orders, to identify their respective skeleton workforces for critical services operating for the duration of the ECQ. *Bona fide* IDs issued by the respective agencies shall be sufficient for movement within the contained areas. Skeleton workforces may use official agency vehicles.
- 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 operate and accredit their skeleton workforces, or implement any other alternative work arrangements, is recognized.
- 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 a skeleton workforce.
- 9. No hotels or similar establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:



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- a. For guests who have existing booking accommodations for foreigners as of 17 March 2020 for Luzon and 01 May 2020 for other areas;
- b. Guests who have existing long-term bookings;
- c. Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
- d. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
- e. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
- f. Health care workers and other employees from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.

*Provided that* in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce. Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; *Provided further*, that accommodation establishments may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only.

- 10. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, religious gatherings, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of government services or authorized humanitarian activities shall be allowed.
- 11. Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall be suspended.
- 12. Public transportation shall be suspended. This notwithstanding, commissioned shuttle services for employees of permitted offices or establishments, as well as point-to-point transport services provided by the government shall be allowed to operate, giving priority to healthcare workers.
- 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,



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(ii) *bona fide* IDs issued by establishments exempted from the strict home quarantine requirement, or (iii) RapidPass IDs. 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.

14. The movement of cargo vehicles shall be unhampered. Cargo vehicles as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, BPOs, and export-oriented establishments shall not be subject to an ID system.
15. Government offices and private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers, and such other employees shall be allowed to travel to process and print payrolls during ECQ.
16. Other exemptions from the home quarantine requirement through previous IATF resolutions or issuances by the Office of the President shall be honored.

**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. Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households, and the movement of all residents shall still be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in permitted offices or establishments or such other activities listed hereunder.
3. Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.



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4. All the following shall be allowed to operate at full operational capacity:
  - a. All establishments or activities permitted to operate or be undertaken under Section 2(4) of these Guidelines;
  - b. Media establishments, without need of PCOO accreditation;
  - c. BPOs and export-oriented establishments, without need to set up onsite or near-site accommodation arrangements;
  - d. E-commerce companies;
  - e. Other postal and courier services, as well as delivery services for articles or products not mentioned under Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines;
  - f. Rental and leasing, other than real estate, such as vehicles and equipment for permitted sectors;
  - g. Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors; and
  - h. Housing services activities, such as but not limited to plumbing, roofing, and electrical works.
  
5. The following offices, establishments or individuals conducting or providing the following activities or services are allowed to operate at fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangement, where applicable:
  - a. Other manufacturing industries classified as beverages, including alcoholic drinks; electrical machinery; wood products and furniture; non-metallic products; textiles and clothing/wearing apparels; tobacco products; paper and paper products; rubber and plastic products; coke and refined petroleum products; other non-metallic mineral products; computers, electronic and optical products; electrical equipment; machinery and equipment; motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers; other transport equipment; and others;
  - b. Other real estate activities;
  - c. Administrative and office support such as, but not limited to, providing photocopying and billing services;
  - d. Other financial services not mentioned in Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines, such as, money exchange, insurance, reinsurance and non-compulsory pension funding;
  - e. Legal and accounting services;





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- f. Management consultancy services or activities;
  - g. Architectural and engineering activities, including technical testing and analysis;
  - h. Science and technology, and research and development;
  - i. Recruitment and placement agencies for overseas employment.
  - j. Advertising and market research;
  - k. Computer programming and information management services;
  - l. Publishing and printing services;
  - m. Film, music and television production;
  - n. Photography, fashion, and industrial, graphic and interior design;
  - o. Wholesale and retail trade of vehicles and their parts and components;
  - p. Repair and maintenance of vehicles as well as its parts or components, including car wash services;
  - q. Malls and commercial centers, subject to the guidelines issued by the DTI;
  - r. Dining establishments and restaurants, but for delivery and take-out only;
  - s. Hardware stores;
  - t. Clothing and accessories;
  - u. Bookstore and school and office supplies;
  - v. Baby or infant care supplies;
  - w. Pet food and pet care supplies;
  - x. Information technology, communications and electronic equipment;
  - y. Flower, jewelry, novelty, antique and perfume shops; and
  - z. Toy stores, *Provided*, that their playgrounds and amusement areas, if any, shall remain closed;
  - aa. Firearms and ammunition trading establishments, subject to strict regulation of the PNP-Firearms and Explosives Office; and
  - bb. Pastors, priests, rabbi, imams, and other religious ministers insofar as providing home religious services to households. *Provided that* proper protocols shall be observed, such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and the like.
6. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs, as well as LGUs may operate at skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a different operational capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, border control, and other critical services.



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7. Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations shall be advised to operate under a skeleton workforce, without prejudice to alternative work arrangements as the said missions or organizations may deem proper.
8. Hotels or similar establishments shall not be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:
  - a. For guests who have existing booking accommodations for foreigners as of 17 March 2020 for Luzon and 01 May 2020 for other areas;
  - b. Guests who have existing long-term bookings;
  - c. Distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
  - d. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
  - e. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
  - f. Health care workers and other employees, whether private or public, from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.

*Provided that* in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce. Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; *Provided further*, that accommodation establishments may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only.

9. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings shall be limited to not more than five (5) persons until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.
10. Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall be suspended.



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11. Public transportation shall be suspended. This notwithstanding, commissioned shuttle services for employees of permitted offices or establishments, as well as point-to-point transport services provided by the government shall be allowed to operate, giving priority to healthcare workers.
12. Private transportation such as company shuttles and personal vehicles utilized by persons authorized outside their residences are allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr. The use of bikes and other non-motorized transportation is strongly encouraged.
13. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. *Provided*, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with items (4) and (5) of this Section. *Provided, further*, those below twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may not enter malls and shopping centers except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein. *Provided, finally*, that such operations must comply with the guidelines of the DTI until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.
14. In addition to those allowed and enumerated construction projects under Section 2 of these Guidelines, other essential and priority public and private construction projects shall be allowed, subject to compliance with the DPWH construction safety guidelines: *Provided*, however, that small scale-projects as defined by the DPWH shall not be allowed.
15. The following shall not be allowed to operate within an area under MECQ:
  - a. Tourist destinations such as water parks, reservation service and related services;
  - b. Entertainment industries such as cinemas, theaters, and karaoke bars;
  - c. Kid amusement industries such as playroom and kiddy rides;
  - d. Libraries, archives, museums and cultural centers;
  - e. Gyms, fitness studios and sports facilities; and
  - f. Personal care services such as massage parlors, sauna, facial care and waxing.



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16. The provisions relative to processing of payrolls, the RapidPass system, use of government owned or hired vehicles and identification cards for humanitarian assistance actors and public and private employees in areas under ECQ shall likewise apply in areas under MECQ.
17. Individual outdoor exercise such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking are allowed within MECQ areas. *Provided*, that the minimum health standards and precautions such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.
18. Other exemptions from the ECQ through previous IATF resolutions or issuances by the Office of the President shall also be applied in MECQ.

**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 in areas placed under GCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder. *Provided*, that movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.
3. Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.
4. Work in all government offices may be at full operational capacity or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem proper in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). *Provided*



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*that* for offices requiring employees to report physically, commissioned shuttle services as well as point-to-point transport services may be provided.

5. Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations may operate at fifty percent (50%) capacity. Alternative work arrangements such as flexible work arrangements, compressed work week, telework, and telecommuting is strongly encouraged.
6. All permitted establishments and activities under Section 2(4) shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity: In addition, the following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate at an operational capacity provided herein:
  - a. **Category I Industries** - Power, energy, water, and other utilities, agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries, food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, food delivery services, health-related establishments, the logistics sector, information technology and telecommunication companies, the media, at full operational capacity;
  - b. **Category II Industries** - Mining and other manufacturing, and electronic commerce companies, as well as other delivery, repair and maintenance, and housing and office services, at anywhere between fifty percent (50%) up to full operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements; and
  - c. **Category III Industries** - Financial services, legal and accounting, and auditing services, professional, scientific, technical, and other non-leisure services, and other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments, at fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements.

Specific industries under each category are reflected in a separate document issued by the DTI.

7. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. *Provided*, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only



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operate at a capacity consistent with Section 2(4) of these Omnibus Guidelines. *Provided, further,* those below twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may not enter malls and shopping centers except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF. *Provided, finally,* that operations of malls and shopping centers are subject to the guidelines of the DTI.

8. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed, but with strict compliance to the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.
9. Amusement, gaming, and fitness establishments, as well as those in the kids and the tourism industries, and all **Category IV** industries may not operate. Industries in **Category IV** are reflected in the DTI issuance mentioned above.
10. No hotels or similar establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:
  - a. For guests who have existing booking accommodations for foreigners as of 17 March 2020 for Luzon and 01 May 2020 for other areas;
  - b. Guests who have existing long-term bookings;
  - c. Distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
  - d. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
  - e. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
  - f. Healthcare workers and other employees from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.

*Provided that* in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce. Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; *Provided further,* that accommodation establishments



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may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only.

11. Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended. For Academic Year 2020-2021, the following shall be observed for the conduct of classes:

- a. For basic education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall be adopted, as follows:
  - i. Opening of classes for the basic education shall be on 24 August 2020 and shall end on 30 April 2021;
  - ii. Opening of private schools will be allowed within the period provided by law. *Provided*, that school learning continuity plan shall be submitted; no face-to-face classes will be allowed earlier than 24 August 2020; and, from 24 August, face-to-face learning shall only be allowed when the local risk severity grading permits, and subject to compliance with minimum public health standards;
  - iii. Adoption of various learning delivery options such as but not limited to face-to-face, blended learnings, distance learnings, and homeschooling and other modes of delivery shall be implemented depending on the local COVID Risk Severity Classification and compliance with minimum public health standards; and
  - iv. Conduct of curricular and co-curricular activities involving gatherings such as science fairs, showcase of portfolios, trade fairs, school sports, campus journalism, festival of talents, job fairs, and other similar activities is cancelled, except those conducted online.
- b. For higher education, the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for higher education institutions (HEIs) shall be adopted, as follows:
  - i. The rolling opening of classes will be based on education delivery mode, compliance with minimum health standards and the situation on the ground:
    1. HEIs using full online education can open anytime;
    2. HEIs using flexible learning can open anytime in August 2020;



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3. HEIs using significant face-to-face or in-person mode can open not earlier than 01 September 2020;
  4. No face-to-face or in-person classes until 31 August 2020.
  - ii. Private HEIs are encouraged to change their academic calendar and open in August 2020.
12. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons, until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.
13. Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, and skateboarding are allowed. *Provided*, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. *Provided, further*, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, shall be limited to basic operations. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 4(3) does not apply.
14. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall operate at a reduced operational and vehicle capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. *Provided*, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.

**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. All persons shall now be allowed to go outside their residences.





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3. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, and skateboarding are allowed. *Provided*, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed.
4. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the venue or seating capacity. Religious gatherings shall be allowed under such guidelines as may be declared through subsequent issuances of the IATF.
5. Face-to-face or in-person classes may be conducted in HEIs provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, consultation with local government units, and compliance with guidelines set by CHED. HEI activities that involve mass gathering of students shall continue to be prohibited.

For K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the DepEd shall be adopted.

6. Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work at full operating capacity, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women.
7. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. *Provided*, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.
8. Private transportation shall be allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr.
9. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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10. Except as otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Category I-IV of Section 4(6) and in pertinent Sections of these Omnibus Guidelines shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity:

- a. Barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity;
- b. Dine-in service in food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of seating capacity
- c. Other Category IV and all other establishments not permitted to operate under previous Sections of these Guidelines, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity.

11. Work in government offices may be at full operational capacity, or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem appropriate in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.

12. Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations may resume full operations.

**SECTION [6] POST-COMMUNITY QUARANTINE SCENARIO.** Areas 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. The movement of all types of cargoes by land, air, or sea within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be unhampered. Workers in the logistics sector, such as cargo, trucking, courier delivery and port operations shall likewise be allowed to transit across areas placed under any form of community quarantine. All LGUs are directed to strictly abide by this national policy. *Provided*, that only a maximum of five (5) personnel may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load.

LGUs and local health units (LHUs) are hereby enjoined not to issue orders contrary to or inconsistent with said directive, such as, but not limited to, requiring asymptomatic



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drivers and crew of cargo or service delivery vehicles to undergo mandatory fourteen (14)-day home quarantine. *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 retains its authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for the purpose of ensuring that protocols on strict home quarantine are observed.

2. The movement as such of the following persons within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be permitted: (1) health and emergency frontline services personnel, (2) government officials and government frontline personnel, (3) duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), (4) persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (4) persons going to the airport for travel abroad, (5) returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence, (6) other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon observance of the necessary quarantine protocols and with the concurrence of the receiving LGUs, and (7) anyone crossing zones for work permitted in the zone of destination, and going back home. 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.

Land, air or sea travel by uniformed personnel, government officials and employees for official business with the corresponding travel authority, and authorized HAAs, especially those transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19, and other relief and humanitarian assistance, shall be allowed.

OFWs, students enrolled abroad and participants accepted in exchange visitor programs, permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions, and stranded foreign nationals, or those leaving for medical and other humanitarian reasons may leave for abroad through any of the airports or seaports in the country. *Provided* that this provision shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel by Filipinos to countries where travel restrictions are in place. *Provided, further*, that departing passengers may be accompanied by not more than one (1) person when traveling to any international port, who shall be allowed to return to his/her point of origin.



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OFWs whether land-based or sea-based shall be allowed to be deployed abroad upon the execution of a *Declaration* signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved as advised by the Philippine Government. For this purpose, recruitment and placement agencies shall likewise be allowed to operate in areas under MECQ, GCQ or MGCQ, subject to the observance of minimum health standards. *Further*, government offices and agencies involved in the processing of their deployment are hereby directed to establish “Green Lanes” to enable their prompt processing and deployment. *Further still*, to facilitate the ease of deployment, the OFWs and employees of these recruitment and placement agencies shall be allowed unhampered transit to and from appropriate government offices during MECQ, GCQ or MGCQ for the processing of their requirements and facilities such as airports, ferries, bus terminals, etc., notwithstanding any Local Government Unit pronouncement to the contrary. The said free access shall extend to the vehicles carrying the aforementioned individuals in order for them to reach their final destination. No fee or any other requirement shall be imposed by LGUs in this regard.

Repatriated OFWs or returning non-OFWs who have been issued a DOH or LGU certificate of completion of fourteen (14)-day facility-based quarantine, those who may be required to undergo a mandatory fourteen (14)-day home quarantine, or those who are issued with travel authority upon testing negative for COVID-19 whichever is earlier, shall be granted unhampered transit across zones *en route* to their final destination in the Philippines. For this purpose, LGUs are enjoined to allow maritime vessels or aircraft transporting the aforementioned OFWs and non-OFWs to dock or land at their ports of destination. No other requirement shall be imposed by LGUs in this regard.

3. The interzonal movement of persons between areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ for any purpose other than leisure shall be permitted.
4. Movement to and from an area placed under GCQ to an area where no community quarantine is in place shall be permitted, except for the sole purpose of leisure. The movement of persons for any purpose across areas placed under MGCQ and areas where no community quarantine is in place shall be permitted.

## **SECTION [8] GENERAL PROVISIONS**



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1. LGUs are enjoined to enact the necessary ordinances to enforce curfew only for non-workers in jurisdictions placed under MECQ, GCQ and MGCQ to penalize, in a fair and humane manner, violations of the restrictions on the movement of people as provided under these Omnibus Guidelines. Law enforcement agencies, in implementing and enforcing said curfew ordinances, are likewise strongly enjoined to observe fair and human treatment of curfew violators.
2. 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 implement a minimum of a thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the ECQ or MECQ is lifted, whichever is later, 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 ECQ and MECQ, and without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges. Persons with multiple loans shall likewise be given a minimum thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the ECQ or MECQ is lifted, whichever is later, for every loan.

For residential and commercial rents falling due within the duration of the ECQ, MECQ, and GCQ, on 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.

The foregoing rules on grace periods shall have retroactive effect starting 17 March 2020 in areas where the applicable community quarantine had been declared.

3. The operation of industries and establishments identified in preceding sections are subject to the visitorial and enforcement powers of the Department of Labor and Employment and Department of Trade and Industry and other appropriate agencies to ensure compliance with these Omnibus Guidelines especially the compliance with the provisions on maximum allowable operational capacity in establishments, as well as minimum public health standards and protocols.
4. National government agencies and instrumentalities including GOCCs and LGUs shall adopt measures lawful and necessary to implement and enforce the minimum public



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health standards as defined herein. Such measures shall be in accordance with the minimum health standards set by DOH and other relevant national agencies, and shall not be unreasonable or unduly burdensome. However, the private sector is encouraged to adopt stricter health standards concerning their own operations. Compliance of private sector establishments with the Joint DTI-DOLE Return-to-Work Guidelines, DOH Return-to-Work Guidelines, and guidelines issued by the aforementioned appropriate sector-relevant national government agency, including their future amendments, shall be considered sufficient compliance with minimum public health standards. In accordance with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0220, the testing of all returning employees of a private sector entity shall not be required as a condition precedent for their operation. In no case shall the testing of all returning workers be construed as a condition precedent for his/her return.

5. All persons are mandated to wear face masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, handkerchiefs, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof, which can effectively lessen the transmission of COVID-19, whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government subject to fair and humane penalties or punishments that may be imposed by LGUs or implemented by law enforcement agencies, respectively. LGUs are hereby enjoined to use IATF-endorsed contact tracing and contact monitoring applications (StaySafe.ph and TanodCOVID) where they are available, or use community-based contact tracing and contact monitoring. Concerned LGUs are hereby enjoined to issue the necessary executive order or ordinance to this effect.
6. Supermarkets, public and private wet markets, grocery stores, agri-fishery supply stores, veterinary supply stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and other retail establishments engaged in the business of selling essential goods are strongly encouraged to extend their store operations to a maximum of twelve (12) hours. LGUs are directed to allow such establishments to operate pursuant to the foregoing. *Provided that* in the operation of wet markets, LGUs are encouraged to adopt reasonable schemes to ensure compliance with strict social distancing measures, such as, but not limited to, providing for specific daily schedules per sector, barangay, or purok, as the case may be. In no case shall such schemes involve narrowing the hours of operation of the foregoing establishments.
7. Acts of discrimination inflicted upon healthcare workers, repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs, COVID-19 cases, whether confirmed, recovered or undergoing treatment, as



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well as suspect and probable cases, and Persons under Monitoring are denounced in the strongest of terms. Acts in furtherance 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, 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.

**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.

**SECTION [11] EFFECTIVITY.** These Guidelines shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation.

**APPROVED** during the 39th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting held this 22nd of May, 2020 *via* video conference.

**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III**  
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IATF Chairperson

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



### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. 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;
5. In the Regular Meeting of the IATF held on May 22, 2020 via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. ✓ was unanimously approved and adopted;  
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6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon authority duly vested by the IATF Members pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 39;
7. The aforesaid resolution 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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