



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 35**

Series of 2020

May 11, 2020

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

**WHEREAS**, on 30 March, 2020, to develop a science-based approach in determining whether the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon should be totally or partially lifted, extended, or expanded to other areas, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) convened a sub-Technical Working Group tasked to define parameters in assessing recent developments in the Philippine COVID-19 situation;

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

**WHEREAS**, on 6 April 2020, the IATF issued Resolution No. 20, recommending that the ECQ in Luzon be extended up to April 30, 2020.

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

**WHEREAS**, on 11 May 2020, the IATF convened to analyze current scientific data and apply the parameters to determine the appropriate community quarantine or social distancing measures that should be implemented in different provinces, highly-urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs) in the country.

**WHEREAS**, as of 11 May 2020, there are eleven thousand eighty-six (11,086) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines.

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

- A. The recommendations of the IATF sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics are approved, the specifics of which are as follows:



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1. Beginning 16 May 2020, the classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) based on risk level shall be adopted as follows:

a. The following low-risk provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall no longer be under community quarantine, without prejudice to strict observation of minimum health standards:

i. For Luzon:

1. Region I - Ilocos Norte\*, Ilocos Sur, La Union\*, Pangasinan\*, Dagupan City\*;
2. Region IV-B - Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City; and
3. Region V - Albay\*, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Legazpi City\*, and Naga City.

ii. For Visayas:

1. Region VI - Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, Negros Occidental, Iloilo City, Bacolod City; and
2. Region VIII - Biliran, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Western Samar, Southern Leyte, Ormoc City, Tacloban City;

iii. For Mindanao:

1. Region X - Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Cagayan de Oro City.
2. Region XII - North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, General Santos City; and
3. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) - Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Cotabato City.

*\*Recommendations assuming similar risk-classification prevails on 14 May 2020*

b. The following moderate-risk provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until 31 May 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:



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- i. For Luzon:
    1. Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) - Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Baguio City
    2. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Santiago City;
    3. Region III - Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City\*, Olongapo City; and
    4. Region IV-A - Cavite\*, Quezon, Rizal, Batangas, Lucena City.
  - ii. For Visayas:
    1. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Mandaue City, Lapu-Lapu City.
  - iii. For Mindanao:
    1. Region IX - Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga City, Isabela City;
    2. Region XI - Davao City\*, Davao de Oro\*, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental; and
    3. Region XIII (CARAGA) - Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Butuan City.
- \*Recommendations assuming similar risk-classification prevails on 14 May 2020*
- c. The following high-risk provinces, HUCs, and ICCs shall be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until 31 May 2020, without prejudice to the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas:
    - i. For Luzon - Laguna, all HUCs of the National Capital Region (NCR) and the Municipality of Pateros; and
    - ii. For Visayas - Cebu City.
  2. Provinces, HUCs, and ICCs characterized herein as low, moderate, and high-risk may appeal their classification to the IATF Screening and Validation Committee with the concurrence of the RIATF not later than 13 May 2020.




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- B. For areas placed under Modified ECQ, the recommendations of the National Task Force against COVID-19 are hereby adopted in relation to the proposed zoning concept and corresponding qualification and its phased response or intervention. Pursuant thereto, city/municipal LGUs shall be allowed to declare the classification of barangays based on risk thresholds to be confirmed by Regional Interagency Task Force (RIATF) per EO 112 (s.2020);
- C. In addition to the existing responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretaries serving as Cabinet Officers for Regional Development and Security (CORDS), they shall hereinafter supervise their respective RIATF and RTF; and
- D. COVID-19 Special Teams are hereby established in every RTF composed of surveillance personnel and contact tracers, under the guidance of Department of Health Centers for Health Development as chair, regional Department of the Interior and Local Government, with the assistance of the Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines tasked in identifying, and immediately investigating underlying reasons of outbreaks and providing recommendations as well as support to high risk areas based on investigation including additional staff, investments, and technical assistance.

**APPROVED** during the 35th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 11th of May, 2020 *via* video conference.

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

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



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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the 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 \_\_\_\_\_ via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon authority of the IATF Members;
7. The aforesaid resolution has not been altered, modified nor revoked and the same is now in full force and effect;
8. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2020, Manila.

**KENNETH G. RONQUILLO, MD, MPH**

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