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**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the IATF with the approval of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, raised the Code Alert Level to Code Red Sublevel Two and the imposition of stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) for thirty (30) days, effective March 15, 2020,

WHEREAS, upon the directive of the President, the Inter-Agency Task Force convened on March 13, 2020.

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

- A. The Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) shall be as follows:
1. Mass gatherings such as movie screenings, concerts, sporting events and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work-related gatherings shall be suspended. Essential work-related meetings and religious activities may continue so long as strict social distancing, defined as the strict maintenance of a distance of at least one (1) meter radius between and among those attending, is maintained during the entirety of the event. The Department of Trade and Industry shall ensure that private establishments in operation strictly maintain social distancing in their businesses;
 2. The Local Government Units shall abide by the directives of the Department of Health and the Department of the Interior and Local Government in the imposition of general and enhanced community quarantine in their respective jurisdictions. *Provided*, Community quarantine shall be further defined as follows:



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- a. General community quarantine - where movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work; and uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border patrol;
 - b. Enhanced community quarantine - where strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households; transportation shall be suspended; provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated; and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures will be implemented.
3. Subject to qualifications the IATF may provide, all areas under general community quarantine shall implement the following:
- a. Restrict the non-essential entry of people to the contained area, especially persons who are at high risk of being infected i.e. those 60 years old and above, those who are immunocompromised or with co-morbidities, and pregnant women), except: (1) health workers, (2) authorized government officials, (3) those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (4) persons transiting to airport for travel abroad, (5) persons providing basic services and public utilities, and (6) essential skeletal workforce;
 - b. Prevent the non-essential exit of people out of the contained area, except: (1) health workers, (2) authorized government officials (3) those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, and (4) those who were granted entry based on the above-mentioned provisions. *Provided*, that all persons leaving the contained community must be checked for signs and symptoms (e.g. fever, respiratory symptoms, diarrhea) at exit checkpoint where (1) appropriate certification will be issued by the competent health authorities (DOH or Provincial/City/Municipal Health Office) (2) health authority endorses exiting person to recipient LGU (3) exiting



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persons must undertake 14-day home based quarantine, and (4) LGUs are required to monitor implementation of home-based quarantine;

4. Alternative working arrangements, including but not limited to, work-from home, compressed work week, staggered working hours, and creation of skeletal workforces, will be implemented in the executive branch. The legislative branch, the judiciary, independent constitutional commissions, the Office of the Ombudsman, and private establishments are encouraged to adopt the same policy;
 5. All workers, whether employed or self-employed, residing outside NCR will be provisionally allowed to travel to and from the NCR, subject to review by the IATF if public health considerations so warrant. *Provided*, that proof of employment and/or business must be presented at border checkpoints;
 6. All departing passengers shall be allowed transit through the National Capital Region. *Provided*, that proof of confirmed international travel itinerary scheduled within twelve (12) hours from entry should be presented at checkpoints. *Provided, further*, that the aforementioned provisions shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel to countries where travel restrictions are in place; and
 7. The movement of cargoes to and from Metro Manila, or in such other places which may be the subject of a community quarantine, shall be unhampered.
- B. The IATF shall establish regional inter-agency task groups in all of the regions in the country;**



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- C. The DOH with the aid of law enforcement agencies shall form composite teams to ensure enhanced contact-tracing and containment measures in all parts of the country;
- D. Paragraph (F) of IATF Resolution No. 11, s. of 2020 is hereby repealed. Inbound travelers from Iran and Italy are required to present a medical certificate issued by competent medical authorities within forty-eight (48) hours immediately preceding departure, signifying that the traveler has tested negative for COVID-19. *Provided*, that this provision shall not apply to Filipino citizens including their foreign spouse and children, if any, holders of Permanent Resident Visa, and holders of 9(e) Diplomat Visas issued by the Philippine Government;
- E. The Department of Health is hereinafter authorized to grant exemptions, based on humanitarian considerations, in favor of outbound travelers traveling to jurisdictions where travel restrictions are currently in place;
- F. Member agencies of the IATF and other identified agencies are hereby directed to finalize and submit their respective guidelines in the implementation of community quarantine to the DOH by March 14, 2020, at 2 in the afternoon. Protocols of the Department of Social Welfare and Development on social amelioration are approved in principle subject to the condition that these protocols and/or guidelines adhere to the parameters set by the IATF;
- G. Acknowledging the invaluable contribution of the agencies in the operations of the IATF, the IATF recommends to the Office of the President the issuance of an Executive Order expanding the membership of the IATF-EID to include the following agencies: Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of National Defense, Department of Education, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Office of Civil Defense, National Economic and Development Authority, Office of the Executive Secretary, Department of Finance, Department of Agriculture, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Office of the Chief Presidential Legal



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