



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

**RESOLUTION NO. 34**

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May 8, 2020

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, as of May 8, 2020, there are ten thousand four hundred sixty-three confirmed cases (10,463) in the Philippines.

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

- A. The Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the Department of Education (DepEd) as presented is hereby adopted the essential points of which are as follows:
1. Opening of classes for the basic education shall be on 24 August 2020 and ending on 30 April 2021;
  2. 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 August 24, 2020; and, from August 24, face-to-face learning



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- shall only be allowed when the local risk severity grading permits, and subject to compliance with minimum health standards;
3. 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 health standards; and
  4. 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. The IATF supports the recommendations of the Department of Environment and National Resources for the National Greening Program and National Forest Protection Program. The sub-Technical Working Group on Anticipatory and Forward Planning is hereby directed to consider the recommendations in crafting the updated Anticipatory and Forward Plan of the government.
- C. Item (o), paragraph (4), Section [2] of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community in the Philippines providing for permitted establishments in areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine is hereby amended as follows:

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**o. 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 infrastructure projects, as well as priority 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**



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**(BPOs) shall likewise be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the DPWH.**

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- D. Paragraph (8), Section [3] of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines providing for permitted establishments in areas placed under General Community Quarantine is hereby amended as follows:

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**8. All public and private construction projects, but with strict compliance to the issued construction safety guidelines for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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- E. The recommendations of the IATF Screening and Validation Committee are hereby adopted the specifics of which are as follows:

1. Abra shall maintain its classification as a low-risk area and shall remain to be under General Community Quarantine;
2. Regions shall convene their Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) with the respective regional offices of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) as chair and Department of Health Centers for Health Development as co-chair, which shall be a separate and distinct body from the Regional Task Force COVID-19 amending for this purpose, IATF Resolution No. 33; and
3. The Regional IATF shall report to the IATF Technical Working Group on matters of appeal for risk classification, with its representatives reporting to their national government agencies.

- F. The Office of the Presidential Spokesperson, the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Department of Science and Technology, and the



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Commission on Higher Education shall form part of the expanded membership of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

- G. The National Task Force (NTF) COVID-19 Task Group on Strategic Communications shall hereafter be chaired by the Office of the Presidential Spokesperson.

**APPROVED** during the 34th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 8th 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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