



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

RESOLUTION NO. 60

Series of 2020

July 30, 2020

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued Executive Order (E.O.) 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 May 23, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted to the IATF under E.O. 112, the IATF issued and published amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, due to developments in the situation of the COVID-19 health event in the country, further amendments are required to further streamline the government's response to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, there are a total of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four (3,954) reported new cases in the Philippines.

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

- A. The amendment of Paragraph B of IATF Resolution No. 14 dated March 20, 2020 providing for the guidelines relative to inbound travelers and the issuance of visas is ratified as follows:

1. Visa issuance to all foreign nationals is suspended with immediate effect;

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3. Foreign spouses, minor children including children with special needs, regardless of age, of Filipino nationals as well as foreign parents of minor Filipino nationals including children with special needs regardless of age; provided they secure or possess the appropriate visas; and

x x x

- B. The recommendations of the Department of Health (DOH) on time-based reckoning of COVID-19 Recoveries is hereby approved, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. Time-based reckoning of recoveries of mild and asymptomatic patients who have completed fourteen days of isolation from the date of onset of illness or specimen collection shall be immediately implemented;




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2. DILG is directed to reiterate and cascade recovery policies to the local government units clarifying that counting fourteen (14)-day isolation for mild and asymptomatic confirmed cases shall start from date onset of illness or specimen collection; and
 3. Enforce submission of accurate, complete, and timely reports to the DOH through COVID-Kaya -- including the updating of health status and outcomes of patients upon discharge, recovery, or death by all hospitals, LGUs, and disease reporting units.
- C. The recommendations of the Department of Agriculture (DA) are hereby approved, the specifics of which are as follows:
1. In collaboration with the DOH, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the DA to actively pursue the implementation of Executive Order No. 280 dated February 5, 2005 creating the National Avian Influenza Task Force (NAITF) and its reactivation to manage the outbreaks using multi-agency coordination and collaboration, also known as One Health Approach including that of a Whole of Nation Approach;
 2. The DA is directed to strengthen coordination with the DOH, DENR, and DILG with LGUs concerned to do sustained monitoring and surveillance of the Avian Influenza A(H5N6) and its possible effects to humans; and
 3. Intensify information campaign that chicken meat and eggs are safe for human consumption; strict enforcement of Good Animal Husbandry Practices; and enjoin the public to immediately report poultry mortalities to their respective LGUs and to the DA Regional Field Offices or to the DA-Bureau of Animal Industries.

APPROVED during the 60th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this 30th of July 2020 *via* video conference.


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


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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 **30 July 2020** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **60** 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 **30th** day of July 2020, Manila.


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