



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

RESOLUTION NO. 109

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WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2(b) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the entry of suspected or confirmed patients with emerging infectious diseases into the country;

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance has detected B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, and P.3 variants of the COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives;

WHEREAS, as of April 10, 2021, there are a total of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five (190,245) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

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

- A. The recommendations of the National Economic and Development Authority to further strengthen and improve the use of StaySafe.PH System through automatic contact tracing using the Smart Messaging System, is approved. For this purpose, the IATF reaffirms its adoption of StaySafe.PH system as the official social-distancing, COVID-19 health-condition reporting, and contact tracing-system of the government. To ensure interoperability and integration of all contact tracing applications integration in the StaySafe.Ph System, the following are likewise adopted:



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1. The initial beta-testing, together with the proposed messaging, of the system in the City of Pasig due May 1, 2021, and the beta-testing in the consortium of Antipolo, and cities of Pasig, Mandaluyong, Valenzuela due on May 1, 2021, with access to COVID-19 Document Repository System;
2. Immediate completion of the transfer of ownership to the Department of Health of the CDRS; and
3. Immediate integration of the CDRS with the StaySafe.PH System, and other local contact-tracing systems and applications.

For the foregoing, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is directed as the over-all lead in the implementation, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is directed to lead in national interoperability, and the Department of Health (DOH) is directed to ensure integration of StaySafe.PH system with the CDRS. Any unauthorized sharing of information and/or breach of data privacy as a result of the immediate integration and interoperation pending the full turn-over of StaySafe.PH to the national government, shall not be borne by the DOH or the DILG, or any of its privacy officers.

For such, the DILG is further directed to immediately coordinate and convene with DICT and DOH, and formulate the necessary concrete action plan, with specific timelines and targets.


- B. The IATF hereby ratifies the proposal, endorsed by the Department of Tourism, for the construction of free and temporary public walk-in and drive-thru vaccination centers in the vacant portion of the lots located in Nayong Pilipino Foundation property in Paranaque City. The National Task Force Against COVID-19 Chairperson is hereby authorized to enter into any such agreements with the Nayong Pilipino Foundation, or to do and perform all and every act whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purpose as the IATF Chairperson or Co-Chairperson might or could do if personally present and acting in person.



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~~RESOLVED FURTHER~~, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

APPROVED during the 109th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this April 10, 2021, via video conference.


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