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TAGUIG SAFE CITY TASK FORCE

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TO: ALL RESIDENTS, DESIGNATED SAFETY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYERS AND OWNERS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, HEALTH CENTERS, QUARANTINE FACILITIES, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OF THE CITY OF TAGUIG

RE: Guidelines on the Use of Quarantine Facilities in the City of Taguig

In order to properly implement Department of Health (DOH) Department Circular No. 2021-0122, regarding the Reiteration of Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration (PDITR) Strategies for COVID-19, the following guidelines on the quarantine facilities in the city of Taguig must be followed:

I. General Guidelines

In accordance with DOH Department Circular No. 2021-0122 on the Reiteration of Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Reintegration (PDITR) Strategies for COVID-19:

- A. All suspect, probable, and confirmed cases shall be isolated in the appropriate facility depending on the severity of symptoms.
1. **Asymptomatic confirmed and mild cases** shall be admitted and isolated in Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities (TTMFs).
 2. **Moderate cases** shall be isolated and managed in Level 1 or Level 2 hospitals.
 3. **Severe and critical cases** shall be isolated and managed in Level 2 or Level 3 hospitals.

Step-down care and proper inter-health facility referral system shall be applied to all cases whenever applicable. Regardless of results, the appropriate ten (10) or twenty one (21) day isolation period shall be strictly completed.

- B. Contact tracing shall be initiated after case investigation of every reported probable and confirmed COVID-19 case. Active case finding shall also be initiated after identification of suspect cases. **All close contacts shall be placed under quarantine for monitoring.** Regardless of test results, the fourteen (14) day quarantine period shall be strictly completed.

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- C. RT-PCR remains the gold standard for diagnostic testing for COVID-19 or determining the presence of SARS-CoV-2.
- D. All entities involved in the provision of public and private services shall develop and implement a COVID-19 prevention, response, and communication plan to operationalize the PDITR strategies in their respective settings including households, workplaces, among others.

II. Eligible Individuals

Individuals that are eligible to be admitted to quarantine facilities include:

- A. All Residents of the City of Taguig;
- B. Workers or employees of offices or establishments in Taguig;
- C. Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic COVID-19 positive individuals who cannot fulfill the requirements for home quarantine, this includes the following:
 - 1. Individuals without a separate room and bathroom; and,
 - 2. Those living with a minor, senior citizen, pregnant, or those with comorbidities or immunodeficiencies;
- D. Close contacts of a positive patient who must be quarantined after testing and while waiting for results;
- E. Travellers going to and from Taguig;
- F. Any person who volunteers to isolate while waiting for the results of his or her RT-PCR test; and,
- G. Those who live in a household where the number of positive patients outnumber the negative. This type of quarantine shall be referred to as Reverse Quarantine.

III. Referral of Eligible Individuals

A. Travelers

- 1. Travelers that may be admitted in quarantine facilities are:
 - i. Those who come from an area with a higher alert level and wish to enter Taguig;
 - ii. Residents of Taguig travelling outside of the City, region or country.

2. All travelers are highly encouraged to get tested before going to their destination. Those tested are required to be quarantined for five (5) days while awaiting results.
 - i. If the result of the test is positive, individual will continue quarantine for ten (10) days;
 - ii. If the result is negative, individual may be released from quarantine upon the certification of the health center doctor.
3. Travelers can coordinate their admission to a quarantine facility thru the following:
 - i. Contacting the Barangay Telemedicine Hotlines (attached herein as Annexes “A” and “B”) of the barangay of their residence; or,
 - ii. Contacting the Taguig COVID Hotline at (02)87893200, or 09664194510, or via e-mail at covidfaq@taguiginfo.com.

A representative from the Barangay Health Center or any of the Quarantine Management Staff shall get in touch with the traveler to coordinate admission and arrange pick up, if necessary.

B. Business Establishments

1. All workers or employees of offices or establishments located in Taguig can admit themselves to any of the City’s quarantine facilities.
2. Close contacts of any employee who tested positive are required to be tested after five (5) days from exposure to the positive patient. Close contacts can be admitted in the quarantine facility while waiting to be tested and while waiting for their test results.
 - i. If the result is positive, patient will continue quarantined for (ten) 10 days;
 - ii. If the result is negative, patient must continue his or her fourteen (14) day quarantine to ensure no symptoms arise.
3. All business establishments who want to have their employees considered as probable, suspect or confirmed cases, including their close contacts, quarantined in any of the City’s facility shall coordinate their admission thru the following procedure:
 - i. The business establishment’s Designated Safety Officer (DSO) can call or text our Business sector Emergency

Response for Notifiable and Emerging Diseases (BERNIE) Hotline at 09617044355 or 09617044355;

- ii. A representative from the Barangay Health Center or any of the Quarantine Management Staff shall get in touch with the patient to coordinate admission and arrange pick up, if necessary.

C. Other Eligible Individuals

Any individuals who wants to be admitted in any of the City's TTMFs or quarantine facilities may coordinate thru the following:

1. Calling or texting the Barangay Telemedicine Hotlines (attached herein as Annexes "A" and "B") of the barangay of their residence; or,
2. Contacting the Taguig COVID Hotline at (02)87893200, or 09664194510, or via e-mail at covidfaq@taguiginfo.com; or,
3. For employees working in any business establishment in Taguig, their Designated Safety Officer (DSO) can call or text our Business sector Emergency Response for Notifiable and Emerging Diseases (BERNIE) Hotline at 09617044355 or 09617044355.

IV. Discharge from Quarantine Facilities

In accordance with DOH Department Circular No. 2021-0122 on the Reiteration of Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Reintegration (PDITR) Strategies for COVID-19 and Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 142:

1. Patients with **mild symptoms** who have completed at least ten (10) days of isolation from the onset of illness and have been asymptomatic or clinically recovered for three (3) consecutive days may already be discharged.
2. **Asymptomatic confirmed cases** who remained asymptomatic for at least ten (10) days from date of specimen collection or testing may already be discharged.
3. **Fully vaccinated close contacts** who remain asymptomatic for at least seven (7) days from date of exposure may already discontinue their quarantine.

Repeat testing shall not be required for the discharge criteria of suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases, provided that a **licensed medical doctor certifies or clears the patient.**

The implementation of the guidelines provided above shall be closely and regularly monitored. These guidelines are subject to change, in accordance with the evaluation of the Safe City Task Force and the issuances of the IATF-EID, and other relevant national government agencies and offices.

Any person in violation of these guidelines shall be penalized in accordance with Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the "*Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act*" in relation to Presidential Proclamation No. 922, Taguig City Ordinance No. 24, Series of 2020, otherwise known as the "*New Normal Ordinance of Taguig City*" and other applicable laws and ordinances. This will be without prejudice to the filing of an administrative case if the violator is a government official or employee.

For guidance and strict compliance.

By Authority of the Mayor:

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