



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

RESOLUTION NO. 137

Series of 2021

September 07, 2021

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 have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines. The DOH, UP-PGH, and UP-NIH have likewise confirmed the presence of the B.1.617 (Delta) variant that was first detected in India;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the pilot implementation of the General Community Quarantine With Alert Levels System in the National Capital Region (GCQ with Alert Level System) shall be deferred. The current risk level classification of NCR as Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine shall be maintained until 15 September 2021, or until the pilot GCQ with Alert Level System is implemented, whichever comes first. During this period, the following additional guidelines as provided for under IATF Resolution No. 135-A (s.2021) issued on 26 August 2021, shall be maintained:



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1. Indoor and *al fresco* dine-in services, and personal care services including beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas shall not be allowed.
2. Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams, or other religious ministers and their assistants may conduct religious services performed through online video recording and transmission, necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals, and they shall be allowed to move for such purposes. Corollarily, immediate family members of the deceased who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed to move from their residences to attend the wake or interment of the deceased upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the latter, fully complying with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.
3. Other provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, not affected by the foregoing shall continue to be in effect.

RESOLVED FINALLY, 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 137th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this September 07, 2021, via video conference.

KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF Co-Chairperson




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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.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 **07 September 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **137** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the 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 **7th** day of September 2021, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Undersecretary of Health
Head Secretariat, IATF



REGIONAL TASK FORCE COVID-19 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

RTF-NCR COVID-19

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Series of 2021

September 9, 2021

DENYING THE REQUEST OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS DURING THE MECQ PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2021

WHEREAS, to address COVID-19 issues affecting the region, the Regional Task Force-National Capital Region (RTF-NCR) Against COVID-19 was created;

WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has submitted a request letter to conduct a series of licensure examinations from July to September 2021 and has been provisionally approved, subject to strict monitoring and implementation of Minimum Public Health Standards and health and safety protocols of the PRC, and subject to the issuance of the PRC-DOH-PNP Joint Guidelines, and the community quarantine classification as the IATF may implement on certain provinces, HUCs, and ICCs as stated on the IATF-MEID Resolution No. 119, s. 2021 dated June 03, 2021;

WHEREAS, the IATF-MEID supports the draft Joint Administrative Order of the DOH-PRC- PNP on the Revised Standard Guidelines on the Strict Observance of Health Protocols in the Conduct of Licensure Examinations during Public Health Emergency and/or Pandemic as stated on the IATF-MEID Resolution No. 130, s. 2021 dated July 29, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Joint Administrative Order of the DOH-PRC-PNP states that the PRC must communicate with the LGU and Regional IATF on coordination as to the implementation of Community Quarantine in their respective areas, request dispensation or special permit from the LGU to conduct Licensure Examinations in their AOR, and to seek assistance from LGU and Local DILG for the examinees and examination of personnel in going to the examination site and back to their respective homes;

WHEREAS, due to the extension of the implementation of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) until September 15, 2021, limitations on social gathering need to be strictly enforced which includes also Licensure Examinations as form of social gathering;

WHEREAS, due to the implementation of extended MECQ, PRC is requesting the approval of the RTF- NCR to conduct the Licensure Examinations in NCR scheduled during the period of September 8 – 30 2021 as preparations are already in place and further delay of the examinations may hinder the applications of the aspiring professionals in finding work and waste their efforts in preparation for the examination;

WHEREAS, the Memorandum dated August 31, 2021 of OIC-Undersecretary of Health Maria Rosario S. Vergeire for Atty. Charade B. Marcado-Grande, Assistant Secretary of Health, Health Regulations Team and Secretariat, Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases re Request to Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and Center for Health Development (CHD) on Monitoring of PRC Licensure Examinations, it recommended to postpone large capacity board examinations held in closed or crowded settings, and promoting close contact situations, for areas with increases cases and high risk health care utilization;


WHEREAS, in the same Memorandum, it was emphasized that maximum capacity and high risk activity guidelines should follow the national government's risk classification mechanisms.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the RTF-NCR COVID-19 DENIES the request of the PRC to conduct the Licensure Examinations from September 8-15, 2021 which includes the following examinations:


Licensure Examinations	Inclusive Dates
Physicians	September 11 & 12, 2021
Qualifying Assessment for Foreign Medical Professionals	September 13, 2021
Respiratory Therapy	September 15, 2021

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the PRC shall subsequently follow the risk classification mechanisms of the national government for maximum capacity and high-risk activities.

APPROVED by the RTF-NCR COVID-19 this 9th day of September 2021.


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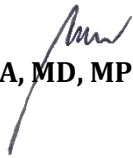
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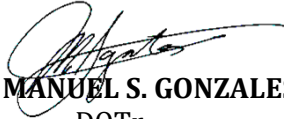
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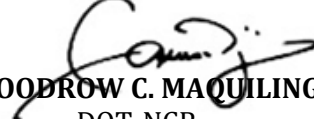
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