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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** All Undersecretaries  
All Assistant Secretaries  
All Service Directors  
All Regional Executive Directors  
All Bureau Directors  
All Heads of Attached Agencies

**FROM :** The Director  
Administrative Service

**SUBJECT :** MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2021

**DATE :** 18 March 2021

We are providing, for your information and compliance, a certified copy of the Memorandum dated February 27, 2021 entitled "**COMMUNITY QUARANTINE CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES FROM 01-31 MARCH 2021**".

  
**ROLANDO R. CASTRO**

MEMO NO. 2021 - 247

**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

**TO : HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (GFIs), STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)**

**SUBJECT : COMMUNITY QUARANTINE CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES AND INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITIES FROM 01-31 MARCH 2021**

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Please be informed that the President, taking into consideration the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), has **approved** the following community quarantine classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs) and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) from **01-31 March 2021**, to wit:

**A. General Community Quarantine (GCQ)**

The following provinces, HUCs and ICCs shall be placed under GCQ:

- I. For Luzon:
  - a. Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)- Apayao\*, Kalinga\*, Mountain Province\*, and Baguio City\*;
  - b. All HUCs of the National Capital Region and the Municipality of Pateros; and
  - c. Batangas.
- II. For the Visayas:
  - a. Tacloban City\*
- III. For Mindanao:
  - a. Iligan City;
  - b. Davao City\*; and
  - c. Lanao del Sur.

B. Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)

The following provinces, HUCs and ICCs shall be placed under MGCQ:

- I. For Luzon:
  - a. CAR – Abra, Benguet, Ifugao;
  - b. Region I - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union\*, Pangasinan, Dagupan City;
  - c. Region II - Batanes, Cagayan, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, Isabela, and Santiago City;
  - d. Region III - Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan\*, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Angeles City, Olongapo City;
  - e. Region IV-A – Cavite, Laguna\*, Rizal, Quezon, Lucena City;
  - f. Region IV-B – Marinduque, Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Romblon\*, Palawan, Puerto Princesa City\*; and
  - g. Region V - Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon, Naga City.
  
- II. For the Visayas:
  - a. Region VI – Aklan\*, Antique, Capiz\*, Guimaras\*, Negros Occidental, Iloilo, Bacolod City, and Iloilo City;
  - b. Region VII - Bohol, Cebu\*, Negros Oriental, Siquijor, Cebu City\*, Lapu-Lapu City\*, Mandaue City\*; and
  - c. Region VIII - Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Western Samar, and Ormoc City.
  
- III. For Mindanao:
  - a. Region IX - Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga Sibugay, and Zamboanga City;
  - b. Region X – Bukidnon, Camiguin, Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, and Cagayan de Oro City\*;
  - c. Region XI - Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, Davao Oriental;
  - d. Region XII - North Cotabato, South Cotabato\*, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, General Santos City;
  - e. Region XIII (Caraga) - Agusan del Norte\*, Agusan del Sur, Dinagat Islands, Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur\*, Butuan City; and
  - f. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) – Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Cotabato City.

*\* Areas requiring special attention by the local government unit and Regional IATF and the National Task Force*

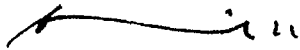
The foregoing shall be **without prejudice** to reclassification as may be warranted, and the declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine in critical areas, with the approval or concurrence of the IATF or the relevant Regional IATF, as provided in Executive Order (EO) No. 112 (s. 2020). Reclassification, localized ECQs and lockdowns without the approval or concurrence required by EO No. 112 shall not be supported or enforced by national government authorities, including GOCCs, and shall subject the officials who imposed or implemented the same to the applicable sanctions.

**ALL AREAS** shall continue to implement the following measures:

1. Health promotion and strict enforcement of minimum public health standards, especially their uniform implementation in high-risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, workplaces, and at home;
2. The implementation of localized community quarantine and the ramping up of the availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including in private and public establishments, with the concurrence of the Regional IATF;
3. Immediate facility-based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;
4. Scaling-up of local health systems capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, and Intensive Care Units, isolation and ward beds for COVID-19 cases;
5. Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID-Kaya and the DOH DataCollect.

All heads of departments, agencies, offices and instrumentalities of the government, including the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Coast Guard, GOCCs, GFIs, SUCs, and LGUs are hereby directed to strictly observe and implement the applicable guidelines provided under the *Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines*, as amended, issued by the IATF, and other relevant issuances.

By Order of the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary

