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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **All Undersecretaries**
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All Heads of Attached Agencies

FROM : **The Director**
Administrative Service

SUBJECT : **MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**
DATED 15 NOVEMBER 2021

DATE : **NOV 24 2021**

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR : THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS
Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging
Infectious Diseases (IATF)

SUBJECT : PROTOCOLS ON THE USE OF FACE SHIELDS

DATE : NOV 15 2021

Please be informed that the President has **approved** the recommendation of the IATF in its Resolution No. 148-D (s. 2021) issued on 11 November 2021. As such, the following protocols on the use of face shields shall be implemented effective immediately:

1. For areas under Alert Level 5 and granular lockdowns, the use of face shields in community settings shall be mandatory;
2. For areas under Alert Level 4, local government units (LGUs) and private establishments are given discretion to mandate the use of face shields; and
3. For areas under Alert Levels 3, 2 and 1, the use of face shields shall be voluntary.

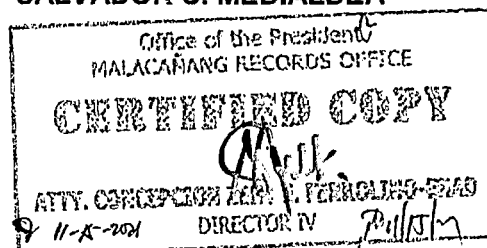
Prior to the full nationwide implementation of the Alert Level System pursuant to Executive Order No. 151 (s. 2021), LGUs shall have the discretion to mandate the use of face shields in areas covered by the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, except in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine and those under granular lockdown where it shall remain mandatory.

The above protocols are without prejudice to the continuing mandatory use of face shields in medical and quarantine facility settings, and the required use thereof by healthcare workers in healthcare settings.

For compliance.

By authority of the President:

SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA





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

RESOLUTION NO. 148-D

Series of 2021

November 11, 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 10, 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

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 IATF recommends to the Office of the President the use of face shields on the following settings and protocols:

- A. Mandatory use in community settings for areas under granular lockdowns, Alert Level 5 of the Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response in Pilot Areas, as amended, Enhanced Community Quarantine of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation Of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended;





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- B. For areas under Alert Level 4, the Local Government Units and private establishments are given the discretion to mandate the use of face shields;
- C. Voluntary use for areas under Alert Levels 3, 2, and 1; and
- D. The foregoing is without prejudice to its required use in medical and quarantine facility settings, and by use of healthcare workers in healthcare settings.

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 148th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this November 11, 2021, via video conference.


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


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 **11 November 2021** via teleconference during which a quorum was present and acted throughout, IATF Resolution No. **148-D** was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or 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 **11th** day of November 2021, Manila.


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