



REGION XII

Republic of the Philippines
Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases XII –
Regional Task Force COVID -19

EXCERPTS FROM THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JOINT VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE (RIATF-EID) XII – REGIONAL TASK FORCE COVID-19 HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2020 9:00 AM

PRESENT:

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| HON. SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU | - | Governor, Sultan Kudarat Province/
Chairperson, RTF-COVID-19 XII |
| JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III | - | Regional Director, DILG XII/
Chairperson, RIATF-EID XII |
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SULPICIO HENRY M. LEGSPI, JR., MD | - | Regional Director, DOH-CHD XII/
Co-Chairperson, RIATF-EID XII |
| MINDA C. MORANTE | - | Regional Director, OCD XII |
| HON. STEVE C. SOLON | - | Governor, Sarangani Province |
| HON. NANCY A. CATAMCO
(Rep. by JONATHAN PAGADUAN) | - | Governor, Province of Cotabato |
| HON. FRANCES CYNTHIA GUIANI-SAYADI | - | City Mayor, Cotabato City |
| HON. ANGELO O. MONTILLA | - | City Mayor, Tacurong City |
| HON. RONNEL C. RIVERA
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| TERESITA SOCCORO C. RAMOS | - | Regional Director, NEDA XII |
| MAHMUD L. KINGKING | - | Regional Director, DOST XII |
| ALLAN G. FARNAZO, CESO IV | - | Regional Director, DepEd XII |
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| ATTY. SERVILLANO SANTIAGO LORENZO III | - | Regional Director, DOJ –PAO XII |
| JEANY T. TEDERA | - | Regional Director, DOF-BLGF XII |
| CEZARIO JOEL C. ESPEJO
(Rep. by BRYAN CUTIN) | - | Regional Director, DSWD XII |
| CATHERINE T. APELACIO | - | Regional Director, PIA XII |
| AKMAD J. USMAN | - | Regional Director, DBM XII |
| JUDE CONSTANTINE S. JAUGAN
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| BASIR M. IBRAHIM | - | Regional Director, DPWH XII |
| JOCELYN C. SANTOCELDES | - | Regional Director, CHED XII |
| ARLAN M. MANGELEN
(Rep. by ARD ZALDY BOLORON) | - | Regional Executive Director, DA XII |
| ARMIN H. HAUTEA
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| RAFAEL Y. ABROGAR | - | Regional Director, TESDA XII |
| FROILAN B. JAMIAS
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| PATERNO REYNATO R. PADUA | - | Regional Director, LTFRB XII |
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PSR RICHLI LYNDON B. MAGTULIS	-	RSDC, RDC XII
LAILYN A. ORTIZ, CESO V	-	Asst. Regional Director, DILGXII/ Head Secretariat, RIATF-EID XII

GUESTS:

PD ROCHELLE D. MAHINAY-SERO	-	DILG South Cotabato
PD SAMUEL A. CAMAGANACAN	-	DILG Sarangani
RILIMIN H. SANDOVAL	-	DILG General Santos
SARAH L. ALAMADA	-	DILG Cotabato City
HON. SARAH JOY L. SIMBLANTE	-	President, SKPF Cotabato

ABSENT:

MARILOU M. SUMALINOG	-	Regional Director, OWWA XII
HON. REYNALDO S. TAMAYO, JR.	-	Governor, South Cotabato Province
HON. JOSEPH A. EVANGELISTA	-	City Mayor, Kidapawan City
ATTY. ELIORDO U. OGENA	-	City Mayor, Koronadal City
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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-025

August 12, 2020

**POLICY GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) SITUATION IN REGION 12**

WHEREAS, Per OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES *with Amendments as of July 16, 2020*, the IATF approved the Implementation of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) including the zoning concept, corresponding qualification, and its phased response or intervention;

As of August 12, 2020, for areas placed under MECQ, GCQ, MGCQ status, the following provisions shall be strictly observed, to wit:

- **Minimum public health standards** shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MGCQ;
- **The movement of all persons in areas placed under MECQ, GCQ & MGCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder**, and for other activities permitted under this Section. *(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(a) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020);*
- Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, religious services, and work conferences shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity. *(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(d) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*

WHEREAS, one of the concerns of the COVID-19 Task Forces at all levels is the movement of Authorized Persons Outside Residences or APORS. There were observations that APORS seemed to disregard observance of the minimum health and LGU protocols while passing through Region 12 borders or travelling or going outside of their residences;

WHEREAS, per DOH COVID -19 Tracker, the region recorded a total of **328 cases as of August 5, 2020**, which is equivalent to an average of **4 cases per day** for the month of August 2020;

The increase in the COVID-19 cases has been attributed to several factors, such as but not limited to:

- Non-observance of the DOH's and LGUs' Minimum Health Standards and Protocols;
- Opening of the Economy in the Region;
- Allowing the movement of persons except for leisure in areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ;
- Implementation of Hatid Tulong Initiative for LSIs; and
- Permitting the road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation, and private transportation in areas placed under the GCQ and MGCQ;

WHEREAS, the LCEs of Region XII has raised their concerns regarding LSIs coming from various parts of the country who are travelling to the Region without proper observance of the minimum health standards such as but not limited to **RT-PCR Test Results** and Mandatory Wearing of Face Mask and Social Distancing;

WHEREAS, with the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the region, the RIATF-EID and RTF COVID-19 Task Forces recommended for an **Inter-Regional Lockdown** for non-essential travels **and for the PNP to implement stricter border control measures**;

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the IATF approved the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP), and **the date of the school opening for SY 2020-2021 is determined to be on August 24, 2020 pursuant to DepEd Order No. 007 s. 2020**. As of July 31, 2020, Department of Education (DepEd) Region 12 reported a total of 1,151,679 enrollees for CY 2020-2021;

WHEREAS, the DILG-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01 dated March 25, 2020 provides for Additional Guidelines on the Utilization of the Twenty Percent (20%) of the Annual Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) for Development Projects in view of the COVID-19 Situation.

Section 2.1 of the said JMC provides for the allowable expenditures or COVID-19 related expenses to be sourced from the 20% Development Fund of the LGU.

In preparation for the CY 2021 Budget, the Body requested for a Policy Review of the aforementioned Policy, hence, fast track Track Review of the Policy on the Utilization of Development Fund before the year ends;

WHEREAS, the NTF Against COVID-19 has approved the motorcycle back-riding using a prototype barrier but allowed only for husbands and wives, common-law couples, and live-in partners.

The DILG also issued Advisory dated July 15, 2020 setting additional guidelines in the motor back riding, viz:

1. Motorcycle back-riding shall be allowed on motorcylces, for couples living in the same household;
2. Valid IDs shall be presented as proof that said persons are living together or are married to one another, or have a relation to one another (common law marriage, boyfriend and girlfriend, etc.)
3. A safety barrier/shield whose design is duly approved by the IATF National Task Force COVID-19 must be placed between the driver and passenger;
4. Said persons riding on motorcycles shall observe the minimum public health standards set forth by the Department of Health, such as the wearing of face masks and other relevant PPEs; and
5. Riders shall also observe all road-safety measures during their ride, such as the donning of appropriate motorcycle safety headwear or crash helmets.

WHEREAS, Local Budget Circular No. 2020-125 dated April 7, 2020 provides for the Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the Bayanihan Grant for Cities and Municipalities (BGCM), while Local Budget Circular No. 2020-126 dated April 13, 2020 provides for the Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the Bayanihan Grant for the Provinces (BGP);

Section 4.4 of the LBC No. 2020-125 and LBC No. 2020-126 mandates that the LCEs of the Provinces, Cities and Municipalities shall submit a written notice of the reports being posted on the LGU website to the DBM, House of Representatives, Senate of the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on Finance, and other offices where submission of reports is required under existing laws, rules, and regulations;

WHEREAS, the RIATF-EID, through the DILG XII Secretariat initiated the preparation of an AVP as part of an IEC material in compliance to the Joint RIATF-EID – RTF COVID-19 Task Forces Resolution No. 2020-024-A entitled: “Resolution Requesting Airline Companies to Brief All Passengers En Route to General Santos City and Cotabato City Regarding the Observance of Health and LGU Protocols”;

WHEREAS, the RIATF-EID 12 and RTF COVID-19 also recognizes the initiatives and best practices of the LGUs and the other sectors of the society particularly this time, the Sangguniang Kabataan in the fight against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, during the Joint RIATF-EID XII and RTF COVID-19 Meeting, the Body discussed, strategized and resolved emerging local issues and determined appropriate or future actions to avoid the further spreading of the virus given the foregoing premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Joint RIATF-EID XII- RTF-COVID-19 approved the following Resolutions:

- A. Resolution Requesting IATF to Issue Policy Guidelines on the Movement of APORs;
- B. Resolution Imposing Health and Safety Protocols and Requirements for Inbound APORs to Region-12 Effective August 18, 2020;
- C. Resolution Imposing Inter-Regional Lockdown for Non-Essential Travels on August 15-31, 2020 and for PNP to Implement Stricter Border Control Measures;
- D. Resolution Enjoining the LGUs to Implement Health Severity Risk Assessment of DOH and Other Health Protocols Relative to the Start of Classes on August 24, 2020;
- E. Resolution Requesting DBM and DILG to Fast-Track Review of the Policy on the Utilization of Development Fund;
- F. Resolution Requesting the IATF Through SILG Año to Reconsider Relaxing the Imposition of Barriers Relative to the Backriding Policy;
- G. Resolution Enjoining LGUs to Monitor and Timely Submit Utilization Reports on LDRRM Fund and Bayanihan Grant to DBM XII;
- H. Resolution Commending the Province of Cotabato for their Best Practices in Response to COVID-19;
- I. Resolution Commending Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of the Province of Cotabato for their Best Practices in Response to COVID-19;
- J. Resolution Requiring Mandatory Wearing of Face Shield by all Residents of Region 12 in Public Places Effective August 18, 2020;
- K. Resolution Requesting the RTFs of Points of Origin Not to Allow the Transit of LSIs Pending the RT-PCR Result;
- L. Resolution Adopting the Economy Cluster Resolutions, to wit:
 - *Resolution No. 28- Enjoining Regional Line Agencies and Local Government Units in Region 12 to Implement an Internal Policy on the Use of Internet in their Respective Offices;*
 - *Resolution No. 30- Enjoining Regional Line Agencies, State Universities and Colleges and LGUs to Strongly Support the Webinars of Various Agencies;*

- *Resolution No. 31- Requesting LTO to Temporarily Suspend Emission Testing as a Requirement for Vehicle Registration*

M. Resolution Adopting the IEC Materials on the Guidelines of Region 12-Bound Passengers;

N. Resolution Supporting the “Limited Movement Sunday Policy” of Cotabato City;

O. AGREEMENTS AND WAYS FORWARD:

RIATF-EID XII CONCERNS

O.1 For DILG to post in the Viber groups of RTF and RIATF the Safety and Health Protocols and Requirements for Inbound APORs to Region 12;

O.2 Item 5 of Policy concerns will be temporarily deferred until CHED guidelines will be officially issued;

O.3 For PIA to help in disseminating information related to mandatory wearing of face shield in public places by all residents of Region 12 effective August 18, 2020;

RTF COVID-19 CONCERNS

K.5 *On Social Amelioration Program (SAP), DA, DSWD and DOLE* to provide the Provincial and City LGUs electronic copy of detailed **SAP Accomplishment Report** to monitor and ensure the proper implementation of the program down to the smallest unit. Report on the said PAs to be furnished to DILG;

K.6 To control spread of COVID-19 through intensified efforts by RTF and LTFs;

K.8 *On Contact Tracing*, LGUs to adopt and use **Quadrant Method** being promoted by Mayor Magalong, Contact Tracing Czar to achieve the **1 confirmed case : 37 contacts traced** standard ratio;

- Contact Tracing Team members to be trained as a team

K.9 Clarification on local transmission in Lanao del Sur and Marawi City to include Koronadal City

K.10 LGUs to provide DOH letter requesting for technical assistance for the conduct of Training on Contact Tracing;

K.11 RTF through OCD to provide technical assistance to Cotabato City on the Familiarization of Zoning Containment Strategy

K.12 RTF through OCD to provide technical assistance to Cotabato City on the Familiarization of Zoning Containment Strategy

K.13 Cotabato City to issue an Executive Order on No Movement Sunday to give time for contact tracing of the new 2 confirmed cases from health sector

K.14 PIA XII to do the following:

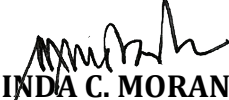
- Enhancement of the AVP for inbound passengers to Region XII;
- Post updates, IEC materials in the RIATF Facebook Page

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National IATF-EID, NTF COVID-19 thru Sec. Eduardo M. Año of DILG, Sec. Wendel E. Avisado of DBM, DBM XII, PNP-PRO XII, City Mayor of Cotabato City, PIA XII, LTO XII, CAAP General Santos City, Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors of Region XII for their consideration and appropriate action. The same copy to be furnished to the members of the RIATF-EID XII & RTF COVID-19 for their information and or appropriate action.


WE HEREBY CERTIFY as to the appropriateness of the foregoing Resolution.


Attested by:


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