



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**



**MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

No. 145, series of 2021

**TO :** CHED REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTORS / OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE

**CC :** EDUCATION SUPERVISORS FOR LIMITED FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES

**SUBJECT :** REITERATION OF IATF RESOLUTION NO. 110, SERIES OF 2021 AND NVOC ADVISORY NO. 29 ON THE PHILIPPINE COVID-19 VACCINE DEPLOYMENT AND VACCINATION CAMPAIGN: VACCINATION OF CLERKS, INTERNS, AND STUDENTS ROTATING IN HOSPITALS

**DATE :** 24 MAY 2021

In light of the open forum held during the CHED and DOH COVID-19 Town Hall on the COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment last May 20, 2021, please be informed of the following relevant documents:

- **NVOC Advisory No. 29 on the Philippine COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Campaign: Vaccination of Clerks, Interns, and Students Rotating in Hospitals**

This states the inclusion of Clerks, Interns, and Students Rotating in Hospitals as part of the Eligibility Group A1 for COVID-19 vaccine prioritization.

- **IATF Resolution No. 110, series of 2021**

This states the inclusion of Higher Education frontliners as part of the Eligibility Group A4 for COVID-19 vaccine prioritization.

For your guidance and wide dissemination.

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**NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION OPERATIONS CENTER**  
*AFP Commissioned Officers Club House, Camp Aguinaldo*

12 April 2021

**ADVISORY NO. 29**  
**Philippine COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Campaign**

*Vaccination of Clerks, Interns and Students Rotating in Hospitals*

This Advisory is issued to reiterate to all Regional and Local Vaccination Operation Centers (R/LVOCs), implementing units and vaccination sites the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to clerks, interns, and students rotating in hospitals as part of Priority A1: Workers in frontline health facilities.

Relative to the declaration that Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) all over the country shall conduct limited face-to-face classes during the COVID-19 pandemic (*see attached Table 1*), ALL interns, clerks and students rotating in hospitals shall be vaccinated as part of Priority A1.1, A1.2 and A1.3 at the hospitals they are rotating in.


ALL concerned implementing units (hospitals) are mandated to include the aforementioned eligible vaccine recipients in their microplans and vaccination schedules. If vaccination in the implementing unit (hospital) has already been completed, kindly endorse the eligible vaccine recipients to the LVOC. In this case, the LVOC is responsible in vaccinating the aforementioned eligible vaccine recipients.

Likewise, ALL HEIs are mandated to coordinate closely with the implementing units (hospitals) they are affiliated with and to the LVOC under which jurisdiction it is under.

Lastly, the RVOCs are instructed to ensure the implementation of this Advisory.

For any issues and concerns related to this Advisory, you may email to the NVOC at this email address, [c19vaccineopcn@gmail.com](mailto:c19vaccineopcn@gmail.com).

For strict compliance.

  
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*Chair, National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center*  
Department of Health





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**RESOLUTION NO. 110**

Series of 2021

April 15, 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 has detected B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, and P.3 variants of the COVID-19;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, as of April 15, 2021, there are a total of One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Seven (183,527) active COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that the IATF approves the following:

- A. Upon the recommendations of the National Task Force Against COVID-19 Task Group Recovery Cluster on the Priority Group A4 of the National COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment Plan is approved with finality. Without prejudice to the more detailed list to be issued by the Recovery Cluster led by the National Economic and Development Authority, and the validation of the final number to be master listed



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based on the availability of supply and approved priority framework, the final inclusions in the Priority Group A4 is listed hereunder:

A4.1 Commuter transport (land, air, and sea), including logistics;	A4.10 Customer-facing personnel of telecoms, cable and internet service providers, electricity distribution, water distribution utilities;
A4.2 Public and private wet and dry market vendors; frontline workers in groceries, supermarkets, delivery services;	A4.11. Frontline personnel in basic education and higher education institutions and agencies;
A4.3 Workers in manufacturing for food, beverage, medical and pharmaceutical products;	A4.12 Overseas Filipino Workers not classified above, and scheduled for deployment within two months;
A4.4 Frontline workers in food retail, including food service delivery;	A4.13 Frontline workers in law/justice, security, and social protection sectors;
A4.5 Frontline workers in Financial Services in private and government;	A4.14 Frontline government workers engaged in operations of government transport system, quarantine inspection, worker safety inspection and other activities indispensable to the COVID response;
A4.6 Frontline workers in hotels and accommodation establishments;	A4.15 Frontline government workers in charge of tax collection; assessment of businesses for incentives; election; national ID; data collection personnel;
A4.7 Priests, Pastors, rabbis, imams or such other religious leaders regardless of denomination;	A4.16 Diplomatic Community and Department of Foreign Affairs personnel in consular operations;
A4.8 Security guards/personnel assigned in the establishments, offices, agencies, and organizations identified in the list of priority industry/sectors;	A4.17 Department of Public Works and Highways personnel in charge of monitoring government infrastructure projects;
A4.9 Frontline workers in news media, both private and government;	

B. The recommendations of the IATF Technical Working Group, the specifics of which are as follows:

1. As endorsed by the Philippine Sports Commission, the continuation of the training of the national athletes at the Olympic Training Bubble in the Inspire Sports Academy in Calamba, Laguna. Provided, that there be heightened compliance with the Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate





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Strategies, particularly on the limited interactions with persons outside of the training bubble;

2. Amendment of IATF Resolution No. 103 (s.2021) issued on March 18, 2021, as follows:

x x x

1. *Memorandum Circular No. 5, s.2021 issued by the National Task Force Against COVID-19 is adopted with modifications, as follows:*

- a. *x x x*

- b. *Effective 0001H March 22, 2021 to 2359H April 30, 2021, the entry of foreign nationals shall be temporarily suspended, except for the following:*

x x x

- v. *Emergency, humanitarian, and other analogous cases approved by the Chairperson of the NTF COVID-19 or his duly authorized representative, provided the foreign nationals have valid visas at the time of entry; and*

- vii. Foreign nationals with valid entry exemption documents duly issued by DFA prior to March 22, 2021.**

x x x

3. Clarifying the provisions on the limitations of movement across community quarantine classifications, Paragraph 2 of Sections 2 to 5 of the Omnibus Guidelines in the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines is hereby amended to be read as follows:


2. *The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section.*

**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.



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**APPROVED** during the 110th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting, as reflected in the minutes of the meeting, held this April 15, 2021, via video conference.

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

  
**BERNADETTE T. ROMULO-PUYAT**  
Secretary, Department of Tourism  
Co-Chairperson





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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the interim OIC-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 a regular meeting of the IATF, the IATF Resolution No. 110 was unanimously approved and adopted;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Bernadette T. Romulo-Puyat 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 15th day of April 2021, Manila.

  
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Assistant Secretary of Health