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Dear **Sir**:

Greetings of peace!

We are respectfully furnishing you a copy of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force – Region XII Resolution No. 2020-005 entitled "Additional Policy Guidelines and Recommendations Relative to the Management of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Situation in Region 12" approved during the RIATF XII virtual meeting on June 3, 2020, for information and/or appropriate action.

Together We Heal As One!

Very truly yours,

JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III,

Regional Director, DILG XII/
Chairperson, RIATF-12
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Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES
REGION XII

**EXCERPTS FROM THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR
THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (RIATF-EID) XII VIRTUAL
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2020 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

LINA SARMIENTO	-	Deputy Director General, TESDA
JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III	-	Regional Director, DILG XII/Chairperson, RIATF-EID XII
ARISTEDES CONCEPCION TAN, MD	-	Regional Director, DOH-CHD XII/Co-Chairperson, RIATF-EID XII
MACARIO D. GONZAGA	-	Regional Director, LTO XII
AKMAD J. USMAN	-	Regional Director, DBM XII
ARMIN H. HAUTEA	-	Regional Director, DOT XII
ALIMBZAR P. ASUM	-	Asst. Director, DICT Mindanao Cluster 3
PCOL ERNESTO V TENDERO, JR	-	DRDO, PNP-PRO XII
TERESITA SOCCORO C. RAMOS	-	Regional Director, NEDA XII
FLORA POLITUD-GABUNALES, CESO V	-	Regional Director, DTI XII
ALLAN G. FARNAZO, CESO IV	-	Regional Director, DepEd XII
DONNA MAYOR-GORDOVE	-	Asst. Regional Director, DENR XII
JEANY T. TEDERA	-	Regional Director, DOF-BLGF XII
CEZARIO JOEL C. ESPEJO	-	Regional Director, DSWD XII
ARLAN M. MANGELEN	-	Regional Exec. Director, DA XII
CATHERINE T. APELACIO	-	Regional Director, PIA XII
BASIR M. IBRAHIM	-	Regional Director, DPWH XII
JOCELYN C. SANTOCELDES	-	Regional Director, CHED XII
ATTY. SERVILLANO SANTIAGO LORENZO III	-	Regional Public Attorney, DOJ -PAO XII
MARY ANN V. LUCERO	-	Regional Head, PMS XII
RAFAEL Y. ABROGAR II	-	Regional Director, TESDA XII
FROILAN B. JAMIAS	-	Regional Director, NTC XII
LAILYN A. ORTIZ, CESO V	-	Asst. Regional Director, DILGXII / Head Secretariat, RIATF-EID XII
NILO J. GEROCHE	-	Director, DOE Mindanao Field Office
LTC JOSE REGONAY, JR	-	EX-O, 1002 nd BDE, 10 TH ID, PA, AFP
JEROME B. BARRANCO	-	Asst. Regional Director, OCD XII
MS. RUBY CARRASCO	-	Representative, DOLE XII
MICHAEL MAYO	-	Representative, DOST XII
PO1 RAYMUND FORTIN	-	Representative, PCG

ABSENT:

None

GUESTS:

ASEC. JOSEPH B. ENCABO	-	Assistant Secretary for Regional Concerns, Presidential Management Staff
BONIFACIO SELMA JR.	-	Asst. Regional Director, DENR XII
GWENETH GRACE B. COLLADO	-	NEDA XII
ATTY. ROCHELLE MAHINAY-SERO, EnP	-	Provincial Director, DILG South Cotabato
ENGR. SAMUEL A. CAMAGANACAN	-	OIC Provincial Director, DILG Sarangani
MARGARITA H. BAYNOSA, MPA	-	Provincial Director, DILG Sultan Kudarat
RILIMIN H. SANDOVAL	-	City Director, DILG General Santos City
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RESOLUTION NO. 005-2020

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

June 3, 2020

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2020, the IATF issued and published amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 5, Item 2 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines provides that ***“all persons shall now be allowed to go outside their residences”***;

WHEREAS, in response to the call of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to send returning OFWs back to their provinces, the Department of Transportation joins the National Task Force for COVID-19, and concerned government agencies, in establishing the *‘Hatid Probinsya Program*, to assist and transport our stranded OFWs in Metro Manila back to their respective provinces;

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. Essential points of the BE-LCP includes the following:

- a) Opening of classes for the basic education shall be on 24 August 2020 and ending on 30 April 2021;
- b) Opening of private schools will be allowed within the period provided by law. *Provided that* school learning continuity plan shall be submitted; **no face-to-face classes will be allowed earlier than August 24, 2020**; and, face-to-face learning shall only be allowed when the local risk severity grading permits, and subject to compliance with minimum health standards;

- c) Adoption of various learning delivery options such as but not limited to face-to-face, blended learnings, distance learnings, and homeschooling and other modes of delivery shall be implemented depending on the local COVID Risk Severity Classification and compliance with minimum health standards; and
- d) Conduct of curricular and co-curricular activities involving gatherings such as science fairs, showcase of portfolios, trade fairs, school sports, campus journalism, festival of talents, job fairs, and other similar activities is cancelled, **except those conducted online.**

WHEREAS, the DICT's "Free Wi-Fi for All" aims to accelerate the Philippine government's efforts in enhancing internet accessibility for Filipinos so that, in turn, economic, social, and educational opportunities will be bolstered, and the growing Digital Divide can be bridged. The Project provides 40 megabits per second internet connectivity to remote areas and public places across the country. Also, during the Coronavirus Pandemic, the DICT offered "Free Wifi for All" at COVID-19 Accredited Testing Centers;

WHEREAS, as a General Policy, all policies issued by the LGUs related to COVID-19 implementation should be aligned to IATF Omnibus Guidelines in the implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued last May 22, 2020 and other national government agencies' guidelines;

WHEREAS, during the 69th Regular RDC Meeting, the Council approved and adopted a total of 49 Resolutions. Five (5) of the Resolutions (Resolutions No. 15, 16, 17, 19 and 21) were recommended for endorsement to the RIATF-EID XII for adoption;

WHEREAS, one of the emerging concerns of the LGUs and NGAs in the region is the absence of RT-PCR test for Locally-Stranded Individuals (LSIs) returning to the different parts of Region XII;

WHEREAS, upon thorough deliberation, the RIATF-EID XII member agencies deemed it necessary to appeal for the IATF-EID's consideration of Item 2 Section 5 of Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines which allows all persons to go outside their residences but instead to restrict minors, senior citizens and those with co-morbidities that are going out for non-essential transactions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the RIATF-EID XII approves the following Resolutions:

1. RESOLUTION APPEALING FOR IATF-EID'S CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 2 SECTION 5 OF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES WHICHG ALLOWS ALL PERSONS TO GO OUTSIDE THEIR



RESIDENCES BUT INSTEAD TO RESTRICT MINORS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND THOSE WITH CO-MORBIDITIES THAT ARE GOING OUT FOR NON-ESSENTIAL TRANSACTIONS

2. RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL RESIDENTS OF REGION 12 TO REFRAIN FROM GONG OUTSIDE THEIR RESIDENCES EXCEPT ONLY FOR ESSENTIAL TRANSACTIONS (*PURSUANT TO SECTION 5, ITEM 2 OF IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES*);
3. RESOLUTION URGING LGUs OF REGION 12 TO ACT ON THE CONCERNS IN RELATION TO THE RESUMPTION OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM MANILA AND OTHER POINTS OF DEPARTURE TO GENERAL SANTOS CITY;
4. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HATID-PROBINSYA PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ENJOINING LGUs TO DEVISE MECHANISMS ON HOW TO BETTER IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM;
5. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEPED'S CONTINUITY PLAN AND ENJOINING LGUS THROUGH THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, LCPCS, AND SKS TO SUPPORT THE SAME;
6. RESOLUTION ENJOINING DICT AND THE PRIVATE TELCOS TO PROVIDE FREE WIFI TO FARFLUNG AREAS IN SUPPORT TO DEPED'S AND TESDA'S DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM;
7. RESOLUTION ENJOINING DICT AND OTHER TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES TO PROVIDE FREE INTERNET ACCESS ESPECIALLY TO FAR-FLUNG AREAS, FOR NGAS' WEBINARS, TELECONFERENCE AND THE LIKE;
8. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING:
 - 8.1 *RDC XII RESOLUTION NO.15 SERIES OF 2020 RE ENJOINING ALL LGUS TO CONSIDER AND ALIGN THEIR RESPECTIVE NEW NORMAL PLANS WITH THE GUIDELINES OF THE REGIONAL IATF;*
 - 8.2 *RDC XII RESOLUTION NO.16 SERIES OF 2020 RE REQUESTING THE REGIONAL INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (RIATF-EID) TO REQUIRE ANY PERSONALITY BEING ADMITTED TO ANY GOVERNMENT REHABILITATION CENTER AND JAIL FACILITY TO UNDERGO RT-PCR TEST;*
 - 8.3 *RDC XII RESOLUTION NO.17 SERIES OF 2020 RE RECOMMENDING TO DPWH TO REVISIT ITS GUIDELINES ON REQUIRING ALL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING HOUSING PROJECTS, AND CONSIDER A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF THE COVID-19 MEDICAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR WORKERS;*
 - 8.4 *RDC XII RESOLUTION NO.19 SERIES OF 2020 RE RECOMMENDING TO FDA TO EASE SOME OF ITS MANDATED REQUIREMENTS AND ALLOW MAHINTANA FOUNDATION, INC. AND OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS TO PROCEED WITH THE MASS PRODUCTION OF SURGICAL MASKS;*

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8.5 RDC XII RESOLUTION NO. 21 SERIES OF 2020 RE COMMENDING ALL FRONTLINERS AND VOLUNTEERS IN REGION XII FOR THEIR NOBLE SERVICE DURING THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

9. RESOLUTION ENJOINING LGUS TO REVIEW THEIR LOCAL POLICIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 TO ALIGN WITH IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES AND OTHER AGENCY GUIDELINES;
10. RESOLUTION INDORSING TO RTF ON COVID-19 THE CONCERN ON THE OPERATIONS OF PUV; AND
11. RESOLUTION REQUESTING IATF-MEID TO CONSIDER RT-PCR TESTING FOR LSIS
12. AGREEMENTS:
 - 12.1 Clarify from PNP leadership about restricting minors and those going out without essential transactions;
 - 12.2 RD Padua to be part of the STWG on ROFs and LSIs;
 - 12.3 Invite CAAP Manager Cueto to be part of the meeting of STWG on ROFs and LSIs on June 4, 2020;
 - 12.4 AsecEncabo to facilitate thru PMS the dissemination of Hatid-Probinsya policies/materials;
 - 12.5 PMS Regional Head Lucero to be invited in the TWG virtual meeting for ROFs and LSIs on June 4, 2020;
 - 12.6 Concerns on LSIs and ROFs to be discussed during the TWG meeting on June 4, 2020;
 - 12.7 Subject for further study (*Proposed Resolution to Regulate the Inbound Commercial Flights to General Santos City and Cotabato City*);
 - 12.8 OCD to join the TWG Meeting on ROFs and LSIs on June 4, 2020 and to discuss the concern about LSIs coming in to the Region but are part of the neighboring regions; and
 - 12.9 To seek guidance/clarification from IATF whether cockfighting operations will be allowed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), National Task Force on COVID-19 for their appropriate action. The same copy to be furnished to the members of the RIATF-EID XII & RTF COVID-19, and LCEs of Region 12 for their information.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED: June 3, 2020 in Region 12.



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


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