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**TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, HEADS OF LOCAL SANGGUNIANS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, BARMM MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : RULE ON THE MOBILITY OF OLDER PERSONS IN QUARANTINE SITUATIONS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) AND THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THESE SITUATIONS**

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**1. Background**

- 1.1 With the placement of the entire Philippines under Community Quarantine to curb the spread of COVID-19, it is unavoidable and necessary to restrict the movement of citizens especially those who are most vulnerable to the disease. However, the people cannot be forbidden in obtaining basic commodities that ensure their survival amid the pandemic. It is for this very reason that community quarantine cannot be considered as total lockdown.
- 1.2 That said, local government units (LGUs), in their local autonomy, have differing approaches on how to implement community quarantine in their respective areas of jurisdiction, with some being stricter in their enforcement of movement restrictions than others

that have greatly affected the most vulnerable in society which includes older persons or the ones we refer to as senior citizens.

1.3 Hence, on May 15, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has issued the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines as part of the country's unified, whole-of-society approach in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **2. Legal Bases**

2.1 Article II, Sections 10, 11, and 15; Article XIII, Section 4; and Article XV, Section 4 of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines;

2.2 Republic Act No. 9994 or the "Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010";

2.3 DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2019-81, "Implementation of Plans, Programs and Activities for Senior Citizens by Local Government Units";

2.4 DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-077, "Rationalizing the Establishment of a Local Government Unit Task Force Against COVID-19";

2.5 Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Memorandum Circular No. 20-09, "*Pagpapahalaga sa Mga Senior Citizens*";

2.6 Presidential Proclamation No. 922, Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

2.7 Presidential Proclamation No. 929, Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019;

2.8 Republic Act No. 11469, short-titled "*Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*";

2.9 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, approved on May 15, 2020;

- 2.10 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 41, Series of 2020
- 2.11 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 43, Series of 2020 which amends some sections of the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines issued on May 15, 2020;
- 2.12 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 49, Series of 2020
- 2.13 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines *with Amendments as of June 25, 2020*.

### 3. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 3.1 All local government units are hereby strongly enjoined to abide by the following provisions in the **Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines with Amendments as of June 25, 2020** of the IATF-EID regarding the movement of citizens highly vulnerable to COVID-19 which includes older persons:
  - 3.1.1 **Section [2] Guidelines for Areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), paragraph 2** of said Omnibus Guidelines states that “Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households, and the movement of all residents shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in permitted offices or establishments as well as activities listed hereunder.”
  - 3.1.2 **Section [2] Guidelines for Areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), paragraph 3** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and

services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.”

**3.1.3 Section [2] Guidelines for Areas placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), paragraph 4** of the same Omnibus Guidelines lists “The following establishments, persons, or activities allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken for the duration of the ECQ:

- a. With full operational capacity:
  - i. Public and private hospitals;
  - ii. Health, emergency and frontline services, including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, and the like;
  - iii. Manufacturers of medicines, medical supplies, devices and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution;
  - iv. Industries involved in agriculture, forestry, and fishery and their workers, including farmers, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), fisherfolk, and agri-fishery stores, and such other components of the food value chain; and
  - v. Delivery and courier services, whether in-house or outsourced, transporting food, medicine, or other essential goods, including clothing, accessories, hardware, housewares, school and office supplies, as well as pet food and other veterinary products.
  
- b. At a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, without prejudice to the adoption of work-from-home or other alternative work arrangements and without diminution of existing operational capacity previously allowed, if any:
  - i. Private establishments and their employees involved in the provision of essential goods and services, and activities in the value chain related to food, medicine and vitamins production, medical supplies, devices and equipment, and other essential products such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and wet wipes, and disinfectants. Such establishments shall include, but shall not be limited to, public

markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, laundry shops, food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, and water-refilling stations, unless a higher operational capacity is authorized by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);

- ii. Media establishments and their total permanent staff complement, inclusive of reporters and other field employees, as registered with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and accredited by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO); and
- iii. Workers accredited by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to work on utility relocation works, and specified limited works across thirteen (13) railway projects, including replacement works for the Manila Metro Rail Transit System Line 3. *Provided* that where applicable, on-site or near-site accommodations and/or point-to-point shuttle services should be arranged.

c. With a skeleton workforce:

- i. Other medical, dental, rehabilitation, and optometry clinics, pharmacies or drug stores: *Provided* that there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. *Provided, further*, that dental procedures shall be limited to emergency cases only and that the wearing of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory. *Provided finally* that home service therapy for Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed;
- ii. Veterinary clinics;
- iii. Banks, money transfer services, including pawnshops only insofar as performing money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any;

- iv. Capital markets, including but not limited to the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Stock Exchange, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation, and Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation;
- v. Water supply and sanitation services and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services;
- vi. Energy and power companies, their third-party contractors and service providers, including employees involved in electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, as well as those involved in the exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil, crude or petroleum and by-products (gasoline, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, jet oil, kerosene, lubricants), including gasoline stations, refineries and depots or any kind of fuel used to produce electricity;
- vii. Telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as the technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance and repair works;
- viii. Airline and aircraft maintenance, pilots and crew, and employees of aviation schools for purposes of the pilot's recurrent training for flight proficiency and type rating using simulator facilities; and ship captains and crew, including shipyard operations and repair;
- ix. Manufacturing companies and suppliers of equipment or products necessary to perform construction works, such as cement and steel;
- x. The Philippine Postal Corporation, at an operational capacity necessary to maintain the prompt delivery of services to its clients;

- xi. The Philippine Statistics Authority, at an operational capacity necessary to conduct data gathering and survey activities related to COVID-19 and the registration and implementation of the national identification (ID) system;
- xii. Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs) and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying, with work-from-home, on-site or near site accommodation, or point-to-point shuttling arrangements. For this purpose, BPOs and export-oriented businesses, and their service providers, shall be allowed to install, transport and maintain the necessary on-site and work-from-home equipment, deploy their workers under on-site or near-site accommodation arrangements, or provide point-to-point shuttle services from their near-site accommodations to their offices;
- xiii. Essential projects, whether public or private, such as but not limited to quarantine and isolation facilities for Persons under Monitoring (PUMs), and suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients, facilities for the health sector including those dealing with PUMs, and suspect and confirmed COVID-19 patients, facilities for construction personnel who perform emergency works, flood control, and other disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation works, sewerage projects, water service facilities projects, and digital works. Priority public and private construction projects, defined as those that refer to food production, agriculture, fishery, fish port development, energy, housing, communication, water utilities, manufacturing, and Business Process Outsourcing (BPOs), shall likewise be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the DPWH;
- xiv. Funeral and embalming services. *Provided*, that there is shuttle service and/or housing accommodation for their personnel and staff;
- xv. Humanitarian assistance personnel from civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and United Nations-

Humanitarian Country Teams, as well as individuals performing relief operations to augment the government's response against COVID-19 and other disasters or calamities that may occur. *Provided* that they are authorized by the appropriate government agency or LGU;

- xvi. Pastors, priests, rabbis, imams or such other religious ministers whose movement shall be related to the conduct of necrological or funeral rites. Corollarily, immediate family members of the deceased who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed to move from their residences to attend the wake or interment of the deceased upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the latter, fully complying with social distancing measures for the duration of the activity;
- xvii. Security personnel;
- xviii. Printing presses authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue or other appropriate agencies to print official receipts and other accountable forms;
- xix. Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, including those engaged in the repair of computers and household fixtures and equipment; and
- xx. Real estate activities limited to leasing only;

For purposes of the foregoing, transit by permitted persons to and from the above establishments anywhere within the area covered by ECQ shall be allowed."

**3.1.4 Section [3] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), paragraph 2** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states the same cited provision in paragraph 3.1.1 of this Memorandum Circular.

**3.1.5 Section [3] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), paragraph 3** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states the same cited provision in paragraph 3.1.2 of this Memorandum Circular.



**3.1.6 Section [3] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), paragraph 4** of the same Omnibus Guidelines lists “The following shall be allowed to operate at full operational capacity:

- a. All establishments, persons, or activities permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken under Section 2(4) of these Guidelines;
- b. Media establishments, without need of PCOO accreditation;
- c. BPOs and export-oriented establishments, without need to set up onsite or near-site accommodation arrangements;
- d. E-commerce companies;
- e. Other postal and courier services, as well as delivery services for articles or products not mentioned under Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines;
- f. Rental and leasing, other than real estate, such as vehicles and equipment for permitted sectors;
- g. Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors; and
- h. Housing services activities, such as but not limited to plumbing, roofing, and electrical works.”

**3.1.7 Section [3] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), paragraph 5** of the same Omnibus Guidelines lists “The following offices, establishments or individuals conducting or providing the following activities or services are allowed to operate at fifty percent (50%) operational capacity while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable:

- a. Other manufacturing industries classified as beverages, including alcoholic drinks; electrical machinery; wood products and furniture; non-metallic products; textiles and clothing/wearing apparels; tobacco products; paper and paper products; rubber and plastic products; coke and refined petroleum products; other non-metallic mineral products; computers, electronic and optical products; electrical equipment; machinery and equipment; motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers; other transport equipment; and others;

- b. Other real estate activities;
- c. Administrative and office support such as, but not limited to, providing photocopying and billing services;
- d. Other financial services not mentioned in Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines, such as, money exchange, insurance, reinsurance and non-compulsory pension funding;
- e. Legal and accounting services;
- f. Management consultancy services or activities;
- g. Architectural and engineering activities, including technical testing and analysis;
- h. Science and technology, and research and development;
- i. Recruitment and placement agencies for overseas employment.
- j. Advertising and market research;
- k. Computer programming and information management services;
- l. Publishing and printing services;
- m. Film, music and television production;
- n. Photography, fashion, and industrial, graphic and interior design;
- o. Wholesale and retail trade of vehicles and their parts and components;
- p. Repair and maintenance of vehicles as well as its parts or components, including car wash services;
- q. Malls and commercial centers, subject to the guidelines issued by the DTI;
- r. Dining establishments and restaurants, but for delivery and take-out only;
- s. Hardware stores;
- t. Clothing and accessories;
- u. Bookstore and school and office supplies;
- v. Baby or infant care supplies;
- w. Pet food and pet care supplies;
- x. Information technology, communications and electronic equipment;
- y. Flower, jewelry, novelty, antique and perfume shops; and
- z. Toy stores, *Provided*, that their playgrounds and amusement areas, if any, shall remain closed;

- aa. Firearms and ammunition trading establishments, subject to strict regulation of the PNP-Firearms and Explosives Office; and
- bb. Pastors, priests, rabbi, imams, and other religious ministers insofar as providing home religious services to households. *Provided* that proper protocols shall be observed, such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and the like.”

3.1.8 **Section [3] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), paragraph 17** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Individual outdoor exercise such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking are allowed within MECQ areas. *Provided*, that the minimum health standards and precautions such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.”

3.1.9 **Section [4] Guidelines for Areas placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), paragraph 2** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “The movement of all persons in areas placed under GCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder. *Provided*, that movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.”

3.1.10 **Section [4] Guidelines for Areas placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), paragraph 3** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.”

3.1.11 **Section [4] Guidelines for Areas placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), paragraph 6** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “All permitted establishments and activities under Section 2(4) shall be

allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity. In addition, the following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate at an operational capacity provided herein:

- a. **Category I Industries** - Power, energy, water, and other utilities, agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries, food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, food delivery services, health-related establishments, the logistics sector, information technology and telecommunication companies, the media, at full operational capacity;
- b. **Category II Industries** - Mining and other manufacturing, and electronic commerce companies, as well as other delivery, repair and maintenance, and housing and office services, at anywhere between fifty percent (50%) up to full operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements; and
- c. **Category III Industries** - Financial services, legal and accounting, and auditing services, professional, scientific, technical, and other non-leisure services, barbershops and salons limited to basic hair cutting services and other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments, from skeleton workforce to fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements.

The foregoing lists of sectors and industries per category are illustrative. Specific industries under each category are reflected in a separate document issued by the DTI which shall contain the updated guidelines to implement gradual increase of operational and venue capacity including operating hours, without diminution of the current capacities and hours previously allowed. *(As amended by Paragraph B(2)(c) of IATF Resolution No. 41, May 29, 2020 and Paragraph B(1) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020)*"

3.1.12 **Section [4] Guidelines for Areas placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), paragraph 7** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. *Provided*, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with Section 2(4) of these Omnibus Guidelines. *Provided, further*, those below twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may not enter malls and shopping centers except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF. *Provided, finally*, that operations of malls and shopping centers are subject to the guidelines of the DTI.”

3.1.13 **Section [4] Guidelines for Areas placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), paragraph 13** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, and skateboarding are allowed. *Provided*, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. *Provided, further*, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, shall be limited to basic operations and restaurants and cafés therein are hereby allowed to operate at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity provided that it allows for social distancing protocols and that such establishments are compliant with the proper protocols prescribed by the DTI. In this regard, the operation of these dine-in establishments is hereby allowed up to 9:00 PM. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 4(3) does not apply. (As amended by Paragraph A(3)(a) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020 and further amended by Paragraph D of

IATF Resolution No. 48, June 22, 2020 and Paragraph B(3) of IATF Resolution No. 49, 2020)”

- 3.1.14 **Section [5] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), paragraph 2** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “The movement of all persons in areas placed under MGCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in 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)*”.
- 3.1.15 **Section [5] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), paragraph 3** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times; Provided that all activities and movements allowed under other Sections of these Guidelines for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ. *(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(b) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*”.
- 3.1.16 **Section [5] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), paragraph 4** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 5(3) does not apply. *(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(c) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*”
- 3.1.17 **Section [5] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), paragraph 5** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that

“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)”

3.1.18 **Section [5] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), paragraph 7** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work at full operating capacity, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women.”

3.1.19 **Section [5] Guidelines for Areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), paragraph 11** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Except as otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Categories I, II and III of Section 4(6) and those in previous Sections of these Omnibus Guidelines shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity:

- a. Barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity;
- b. Dine-in restaurants, fast food and food retail establishments, including those in supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of seating capacity;
- c. Category IV and all other establishments not permitted to operate under previous Sections of these Guidelines, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity. However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited as provided by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances may operate, and only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT. For this purpose, DOT and DILG shall work with LGUs to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments.

*(As amended by Paragraph A(4)(f) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*

- 3.1.20 **Section [7] Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement, paragraph 2** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states in part that “The movement as such of the following persons within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be permitted: (1) health and emergency frontline services personnel, (2) government officials and government frontline personnel, (3) duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), (4) persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (5) persons going to the airport for travel abroad, (6) returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence, (7) other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon observance of the necessary quarantine protocols and with the concurrence of the receiving LGUs, and (8) anyone crossing zones for work permitted in the zone of destination, and going back home. Authorized shuttle services shall be allowed to travel within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine, with priority given to persons rendering health and emergency frontline services.”
- 3.1.21 **Section [7] Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement, paragraph 3** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “The interzonal movement of persons between areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ for any purpose other than leisure shall be permitted.”
- 3.1.22 **Section [7] Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement, paragraph 4** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “Movement to and from an area placed under GCQ to an area where no community quarantine is in place shall be permitted, except for the sole purpose of leisure. *(As amended by Paragraph A(5) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*”
- 3.1.23 **Section [7] Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement, paragraph 5** of the same Omnibus Guidelines states that “The movement of persons for any purpose across areas placed under MGCQ and areas where no community quarantine is in place shall be permitted, but



insofar as tourism travel is concerned, the same may still be subject to regulations of the LGU concerned or in the case of Boracay Island, the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force (BIATF). *(As amended by Paragraph A(5) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)*"

- 3.2 Following all the provisions from the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines cited in Subsection 3.1 of this Memorandum Circular, it shall be made clear that older persons may go out of their residences and enter commercial establishments for purposes of obtaining essential goods and services and for work (in permitted industries including those in the informal setting) in all areas under the ECQ, MECQ, GCQ, and MGCQ. Furthermore:
  - 3.2.1 All LGUs shall ensure their local executive orders and/or ordinances on the implementation of community quarantine, pursuant to the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines, shall respect the freedom of movement of older persons to go outside their residences for purposes as stated in the aforementioned Omnibus Guidelines.
  - 3.2.2 All LGUs, down to the barangay level, implementing MECQ, GCQ, and MGCQ pursuant to the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines shall not implement 24/7 curfew on older persons.
  - 3.2.3 The Philippine National Police (PNP) and all LGUs shall ensure that the freedom of movement of older persons, as stated in the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines, is respected and properly implemented by all government personnel, especially the peace and order frontliners (e.g., police and *barangay tanod*).
  - 3.2.4 Government personnel manning borders and/or checkpoints (e.g., police and *barangay tanod*) shall respect the freedom of interzonal and intrazonal movement of older persons pursuant to the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines and the guidelines set in this Memorandum Circular. In areas under ECQ and MECQ, they shall allow older persons to cross borders for medical and/or humanitarian purposes. *Provided*, that humanitarian purposes shall include the obtaining of essential goods and services that are not available in their community/local area. In interzonal and

intrazonal movement of older persons, they shall also honor the senior citizen identification cards issued by OSCA as guaranteed by R.A. 9994.

- 3.2.5 The interzonal movement of older persons between areas under GCQ, MGCQ, and areas where no community quarantine is in place shall be permitted for any purpose other than leisure.
  - 3.2.6 All LGUs shall ensure that the freedom of movement of older persons, as stated in the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines, is respected and properly implemented by all commercial establishments permitted to operate in areas under ECQ, MECQ, GCQ, and MGCQ, especially those providing essential goods and services.
  - 3.2.7 In all areas under MECQ, GCQ, and MGCQ, the PNP and all LGUs shall allow older persons to do individual outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise, essential to promote the health and well-being of older persons; *Provided*, that minimum health and hygiene standards and proper physical/social distancing shall be observed.
- 3.3 Role of the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA).** Pursuant to the functions of the OSCA under R.A. 9994, they shall implement the following to support their respective LGUs on their mandates to respect and protect the rights of older persons:
- 3.3.1 The OSCA shall create, maintain, and regularly update, and provide the Office of the Mayor a database of older persons in their areas of jurisdiction. The database shall include information on individual vulnerabilities and risk factors which shall include, but not limited to, the following:
    - a. Existence of comorbidities;
    - b. Source of income before, during, and after the implementation of the community quarantine;
    - c. Whether or not bedridden;
    - d. Disability;
    - e. Whether or not living with family and/or friends who are neither older person nor minor;
    - f. Whether or not receiving regular care; and
    - g. Whether or not medical support is needed, and if yes, with needs specified.

- 3.3.2 The OSCA is enjoined to set up help desks and a telephone/cellphone hotline to assist older persons in filing complaints or charges against any individual, establishment, business entity, institution, or agency refusing to comply with the guidelines set in this Memorandum Circular.
- 3.3.3 The OSCA shall serve as a referral and coordination mechanism of the LGU for queries and complaints by older persons. It shall record all queries and complaints received from older persons and shall monitor the status of the referral. It shall coordinate with all concerned government agencies to ensure the queries and complaints are acted upon.
- 3.3.4 The OSCA is enjoined to conduct proactive monitoring of older persons at risk for violence and abuse, including older persons with disabilities, frail and bedridden older persons, and older persons in care institutions. They shall ensure that suspected and/or alleged incidents of abuse, neglect, abandonment, and violence against older persons are reported to the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), and/or the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).
- 3.3.5 The OSCA is enjoined to conduct proactive monitoring of commercial establishments permitted to operate by the IATF-EID with respect to their compliance with the guidelines set in this Memorandum Circular.
- 3.3.6 The OSCA shall ensure that LGU personnel are sensitized with the needs and varying situation of older persons in their AORs.
- 3.3.7 LGUs are enjoined to designate the OSCA to be included in the Logistics and Resources Support Team (LRST) of the LGU Task Force Against COVID-19, pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-077. All LGUs are enjoined to ensure the OSCA is represented in all meetings and activities of the LRST and the local COVID-19 Task Force.
- 3.4 All DILG Regional Directors and the BARMM Minister of Local Government are hereby directed to cause the immediate and

widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular and ensure compliance of the LGUs within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

#### 4. Effectivity

4.1 This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

#### 5. Approving Authority

  
EDUARDO M. AÑO  
Secretary



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