



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 19, 2020 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:**

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| HON. SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU<br>(Rep. by Jimmy Andang)              | - | Governor, Sultan Kudarat Province/<br>Chairperson, RTF-COVID-19 XII |
| JOSEPHINE CABRIDO-LEYSA, CESO III                                  | - | Regional Director, DILG XII/<br>Chairperson, RIATF-EID XII          |
| ARISTIDES CONCEPCION TAN, MD                                       | - | Regional Director, DOH-CHD XII/<br>Co-Chairperson, RIATF-EID XII    |
| MINDA C. MORANTE   | - | Regional Director, OCD XII/<br>Co-Chairperson, RTF COVID-19         |
| HON. REYNALDO S. TAMAYO, JR.<br>(Rep. by Atty. Jenette Bergado)    | - | Governor, South Cotabato Province                                   |
| HON. STEVE C. SOLON  | - | Governor, Sarangani Province  |
| HON. NANCY A. CATAMCO<br>(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<br>(Rep. by Karl Vincent M. Quiapo)          | - | City Mayor, General Santos City                                     |
| TERESITA SOCCORO C. RAMOS  | - | Regional Director, NEDA XII   |
| MAHMUD L. KINGKING   | - | Regional Director, DOST XII   |
| ALLAN G. FARNAZO, CESO IV<br>(Rep. by Atty. Fiel Almedra)          | - | Regional Director, DepEd XII  |
| PBGEN MICHAEL JOHN F. DUBRIA<br>(Rep. by PCol Ernesto Tendero, Jr) | - | Regional Director, PRO XII  |
| MACARIO D. GONZAGA   | - | Regional Director, LTO XII  |
| ATTY. SERVILLANO SANTIAGO LORENZO III                              | - | Regional Director, DOJ –PAO XII                                     |
| JEANY T. TEDERA  | - | Regional Director, DOF-BLGF XII                                     |
| CEZARIO JOEL C. ESPEJO Rep<br>(. by ARD Bonifacio Selma Jr.)       | - | Regional Director, DSWD XII   |
| CATHERINE T. APELACIO  | - | Regional Director, PIA XII  |
| AKMAD J. USMAN   | - | Regional Director, DBM XII  |
| JUDE CONSTANTINE S. JAUGAN<br>(Rep. by Elbert G. Capecio)          | - | Regional Director, DTI XII  |
| BASIR M. IBRAHIM   | - | Regional Director, DPWH XII   |
| JOCELYN C. SANTOCELDES   | - | Regional Director, CHED XII   |
| ARLAN M. MANGELEN<br>(Rep. by ARD Zaldy Boloron)                   | - | Regional Executive Director, DA XII                                 |
| ARMIN H. HAUTEA  | - | Regional Director, DOT XII  |
| RAFAEL Y. ABROGAR  | - | Regional Director, TESDA XII  |
| FROILAN B. JAMIAS  | - | Regional Director, NTC XII  |
| NILO J. GEROCHE  | - | Regional Director, DOE XII  |
| PATERNO REYNATO R. PADUA   | - | Regional Director, LTFRB XII  |

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RAYMUNDO G. AGRAVANTE (Rep. by RUBY CARRASCO)	-	Regional Director, DOLE XII
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MGEN DIOSDADO C. CARREON (Rep. by LTC Carlo A. Ferrer)	-	Commander, 6 <sup>TH</sup> ID, PA, AFP
COL POTENCIANO C CAMBA (Rep. by MAJ Ferdinand L. Mopal)	-	Commander, 1002 <sup>ND</sup> BDE, PA,AFP
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PSR RONAN E. GARCIA	-	-MEDAFC – RDC
PSR ALFREDO P. HEBRONA, JR.	-	INFRACOM, RDC XII
LAILYN A. ORTIZ, CESO V	-	Asst. Regional Director, DILGXII/ Head Secretariat, RIATF-EID XII

**GUESTS:**

PD ALI B. ABDULLAH	-	DILG Province of Cotabato
PD MARGARITA H. BAYNOSA	-	DILG Sultan Kudarat
PD ROCHELLE D. MAHINAY-SERO (Rep. by Maria Theresa Bautista)	-	DILG South Cotabato
SARAH L. ALAMADA	-	DILG Cotabato City
MARGIE MANAGUIT	-	Mahintana
ISMAEL NGITNGIT	-	DepEd XII
BRYAN CUTIN	-	DSWD XII
GWYNETH COLLADO	-	NEDA XII
MICHAEL MAYO	-	DOST XII
PO1 RAYMUND N. FIRTIN	-	PCG- GSC

**ABSENT:**

HON. JOSEPH A. EVANGELISTA	-	City Mayor, Kidapawan City
ATTY. ELIORDO U. OGENA	-	City Mayor, Koronadal City
PSR ROLANDO S. DORIA	-	EDC-RDC XII
PSR RICHLI LYNDON B. MAGTULIS	-	RSDC, RDC XII
LIZA HORA	-	CSO Representative, RPOC XII

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-026**

August 19, 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 19, 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**, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Memorandum Circular 2020-014 issued on August 3, 2020 requires passengers to wear Face Shields while on public transport. Relatedly, last August 15, 2020, the DoTR informed the public that the passengers using all modes of public transportation will not be permitted to travel on land, sea, or air, unless they wear both face shields and face masks as protection against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). On the same date, DOLE also required employees to wear face shields in workplaces;

In addition, RIATF-RTF COVID-19 Resolution No. 2020-025 dated August 12, 2020 requires the Mandatory Wearing of Face Shield by all Residents of Region 12 in Public Places Effective August 18, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, per DOH COVID -19 Tracker, the region recorded a total of **366 cases as of August 19, 2020**, which represents an increase of 38 COVID-19 cases in a span of one (1) week, which is equivalent to an average of **5.43 cases per day**.

**WHEREAS**, on July 24, 2020, the NTF COVID 19 issued a Memorandum setting the parameters for the LGUs in their appeal for the classification under different levels of community quarantine;

The area most affected by the virus for the past 10 days is the Province of Sultan Kudarat, which recorded an additional 9 COVID cases from August 8-August 17, 2020. While contact tracing is on-going, **the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat has requested the NIATF thru the RIATF-RTF COVID-19 to change its classification status from MGCQ to GCQ;**

**WHEREAS**, with the increasing COVID-19 cases in the region, the LCEs of Region 12 has recommended to intensify case finding at the barangay level as part of the "detect mechanism" particularly in areas with identified COVID-19 cases;

**WHEREAS**, the IATF Resolution No. 64 directs the Provinces, HUCs and ICCs to observe the strict enforcement of the following:



- a. Implementation of localized community quarantine in identified component cities, municipalities, and barangays with community transmission, with concurrence of the RIATF;
- b. Localized community quarantine and availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including private and public establishments, with concurrence of the RIATF;
- c. Scaling up of local health system capacity for community isolation and critical care;
- d. Active surveillance and case finding:
  - Finding Active Cases Teams (FACTs) shall visit homes of non-case, non-contacts within the critical and containment zone of the priority area to investigate if possibly a suspect case or contact of a known suspect, probable or confirmed case resides in the area;
  - Contact Tracing Teams (CTTs) shall coordinate or visit homes and workplaces to complete and verify profiles of suspect, probable, confirmed cases and their contacts;
  - Immediate facility-based isolation of identified symptomatic close contacts **within three days from time of onset of symptoms**, even prior to the referral of the FACTs and CTTs for RT-PCR testing;
- e. Ensuring availability and/or scaling up of isolation/quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas, even down to the level of the barangay, and including in private and public establishments and workplaces;

**WHEREAS,** Per IATF guidelines, LGUs declaring localized lockdowns shall submit to the RIATF thru the Screening and Validation Committee, their data analytics on lockdowns, as reference by the RIATF in concurring the request of the LGUs;

As of August 18, 2020, there are 2 municipalities in Region 12, which requested the concurrence of the RIATF-EID XII for a "localized lockdown" namely: the Municipalities of Polomolok, South Cotabato and Isulan, Sultan Kudarat;

**WHEREAS,** there are concerns regarding the non-observance or failure to adhere of some citizens of Region 12 to the minimum health standards and LGUs' protocols. There are reports that citizens are unaware of the policies issued and protocols being implemented by the LGUs and appropriate government authorities on COVID-19. Hence, intensified IEC campaign on COVID-19 is recommended;

**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 City of Cotabato and 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 Concurring the Localized Lockdown of:
  - A.1 *Select Areas of Purok Pag-Asa I of Barangay Kalawag II, Purok Adarna 2 of Barangay Sampao and Datugan Compound at Purok Maligaya, Barangay Kalawag I, Isulan Sultan Kudarat from August 13, 2020 until August 26, 2020;*
  - A.2. *Areas in Polomolok: Barangay Cannery, Barangay Poblacion, Barangay Magsaysay, Barangay Silway 8, Purok 1 & 4 of Barangay Koronadal Proper, Purok Cassava of Barangay Maligo for 14 days starting 12:01 AM of August 19, 2020 until 11:59 PM of September 1, 2020;*
- B. Resolution Indorsing to the IATF-EID the Request of Sultan Kudarat Province For Its Classification From MGCQ to GCQ Status;
- C. Resolution Requesting LGUs to Issue Policies on the Wearing of Face Shield of their Respective Residents Especially in Crowded Places;
- D. Resolution Enjoining All LGUs of Region 12 to Ensure High Awareness and Compliance of its Residents to the Minimum Health Standards;
- E. Resolution Enjoining All National Government Agencies and LGUs of Region 12 to Ensure that Appropriate Engineering Control Measures are Implemented in its Respective Work Places to Contain the Spread of COVID-19 Virus;
- F. Resolution Urging All LGUs of Region 12 to Intensify Case Finding at the Barangay Level As Part of the Detect Mechanism in Areas with Identified COVCID-19 Cases;
- G. Resolution Requiring All LGUs of Region 12 to Submit to the Screening and Validation Committee the Data Analytics of their Lockdown/Zoning Containment Declarations for Subsequent Concurrence of the RIATF-EID 12-RTF COVID-19;
- H. Resolution Encouraging LGUs of Region 12 to Strengthen their TTMFs and Utilize It as Quarantine Area for LSIs/ROFs and Close Contacts of COVID-19 Positive Cases instead of them undergoing Home Quarantine;
- I. Resolution Enjoining LGUs to Immediately Isolate Within 8 Hours Those That Will Be Identified as Closed Contacts of a COVID-19 Positive;
- J. Resolution Enjoining LGUs, NGAs and Private Establishments of Region 12 to Observe A Weekly Clean Up and Disinfection Day;
- K. Resolution Commending Cotabato City For Their Best Practices in Response to COVID-19;
- L. Resolution Commending the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Cotabato City On Their Best Practices in Response to COVID-19;
- M. Resolution Adopting Economy Response Cluster Resolution 34-39;



N. AGREEMENTS AND WAYS FORWARD:

***RIATF-EID XII CONCERNS***

- N.1 For the DILG to provide the LGUs of the template relative to contents of the Data Analytics in support of their declarations for localized lockdown/s;
- N.2 To include in the RIATF membership the Regional Director of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development;
- N.3 To grant the request for clearance on the inauguration of TESDA Regional Office on August 27, 2020 provided that they will observe maximum health protocols;
- N.4 To clearly define what is meant by "essential travel" and for DILG to update next meeting;

***RTF COVID-19 CONCERNS***

- N.5 Family Preparedness should be our focused response to COVID-19 since transmission can happen inside the household brought home by the working member of the family. Implement minimum health standards to ensure safety in the workplace;
- N.6 AVP on IEC proposal to change the voice over to female and to integrate BIDA CAMPAIGN of DOH in flyers or IEC materials;
- N.7 DA to include list of SAP beneficiaries in their SAP Accomplishment Report provided to LGUs;
- N.8 In reference to different application of IATF policies by LGUs, RTF to create a Study Group to review policies especially on border security measures being implemented by LGUs; and
- N.10 PNP to prepare a concept note on their proposal of organizing COVID-19 Safety Marshals per LGU to assist PNP and LGU personnel in the enforcement of public health protocols; and

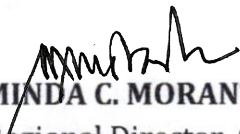
**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National IATF-EID and NTF COVID-19 for their information and or appropriate action, Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors of Region XII for their information, dissemination to their respective areas of jurisdiction and appropriate action . The same copy to be furnished to the members of the RIATF-EID XII & RTF COVID-19 for their information and prompt action.



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

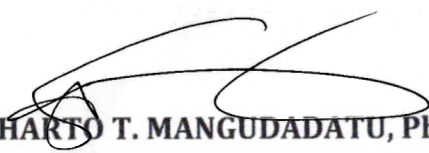
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Approved:

  
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