



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

RESOLUTION NO. 115-B

Series of 2021

May 17, 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, during its 108th Regular Meeting, the IATF approved to include in the Vaccine Prioritization Framework under the Priority Group A1.5, governors, and local chief executives (LCEs) of high risk and critical provinces, cities and municipalities. With the collatila that when a certain locality becomes high risk, their Governors/LCEs will be qualified for inoculation and other governors/LCEs not in critical or high risk areas will be considered when supply increase;

WHEREAS, Upon the favorable endorsement of the National Task Force Against COVID-19 Vaccine Czar, the appeal of the League of Provinces of the Philippines for the inclusion of all LCEs regardless of risk classification of their respective local government units was endorsed to the Interim National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (iNITAG);

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that upon the concurrence of the iNITAG, the IATF approves to include all governors and city and municipal mayors or all local chief executives under the Priority Group A1.5 of the priority population groups for COVID-19 vaccines, regardless of the risk classification of their respective LGUs .




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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.

APPROVED this 17th day of May, 2021, via *ad referendum*.


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


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat
IATF 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 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. IATF Resolution No. 115-B was unanimously approved and adopted via *ad referendum*;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles 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 17th day of May 2021, Manila.


ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE
Head Secretariat, IATF
Assistant Secretary of Health