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**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

RESOLUTION NO. 08

Series of 2020
February 26, 2020

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, upon directive of the Office of the President, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease imposed a travel ban covering China, Macau Special Administrative Region (SAR), and Hong Kong SAR. On February 11, 2020, travel restrictions were extended to cover Taiwan on the basis that it was being used as a transit port by passengers from mainland China;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, travel restrictions imposed upon Taiwan were lifted. On February 18, 2020, the IATF also issued Resolution No. 06, series of 2020, granting exemptions in favor of certain classes of travelers traveling to and from China, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR;

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2020, the South Korean Government raised its four-tier virus alert to the highest “red” alert level, following a significant increase of confirmed cases and mortality in the country, with Daegu and Chaengdo being declared as “special care zones”;

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2020, the Philippine Government received information concerning the M/V Diamond Princess, a cruise ship that was quarantined off the port of Yokohama, Japan due to a COVID-19 outbreak, and that Filipino passengers and crew were on board;

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) issued Resolution No. 06, series of 2020, approving the Repatriation Plan for the Filipinos aboard M/V Diamond Princess;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, four hundred forty-five (445) repatriates consisting of four hundred forty (440) crew and five (5) passengers of the M/V Diamond Princess arrived in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) was apprised of the substantial reduction of the availability of pilot and crew for airline operations to and from



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China, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR as a result of quarantine requirements. Recognizing the equally urgent concern of the airline industry, the IATF designated the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to coordinate and draft the necessary protocols;

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020, The DOTr, through the CAB, presented before the IATF the proposal to exempt local airline pilots and crew from the strict application of quarantine requirements, subject to the Enhanced Procedures for Flight Deck Cabin Crew and Aircraft Operating in Countries with Travel Restrictions due to COVID-19. In the same IATF meeting, the Bureau of Quarantine manifested that they have already drafted Interim Guidelines for Home Quarantine with Delegated Supervision for Local Airline Crew. Thereafter, the IATF directed the concerned agencies to coordinate and submit a unified draft before the IATF Technical Working Group (TWG);

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2020, the IATF Technical Working Group issued and submitted the Harmonized Protocols for the Relaxation of Travel Ban for Local Pilots and Crew to the IATF;

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

A. The following travel restrictions are hereby imposed upon travelers to and from the Republic of Korea, as follows:

1. Any person, except Filipino citizens, including their foreign spouse and children, if any, holders of Permanent Resident Visa, and holders of 9(e) Diplomat Visas issued by the Philippine Government, coming from the North Gyeongsang Province of the Republic of Korea, including Daegu and Cheongdo, shall be temporarily banned from entering the Philippines;
2. Any person, except Filipino citizens, including their foreign spouse and children, if any, holders of Permanent Resident Visa, and holders of 9(e) Diplomat Visas, who, within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, has been to the North Gyeongsang Province of the Republic of Korea, including Daegu and Cheongdo, shall likewise be temporarily banned from entering the Philippines;
3. Travel to South Korea shall be temporarily suspended, except for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), whether returning or newly-hired, upon execution of a



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Declaration signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved,

4. Those leaving abroad for study, and permanent residents of South Korea shall likewise be allowed to travel to South Korea; and

5. The aforementioned provisions shall be effective immediately, subject to close monitoring by the IATF within the next forty-eight (48) hours. Any of the aforementioned provisions shall be subject to regular reassessment;

B. The Interim Guidelines for Home Quarantine with Delegated Supervision for Local Airline Crew, attached herewith as Annex "A", issued by the BOQ in cooperation with CAB and CAAP Memorandum Circular No. 06-2020, attached herewith as Annex "B" are hereby adopted; and

C. The Office of the Cabinet Secretary shall hereby form part of the IATF as *ex officio* member;

APPROVED at the 8th Inter-Agency Task Force Meeting as reflected in the minutes of the meeting on the 26th of February, 2020, at the Convention Hall, Department of Health, Manila, Philippines.


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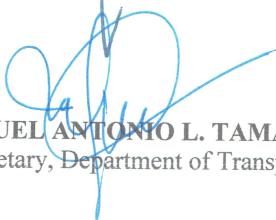
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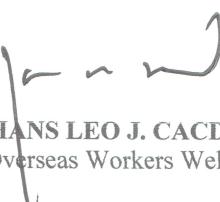
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INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR HOME QUARANTINE WITH DELEGATED SUPERVISION FOR LOCAL AIRLINE CREW

Public health emergencies in aviation industry can be prevented with full cooperation of all airline personnel with the Bureau of Quarantine.

These following guidelines are emphasized to prevent the spread of diseases classified as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):

Guidelines for Quarantine Medical Officers:

1. Communicate all necessary advisories through IEC materials on how to prevent the spread of an infectious disease that can occur before boarding, during flight, and after disembarkation.
2. Coordinate with the airline medical custodian all flight crew who undergo home quarantine with delegated supervision.
3. Conduct physical examination and certify all flight crew who underwent home quarantine with delegated supervision upon its completion.
4. Monitor and correct all implementation of all guidelines issued.

Guidelines for Airline Crew:

1. For flights that visited a country with a travel ban, the following measures for airline crew must be observed:
 - A. Only Filipinos and holders of Permanent Resident Visa will be included in the passenger list.
 - B. Only asymptomatic passengers will be accepted to board the flight. All symptomatic passengers must be referred back to public health authorities in the port of origin.
 - C. Airline pilot, flight officers, flight purser, and crew must embark prior to passenger embarkation. Pilot and flight officers must go directly in the cockpit to minimize their exposure during passenger embarkation. Flight purser must stay away from passenger movement areas during passenger embarkation.
 - D. All passengers allowed to board are required to wear facemask during embarkation, during the flight, and after disembarkation.
 - E. All crew must wear mask before passenger embarkation, during the flight, and after disembarkation. The mask should be worn continuously, once



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mask is removed during the flight (for example when eating, drinking, or soiled mask), dispose properly and immediately use hand sanitizer and wear a new mask to prevent cross-contamination.

- F. The airline should ensure, through announcements and implementation by crew, that passengers will not transfer from their assigned seats into empty or vacant seats after the cabin door has been closed.
 - G. Minimize the number of crew per flight in accordance with minimum standards as recommended and approved by the CAAP, and minimize, as much as possible, the number of crew who will actually engage with passengers during the flight.
 - H. Stay in the designated areas of the cabin assigned to them during the flight to avoid contact with passengers and other crewmembers.
 - I. Provide engineering control that will disengage on direct contact for flight purser, pilot-in-command and flight officers to the passenger.
 - J. Upon arrival in the Philippines, they will be allowed to serve succeeding flights provided they are under close monitoring of respective medical custodian with proper arrangement to dedicated hospital once signs and symptoms arise.
2. For flights coming from affected areas with passenger/s manifesting the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 onboard aircraft. The following measures must be observed:
 - A. Implement Protocol on Handling of Infectious Case/s Onboard Aircraft.
 - B. Only the crew assigned to the section of the cabin must engage to the affected passenger. All other crew must maintain their distance in assisting the assigned crew.
 - C. Only the assigned crew will attend to the affected passenger during the flight.
 - D. Upon arrival in the Philippines, the assigned crew is/are not allowed to serve succeeding flights. They will undergo home quarantine with delegated supervision of their respective medical custodian with proper arrangement to dedicated hospital once signs and symptoms arise.
 - E. Observe the fourteen-day compulsory quarantine period. This starts on the last day on their last port visit from countries affected with travel ban.



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- F. Upon completion of the home quarantine with delegated supervision, the Bureau of Quarantine will certify their completion of the fourteen-day quarantine.
- 3. Submit a fully accomplished Health Declaration Checklist (HDC) to the Bureau personnel during the temperature screening at the Quarantine Area.
- 4. Airline crew must watch out for any of these signs and symptoms within fourteen days:
 - A. Measured Fever
 - B. Cough
 - C. Sore throat
 - D. Colds or sneezing
 - E. Difficulty of breathing
 - F. Shortness of breath
 - G. Joint or muscle pains
 - H. Vomiting, or
 - I. Diarrhea
- 5. Report to their designated medical custodian once they manifest the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Flights To and From Countries with Travel Restrictions due to COVID-19
Enhanced Procedures for Flight Deck and Cabin Crew
 Established by DOH-BOQ/CAAP/CAB/NAIA/ACAP

CRITICAL AREAS	Vaccine	Engineering Control	Administrative Policy Control	Use of N95
Departure in Philippine Airport				
Flight Preparation				
a. Pilots and Cabin Crew			No PIC and FO on high-risk group(60 yrs old, immunocompromised, pregnant, or with comorbidities) allowed to serve on	



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		flights to countries with travel restrictions due to COVID-19	
		Compulsory physical examination of all crew serving countries with travel restrictions.	
b. Aircraft		Review protocols on disinfection procedures for aircraft "after an event"	
		Flight purser ensures adherence to protocols throughout the flight being the safety officer of the flight	
		Compulsory stockpiling of complete set of PPEs for droplet infection (1 set per 100 pax and fraction thereof + 2 sets)	
		Compulsory stockpiling of appropriate disinfectant for COVID-19	
c. Blankets/pillows		Removal of blankets/pillows and non-essential equipment	
d. Food		Provisions for Dual Upload of Food	



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Pre-boarding preparation (Flight and Cabin Crew)				
a. Pilots and Cabin Crew			Compulsory review of procedures in handling of suspected case during pre-flight briefing	
			Non-compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, wearing of latex gloves	
b. Aircraft			Compulsory replenishment of used PPEs	
Inspection of Aircraft			Routine 360 inspection of aircraft	
Embarkation of Passengers			Routine embarkation in Philippine airport	
Upon Arrival at Destination				
a. Pilot			Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing of latex gloves	N95
			Stay in cockpit	
b. Cabin Crew			Stay in designated controlled area (More than 6ft from passenger movement) of no close contact with other airport personnel in destination	N95
Aircraft Servicing				
a. Pilot			Stay in cockpit	N95



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			Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing of latex gloves	
b. Cabin Crew			Maintain safe distance (more than 6ft from service crew)	
			Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing of latex gloves	
c. Service Crew			Maintain safe distance (more than 6ft from flight crew)	
			Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing of latex gloves	
d. Aircraft			Routine cleaning with provisions of mask and gloves for cleaners.	N95
Inspection of Aircraft			Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing of latex gloves in the conduct of 360 inspection of the aircraft.	N95
			Trained Ground Crew to conduct 360 inspection is recommended	
Departure from Restricted Areas				
Flight Preparation				
a. Aircraft			Review protocols on	N95



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		disinfection procedures for aircraft "after an event"	
		Flight purser ensures adherence to protocols throughout the flight being the safety officer of the flight	
b. Blankets/pillows		Removal of blankets/pillows and non-essential equipment	
Pre-boarding preparation (Flight and Cabin Crew)			
a. Pilots and Cabin Crew		Compulsory review of procedures in handling of suspected case during pre-flight briefing.	N95
		Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, wearing of latex gloves	N95
b. Aircraft		Universal Precaution Kit on standby for possible use	N95
c. Food		Pre-positioning of bottled water per seat	N95
d. Documents		Pre-positioning of documents to be filled up per seat	N95
e. Disposal		Provision of infectious bag for disposal of used PPEs	N95 and latex gloves



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Embarkation of Passengers		PIC and FO must stay in the cockpit during passenger embarkation	All passengers must wear mask prior to embarkation	N95
		Flight Purser and back-up crew must situate in area with barrier to the embarking passenger.	Air filtration system in aircraft must be continuously running.	N95
Onboard Aircraft			Mandatory review on the protocols of handling suspected passenger during the flight	N95
Upon Arrival in Philippine Airport				
a. Remote Parking			Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, wearing of latex gloves for bus driver and groundhandlers	N95, or surgical mask if N95 not available
b. Assigned Gate			Mandatory compliance to BOQ arrival screening protocol	N95
			Ground staff must observe no close contact policy (6 feet/meters from	N95, or surgical mask if N95 not



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		passengers)	available
		Essential engagement needing close contact, wear face mask and use of hand sanitizer	N95
		Support staff and wheelchair handlers should wear mask and gloves and use hand sanitizer	N95, or surgical mask if N95 not available
Aircraft		Perform "after an event" disinfection as advised by BOQ	N95
Forced Layover due to Technical Defects in Affected Areas			
Destination Airport			
a. Pilots and Cabin Crew		Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer, and wearing of latex gloves	N95
b. Aircraft		If there are no maintenance issues, isolate the cockpit.	
c. Aerobridge/Shuttle	Shuttle should be dedicated to the crew	Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer	N95
d. CIQ		Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer	N95
e. Shuttle	Shuttle should be dedicated to the crew	Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer	N95
f. Hotel		Maintain no close contact policy	N95



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g. Shuttle back to airport		Shuttle should be dedicated to the crew	Compulsory wearing of mask, use of hand sanitizer	N95
			Maintain no close contact policy	N95



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06-2020

TO : ALL PHILIPPINE AIR OPERATORS
FROM : THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
SUBJECT : MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF GENERAL DECLARATION AND HEALTH FORMS

In line with the Philippine Government's measures to contain the spreading of COVID-2019, effective immediately, all Philippine Air Operators conducting operations to and from the Philippines are hereby directed to strictly comply with the directive of the Department of Health - Bureau of Quarantine (DOH-BOQ) to accomplish and submit the General Declaration and Health Forms by all passenger aboard the aircraft including flight deck and cabin crew.

In addition, a General Declaration Form (Annex A) shall be accomplished and signed by the Pilot-in-Command (PIC) whenever there are persons on board with illnesses other than air sickness or who may be suffering from a communicable disease (a fever – 38°C/100°F or greater – associated with one or more of the following signs or symptoms, e.g. appearing unwell; persistent coughing; impaired breathing; persistent diarrhea; persistent vomiting; skin rash; bruising or bleeding without previous injury; or confusion of recent onset, increases the likelihood that the person is suffering a communicable disease) as well as such cases of illness disembarked during a previous stop.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines will closely monitor compliance with this Memorandum Circular. Non-compliance herewith shall subject the erring entity to fines and penalties as provided under Republic Act No. 9497.

For strict compliance.


CAPTAIN JIM C. SYDIONGCO
Director General

GENERAL DECLARATION
(Outward/Inward)

Operator _____
 Marks of Nationality and Registration _____ Flight No. _____ Date _____
 Departure from _____ Arrival at _____
 (Place) (Place)

FLIGHT ROUTING

("Place" Column always to list origin, every en-route stop and destination)

PLACE	NAMES OF CREW	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON THIS STAGE
		Departure Place: _____
		Embarking _____
		Through on same flight _____
		Arrival Place: _____
		Disembarking _____
		Through on same flight _____

Declaration of Health

Name and seat number or function of persons on board with illnesses other than air sickness or the effects of accidents, who may be suffering from a communicable disease (a fever \geq temperature $38^{\circ}\text{C}/100^{\circ}\text{F}$ or greater – associated with one or more of the following signs or symptoms, e.g. appearing obviously unwell; persistent coughing; impaired breathing; persistent diarrhea; persistent vomiting; skin rash; bruising or bleeding without previous injury; or confusion of recent onset, increases the likelihood that the person is suffering a communicable disease) as well as such cases of illness disembarked during a previous stop _____

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Details of each disinsecting or sanitary treatment (place, date, time, method) during the flight. If no disinsecting has been carried out during the flight, give details of most recent disinsecting _____

Signed, with time and date _____

Crew member concerned

I declare that all statements and particulars contained in this General Declaration, and in any supplementary forms required to be presented with this General Declaration, are complete, exact and true to the best of my knowledge and that all through passengers will continue/have continued on the flight.

Signature _____

Pilot-in-Command