



ADVISORY
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TO : ALL DOT-ACCREDITED TOURISM ENTERPRISES, ANCILLARY FACILITIES IN DOT-ACCREDITED ESTABLISHMENTS, AND TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

SUBJECT : OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES ON TOURISM-RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALERT LEVELS SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN THE PILOT AREAS

DATE : 15 OCTOBER 2021

In view of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) *Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response in the Pilot Areas* (the "Guidelines") implementing the COVID-19 Alert Levels System to replace the Community Quarantine classification system, the following operational guidelines shall be observed:

1. **Permitted Activities or Establishments.** The following activities or establishments are allowed to be undertaken or to operate in areas under Alert Levels 4 to 1:

Activity/Establishment	On-Site, Venue, or Seating Capacity							
	Indoor Venues				Outdoor Venues			
	AL4	AL3	AL2	AL1	AL4	AL3	AL2	AL1
Venues for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Events (MICE)								
Permitted venues ¹ for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers								
Tourist Attractions ²								
Amusement and theme parks								
Dine-in services in food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;	10%	30%	50%	100%	30%	50%	70%	100%
Ancillary facilities in DOT-Accredited Accommodation Establishments such as fitness studios, gyms, and venues for non-contact exercise and sports, <i>provided</i> , that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and that no group activities are conducted								

2. **Additional venue or seating capacities.** The above establishments may be allowed additional venue or seating capacity on top of the existing allowable venue or seating capacities, as follows:
 - a. An additional twenty percent (20%) if the local government unit where such establishments are located has a vaccination coverage above seventy percent (70%) for both Priority Group A2 (senior citizens) and Priority Group A3 (adults with comorbidities), as determined by the Vaccine Cluster of the National Task Force Against COVID-19; and

¹ Permitted venues as defined in DOT-DTI Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2021-001, such as restaurants in general, restaurants within DOT-accredited accommodation establishments, ballrooms, function halls, and other venues within DOT-accredited accommodation establishments, mall atria, and DOT-accredited stand-alone venues; or as may be included in further issuances.

² **Indoor tourist attractions** include, but are not limited to, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, cultural shows, and exhibits; **Outdoor tourist attractions**, include, but are not limited to, parks, plazas, public gardens, and scenic viewpoints or overlooks.

- b. An additional ten percent (10%) if said establishments have been awarded Safety Seal Certificates under the Safety Seal Certification Program.
3. **Additional conditions.** The above establishments may operate subject to the following conditions:
- a. **Employee Vaccination** - All workers and employees shall be fully vaccinated;
 - b. **Permitted guests in indoor venues** - In areas under **Alert Level 4 and 3**, only fully vaccinated guests shall be accepted in indoor venues. In areas under **Alert Level 2**, vaccinated guests and those below 18 years of age, shall also be accepted in indoor venues.
 - c. **Safety Seal Requirement** - In areas under **Alert Level 4**, the following establishments shall have a Safety Seal Certification to operate:
 - i. Venues for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Events (MICE)
 - ii. Permitted venues for social events
 - iii. Tourist attractions
 - iv. Amusement or theme parks
4. **Guidelines for establishments in Alert Level 5.** Areas placed under Alert Level 5 shall observe the guidelines applicable to Enhanced Community Quarantine under the *IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines*, as amended.
5. **Guests in Accommodation Establishments.** Isolation Facilities and DOT-Accredited Quarantine, Multiple-use, and Regular hotels may accommodate guests corresponding to the following Community Quarantine classifications under Section 7 of DOT Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-004-A:⁴

Alert Level	Permitted Guests under DOT AO 2021-004-A
5	Same as permitted guests under ECQ and MECQ
4	
3	Same as permitted guests under GCQ
2	
1	Same as permitted guests under MGCQ

6. **Intrazonal and Interzonal Leisure Travel.** Intrazonal and interzonal leisure travel shall be allowed subject to the reasonable regulations of the LGU of destination.

Those below eighteen (18) years of age and fully vaccinated individuals belonging to the vulnerable population, namely, (i) those over sixty-five (65) years of age, (ii) with immunodeficiencies, comorbidities, or other health risks, and (iii) pregnant women may undertake Point-to-Point³ Leisure Travel from areas under Alert Level 4 to destinations under Alert Level 3, 2, and 1, or GCQ and MGCQ. Point-to-point leisure travel to areas under Alert Level 4 and 5, ECQ, MECQ and GCQ with Heightened restrictions is strictly prohibited.

Any violation of these guidelines may subject the covered tourism enterprises to the appropriate fines and penalties under DOT AO No. 2021-004-A and other relevant guidelines issued by the DOT. In case of any inconsistency between these guidelines and the provisions of existing DOT issuances, these guidelines shall prevail.

This Advisory shall be effective during the Pilot Period or until a new Advisory is issued, whichever is later.

For immediate and strict compliance.


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³ Point-to-point travel shall mean travel where pit stops or stopovers are allowed for eating and personal necessities, but no side trips are allowed to other tourism destinations.