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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 :** 06 NOVEMBER 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") as of **November 04, 2021** implementing the COVID-19 Alert Levels System to replace the Community Quarantine classification system, the following operational guidelines shall be observed:

- 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, provided there is no objection from the LGU where these activities may take place and minimum public health standards shall be strictly maintained:

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, Exhibitions (MICE)								
Permitted venues <sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>2</sup>								
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								

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> **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.

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
  - 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 physically reporting for work 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**, fully 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:<sup>4</sup>

Alert Level	Permitted Guests under DOT AO 2021-004-A
5	Same as permitted guests under ECQ
4	Same as permitted guests under MECQ
3	Same as permitted guests under GCQ
2	Same as permitted guests under MGCQ
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6. **Conditions for Staycation and Leisure Guests.** In addition to the permitted guests under the preceding section, individuals of all ages shall be allowed as Staycation<sup>3</sup> or Leisure Guests in DOT-Accredited Accommodation Establishments, provided that the following conditions shall be complied with:

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<sup>3</sup> "Staycation" refers to an activity involving a minimum of an overnight stay for leisure purposes in a Staycation Hotel within one's area or region.

	Staycation Guests	Leisure Guests
Location and Type of Accommodation Establishment	Guests shall be permitted in Staycation Hotels <sup>4</sup> located in areas under Alert Level 4, Alert Level 3, GCQ, and GCQ with Heightened Restrictions, provided that the Staycation Hotel is located in the <b>same region as their residence</b> , subject to the regulations of the LGUs concerned.	Guests shall be permitted in Regular or Multi-Use Hotels located in areas under Alert Level 3, 2, 1, and MGCQ, subject regulations of the LGUs concerned.
Point-to-Point Travel <sup>5</sup>	Staycation guests crossing municipal, city, or provincial boundaries shall be strictly under Point-To-Point travel arrangement.	Leisure Guests coming from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3, 2, 1, GCQ, and MGCQ shall be required to comply with the Point-to-Point Travel. <sup>6</sup>
Requirements for guests 18 years old and above.	1. Vaccination Card; or 2. Swab or saliva-based RT-PCR test conducted within forty-eight (48) hours prior to check-in. The testing requirement shall apply notwithstanding the absence of such requirement by the LGU as a condition for entry into their borders	
Requirements for guests below 18 years old	1. Vaccination Card; or 2. Swab or saliva-based RT-PCR test conducted within forty-eight (48) hours prior to check-in.	In areas under Alert Level 2 and 1, the swab or saliva-based RT-PCR test shall not be required, subject to the regulations of the LGU concerned.
Who are not allowed	Individuals coming from areas under Granular Lockdown, Alert Level 5, those under mandatory quarantine, and those unable to quarantine in their households.	

**3. Intrazonal and Interzonal Leisure Travel.** Intrazonal and interzonal leisure travel shall be allowed subject to the guidelines of the IATF.

Point-to-Point Travel from areas under Alert Level 4 to areas under Alert Level 3, 2, 1, GCQ, and MGCQ shall be allowed. All other conditions for Point-to-Point Travel stated under DOT Administrative Order No. 2021-006 shall apply.

Any violation of these Guidelines may subject the covered tourism enterprise 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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 Secretary



<sup>4</sup> "Staycation Hotels" refer to Accommodation Establishments in areas under Alert Levels 4 and 3 or GCQ and GCQ with Heightened Restrictions that have been granted Certificates of Authority to Operate for Staycation.  
<sup>5</sup> "Point-to-point travel" shall mean travel where transfers, as well as pit stops or stopovers are allowed for eating and personal necessities, but no side trips are allowed to other tourism destinations.  
<sup>6</sup> Subject to DOT AO No. 2021-006 or the "Guidelines on Point-to-Point Travel for Leisure Purposes under Alert Level 4 to Areas under GCQ and MGCQ."