



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021- 001**

**AMENDED GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATIONS OF TOURIST ATTRACTIONS  
SUCH AS PARKS, NATURAL SITES, HISTORICAL LANDMARKS, AND  
MUSEUMS UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

**WHEREAS**, on 21 December 2020, the Department of Tourism (DOT) issued Administrative Order No. 2020-009 or the Guidelines on the Operations of Tourist Attractions such as Parks, Natural Sites, Historical Landmarks, and Museums under a Modified General Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, on 11 February 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), through IATF Resolution No. 99 approved the reopening and further expansion of industries including Limited Tourist Attractions (e.g. parks, theme parks, natural sites, and historical landmarks), subject to the issuance of implementing guidelines providing for their operational capacity;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to ensure that the operations of Tourist Attractions in areas under GCQ and MGCQ are in accordance with the Minimum Public Health Standards and capacity limitations set by the IATF-EID;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, these Amended Guidelines on the Operations of Tourist Attractions under a Community Quarantine are hereby issued.

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1. Short Title.** – This Order shall be known as the “Amended Guidelines on Tourist Attractions under Community Quarantine.”

**Section 2. Definition of Terms.** – For purposes of these Guidelines, the term:

- a) “Contact Tracing” refers to the identification, listing, assessment, and monitoring of persons who may have come into close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. (DOH DM No. 2020-0439)
- b) “Community Quarantine” refers to the restriction of movement within, into, or out of the area of quarantine of individuals, large groups of people, or communities designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 among persons in and to persons outside the affected area (*IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines*).
- c) “Enhanced Community Quarantine” or ECQ refers to the implementation of temporary measures imposing stringent limitations on movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols. (*IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021*)
- d) “General Community Quarantine” or GCQ refers to the implementation of temporary measures limiting movement and transportation, regulation of operating industries, and presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols. (*IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021*)

- e) “Historical Landmark” refers to a structure that has significant historical, architectural, or cultural meaning and that has been given legal protection from alteration and destruction.
- f) “Interzonal movement” refers to the movement of people, goods and services across areas between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under different community quarantine classifications. For this purpose, the National Capital Region shall be considered as one area. *(IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021)*
- g) “Intrazonal movement” refers to the movement of people, goods and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under the same community quarantine classification, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification. For this purpose, the National Capital Region shall be considered as one area. *(IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021)*
- h) “Management” shall refer to the owner, proprietor, manager, supervisor, administrator or other officer with control and supervision of operations of the Tourist Attraction.
- i) “Maximum Venue Capacity” shall refer to the maximum number of people that may be physically accommodated within the premises of the Tourist Attraction, which shall not be more than the limitations set forth under this Circular, and other limitations set by the Local Government Unit (LGU);
- j) “Minimum Public Health Standards” refers to guidelines set by the Department of Health (DOH), as well as sector-relevant guidelines to aid all sectors in implementing non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications, or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19. *(IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021).*
- k) “Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine” or MECQ refers to the transition phase between ECQ and GCQ, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: stringent limiting movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols become less necessary. *(IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021)*
- l) “Modified General Community Quarantine” or MGCQ refers to the transition phase between GCQ and the New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols. *(IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021)*
- m) “Museum” refers to an institutional establishment where a collection of valuable objects and artifacts on history and culture, arts and sciences are put on exhibition for the general public.
- n) “Natural Sites” refer to natural features, geological and physiographical formations and delineated areas that constitute the habitat of threatened species of animals and plants and sites of value from the point of view of science, conservation or natural beauty. It includes nature parks and reserves, zoos, aquaria and botanical gardens.
- o) “New Normal” refers to the emerging behaviors, situations, and minimum public health standards that will be institutionalized in common or routine practices and remain even after the pandemic while the disease is not totally eradicated through means such as widespread immunization *(IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines).*

- p) "Operational capacity" refers to such a number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment (*IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines*).
- q) "Parks" refer to an area of natural, semi-natural or planted space set aside for human enjoyment and recreation or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats. Theme parks, water parks, and other amusement parks shall be considered part of this definition.
- r) "Physical distancing" or "Social Distancing" refers to the strict maintenance of a distance of at least one (1) meter radius between persons in a public setting.
- s) "Theme Park" refers to an amusement park with defined and designed space that features themed rides and attractions.
- t) "Tourist Attraction" refers to a place of interest where tourists visit, typically for its inherent and/or exhibited natural or cultural value, historical significance, natural or man-made features, offering leisure and education.

**Section 3. Coverage.** This Order shall apply to all Tourist Attractions which shall include, but is not limited to Parks, Natural Sites, Museums, and Historical Landmarks, operating in areas under a Community Quarantine.

**II. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS UNDER ECQ AND MECQ**

**Section 4. Operations under ECQ and MECQ.** The operations of Tourist Attractions in areas declared to be under ECQ and MECQ shall be strictly prohibited.

**III. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS UNDER GCQ AND MGCQ**

**Section 5.** *[deleted]*

**Section 6. Maximum Venue Capacity within Tourist Attractions.** Tourist Attractions shall be allowed to operate in areas under GCQ and MGCQ, subject to the following Maximum Venue Capacities:

<b>Community Quarantine Level</b>	<b>Maximum Venue Capacity</b>
<b>GCQ</b>	50%
<b>MGCQ</b>	75%

**Section 7. Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement.** The tourism travel of persons across areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ shall be subject to the uniform travel protocols of the IATF-EID, or any of its amendments by the DOT, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), or the Philippine National Police (PNP).

**Section 8.** *[deleted]*

**Section 9. Recreational activities.** Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, and skateboarding shall be allowed, *provided*, that the Minimum Public Health Standards such as the wearing of face masks and face shields, maintenance of physical distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed.

**Section 9-A. Permitted Non-Recreational Activities.** Non-recreational activities, such as religious or humanitarian activities, pre-nuptial or formal photoshoots, commercial and non-commercial shoots shall be allowed in Tourist Attractions, provided, that the Minimum Public Health Standards such as the wearing of face masks and face shields, maintenance of physical distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed.

The guidelines jointly set by the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Department of Health (DOH) on the Health and Safety Protocols for the Conduct of Film and Audiovisual Production Shoots and Audiovisual Activities during COVID-19 Pandemic or FDCP-DOLE-DOH Joint Administrative Order No. 2020-001 shall be applied in a suppletory manner.

**Section 10. Strict Compliance with Protocols on Contact Tracing.** The Management of the Tourist Attraction shall strictly comply with the protocols established by the DOH and the respective local government units (LGUs) for contact tracing of individuals in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. The Management shall exert every effort to assist and cooperate with the government authorities concerned (*DTI-DOLE JMC No. 20-04-A*).

**Section 11. Health and Safety Protocols and Standards.** As regards health and safety protocols and standards in the operation of Tourist Attractions, the relevant provisions Department of Tourism Memorandum Circular No. 2021 - 001 shall apply by analogy or in suppletory character, and insofar as they are not inconsistent with any provision herein.

#### IV. OTHER PROVISIONS

**Section 12. Compliance with other relevant issuances.** Tourist Attractions shall comply with the relevant issuances and guidelines from the IATF-EID, DOH, DOLE, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and other sector-relevant agencies, relating to Minimum Public Health Standards. Permitted operations, age restrictions, capacity limits, and allowable movement/activities are subject to change as may be provided under the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine, or otherwise declared by the President or the IATF-EID.

**Section 13. Local Government Unit Concurrence.** Notwithstanding compliance with the foregoing guidelines, operations of Tourist Attractions and interzonal travel thereto shall be subject to applicable stricter restrictions, rules, or ordinances of the LGU where the Tourist Attraction is located; Provided that such rules or ordinances shall not disregard the minimum restrictions and minimum public health standards imposed under these guidelines or by the IATF-EID and DOH.

**Section 14. Penalties.** Any violation of the provisions of this Order may subject the Tourist Attraction to the appropriate fines and penalties, including the revocation of the Tourist Attraction's DOT accreditation, if any, in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations.

**Section 15. Separability.** If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**Section 16. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation or the Official Gazette and upon filing with the University of the Philippines-Office of the National Administrative Register (UP-ONAR). This Order shall remain effective until otherwise superseded, amended, or repealed accordingly.

For guidance and strict compliance.

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