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SUBJECT: REITERATION OF HEIGHTENED ALERT FOR COVID-19 ARRIVAL FROM CHINA	
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MESSAGE:	
<p>In view of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in China due to the prevalence of the viral mutation and subvariants, there is a need to intensify the monitoring and implementation of border control protocols for incoming individuals, especially from China, at all ports of entry.</p> <p>Anent thereto, respectfully disseminating herewith BOQ – Bureau Memorandum No. 2022 – 99 dated 29 December 2022 and DOH – Department Memorandum No. 2022-0578 dated 31 December 2022 with the same subject as stated above, for the information and guidance of all concerned.</p> <p>As cited therein, all concerned sections/units and other port stakeholders are reminded to continue the strict implementation of minimum public health standards as well as other provisions cited in the said Memoranda, as appropriate.</p> <p>For guidance and ready reference.</p>	
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

URGENT

December 31, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR: **ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE, MPSA**
Chairperson/OIC-Undersecretary of Health
IATF Secretariat/Health Regulations Team

FROM: **MARIA ROSARIO SINGH-VERGEIRE, MD, MPH, CESO II**
Officer-in-Charge

SUBJECT: **Reiteration of Heightened Alert for COVID-19 Arrival From China**

Following the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in China, there is a need for the country to intensify the monitoring and implementation of border control protocols for incoming individuals, especially from China, at all ports of entry.

In view of this, the IATF Secretariat is directed to notify all concerned agencies and provide the same with specific instructions on intensifying the implementation of border control protocols at all points of entry, as provided below (ANNEX A).

For strict compliance.

ANNEX A



Mandate

The Bureau of Quarantine (BoQ) under the Department of Health (DOH), with the category of a first-class line bureau, shall have a nationwide scope of function and international commitment in accord with the International Health Regulations (IHR) of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Bureau is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations (apprehension, detention or surveillance) as necessary to prevent the introduction, transmission or spread of "public health emergencies of international concern" from foreign countries into the Philippines.

Jurisdiction and Functions of the Bureau

The examination at ports of entry and exit in the Philippines of incoming and outgoing vessels and aircraft,

The necessary surveillance over their sanitary conditions, as well as over their cargoes, passengers, crews, and all personal effects, and

The issuance of quarantine certificates, bills of health, or other equivalent documents shall be vested in and be conducted by the Bureau.

This Bureau shall have authority over incoming and outgoing vessels both domestic and foreign, including those of the army and navy, their wharf age and anchorage, and over aircraft and airports, insofar as it is necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

Republic of the Philippines
Bureau of Quarantine
Department of Health

BUREAU MEMORANDUM

No. 2022-99

TO : ALL QUARANTINE STATION

FROM : FERDINAND S. SALCEDO, MD, MPH, CESO IV
Director IV

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF HEIGHTENED ALERT FOR COVID-19
ARRIVAL FROM CHINA

DATE : 29 December 2022

The Covid-19 cases in China have escalated in recent weeks due to the prevalence of the viral mutation and subvariants.

In line with this, all Bureau personnel are hereby directed to continuously intensify the quarantine protocols:

1. Heightened surveillance on all respiratory symptoms in all travelers and conveyances coming from China including a thorough review of the submitted Maritime Declaration of Health and health part of Aircraft General Declaration;
2. Reporting of intercepted symptomatic passengers during arrival screening;
3. Submission of reports of Covid-positive travelers from Points of Entry;
4. Information dissemination among travelers regarding Covid-19 infection prevention and control;
5. Coordinate with airport and seaport terminal authorities for possible re-establishment of testing of inbound travelers from high-alert countries; and,
6. Coordinate with port and airport authorities and partners on identifying areas for display of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials.



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All Station Chiefs are hereby ordered to provide daily reporting of the status of the above-mentioned activities to the International Health Surveillance Division. Reports shall be submitted through email at ihq.boq@gmail.com.

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EXTREMELY URGENT

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

December 31, 2022

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2022 - 0578

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT (CHD); MINISTER OF HEALTH- BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (MOH-BARMM); CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Reiteration of Heightened Alert for COVID-19 Arrival From China

Following the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in China, there is a need for the country to intensify the monitoring and implementation of border control protocols for incoming individuals, especially from China, at all ports of entry.

In view of this, the Directors of all Centers for Health Development (CHD) are directed to ensure continuous coordination with concerned agencies, intergovernmental bodies, and local government units in their respective regions to monitor and provide assistance as needed to the intensified implementation of border control protocols at all ports of entry, including but not limited to:

1. Heightened surveillance on all respiratory symptoms in all travelers and conveyances coming from China including a thorough review of the submitted Maritime Declaration of Health and health part of Aircraft General Declaration;
2. Reporting of intercepted symptomatic passengers during arrival Screening;
3. Submission of reports of COVID-positive travelers from Points of Entry;
4. Information dissemination among travelers regarding COVID-19 infection prevention and control;
5. Coordination with airport and seaport terminal authorities for possible re-establishment of testing of inbound travelers from high alert countries; and,
6. Coordination with port and airport authorities and partners on identifying areas for the display of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials.

Meanwhile, to ensure minimal local transmission in anticipation of possible case increases, all CHDs are likewise directed to continue the strict implementation of the Updated Guidelines on Minimum Public Health Standards, as aligned with Department Memorandum 2022-0433, as well as other relevant COVID-19 surveillance and mitigation measures, including but not limited to:

1. Implementation of updated testing and isolation protocols;
2. Monitoring of hospital utilization rates and organization of respective local referral networks;

3. Preparation and augmentation of resources, especially telemedicine providers, for possible increase in patients with respiratory symptoms
4. Reiteration of messages emphasizing the importance of layers of protection (mask use, getting most updated vaccines, and self-isolation if unwell) for the general public

Finally, Undersecretaries of the Field Implementation and Coordination Team are directed to monitor compliance to the directives provided herein; in parallel, all CHD Directors are directed to provide regular updates to their respective Undersecretaries.

For strict compliance and dissemination to all concerned.



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OIC-Secretary of Health