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ADVISORY NO. 26

SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION

In addition to the guidelines set forth under Executive Order (EO) No. 17, Series of 2020 (Guidelines on Public Transportation) pursuant to **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular no. 2020-083 dated May 18, 2020**, the following guidelines shall also be strictly observed:

- 1. Operations of Public Transportation (PT) Routes** – LGUs shall assist in the implementation of the public transportation routes implemented by the DOTr through the LTFRB. Assistance includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1.1.** Assignment of public utility vehicle (PUV) stops and terminals;
 - 1.2.** Enforcement of physical distancing and sanitary measures in all PT facilities; and
 - 1.3.** Assist in the implementation of the PT routes by way of traffic management.

- 2. Guidelines for Public Transportation** – LGUs shall ensure that the following guidelines on the operation of public transportation shall be followed, and shall work with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other related government agencies and instrumentalities in facilitating its implementation.
 - 2.1. General Guidelines** – For all forms of public transport, the following general guidelines shall be observed:
 - 2.1.1. Sanitation and Social Distancing** – All public transport vehicles, ports, terminals, and facilities should be regularly disinfected, and social distancing (SD) measures as prescribed by the Department of Health and the IATF, shall, at all times, be practiced. Depending on the transport terminal, the IATF, the DOTr, the DOH, and other relevant agencies may impose specific sanitation measures which shall be followed by the operators of the facility.



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- 2.1.2. Passenger Limit** – to enable Social Distancing, all public utility, and private vehicles shall only ferry at most 50% of their seating capacity. While motorcycles are allowed, the “No Backrider Policy” will be implemented.
- 2.1.3. Security Procedures** – Security procedures in terminals shall be done through “no contact means” through the use of walkthrough x-rays, portable scanners, handheld metal detectors, and/or other similar equipment. Close contact security measures shall only be applied on exceptional circumstances or situations.
- 2.1.4. Information, Education, and Communication** – IEC materials on safety precautions and other health guidelines including proper sanitation, should be visible throughout the various ports and terminals. Alert bulletins should be made through display systems and public announcement/address.
- 2.1.5. Augmentation of transport services** – Component LGUs are encouraged to provide vehicles for transport services to fill in gaps in the supply of transport to serve the mobility needs of their personnel, and their constituents. It is highly recommended that transportation for medical front liners be continuously provided.
- 2.1.6. Prioritization of Health and Emergency Front liners in Public Transport** – Priority shall be given to medical front liners in terms of access to public transportation. Free transport services, may be provided by the local government. Priority shall also be given in terminals and in PUVs.
- 2.1.7. Contact Tracing** – Operators of terminals and PUVs shall adopt contact tracing measures as recommended by the DOH or the IATF. Subsequently, all passengers should be regularly appraised and reminded to keep note of all public transport services they have availed of during the existence of the GCQ.
- 2.1.8. Lifting of Number Coding** – number coding of public transport vehicles is hereby lifted. Component LGUs are advised to refrain from imposing other similar forms of coding scheme that shall defeat the purpose of this advisory.



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2.2. Special Guidelines

- 2.2.1. Provincial buses shall not be allowed to stop, pick-up, and drop-off passengers in areas under ECQ.
- 2.2.2. Public Utility Jeepneys shall have limited operations subject to the guidelines of the LTFRB.
- 2.2.3. Tricycles may be allowed to provide feeder transport services subject to operational guidelines, and in no instance may a tricycle ferry more than one (1) passenger at a time.
- 2.2.4. **Special Permits** – The DOTr and the LTFRB shall issue special permits to PUVs allowed to operate during the GCQ; for tricycles, the LGU shall issue the same permits.

In the issuance of special permits, priority shall be given to PUVs with higher passenger capacity.

3. Enforcement – Component LGUs are directed to work with the PNP and other related National agencies in posting enforcers in strategic locations to conduct random spot checking, and enforcing physical distancing. In the implementation of such, the Component LGUs are to ensure the following:

- 3.1. That designated enforcers are fully appraised of any existing guidelines of the government relative to the enforcement of measures to fight the threat of COVID-19;
- 3.2. That enforcers shall at all times maintain their good disposition;
- 3.3. That enforcers are provided with the necessary PPEs, and are using the same at all times;
- 3.4. That enforcers shall not violate any human rights in the performance of their duty; and
- 3.5. That the enforcers shall be provided with hazard pay subject to availability of funds, and pursuant to existing government issued policies on the matter.



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- 4. Local Policy Support** – All component LGUs shall enact the necessary ordinances to support the implementation of measures to comply with these guidelines.

For immediate and strict compliance of all concerned.

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