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Department of Finance
INSURANCE COMMISSION
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INSURANCE COMMISSION ADVISORY

TO : All Insurance/Reinsurance Companies, Insurance and Reinsurance Brokers, Mutual Benefit Associations, Trusts for Charitable Uses, Pre-Need Companies, Health Maintenance Organizations, other Insurance Commission Regulated Entities and all IC Personnel

SUBJECT : Protocols on the Use of Face Shields

In connection with the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 15 November 2021 (copy attached), please be advised that the **Insurance Commission (IC) Head Office in Manila, Cebu District Office, and Davao District Office shall observe the following protocols on the use of face shields effective immediately:**

1. For areas under Alert Level 5 and granular lockdowns, the use of face shields in community settings shall be mandatory;
2. For areas under Alert Level 4, use of face shields shall be mandatory based on the guidelines prescribed by concerned local government units (LGUs), or the IC Management; and
3. **For areas under Alert Levels 3, 2, and 1, the use of face shields shall be voluntary.**

All other provisions of IC Office Circular No. 2020-006 dated 10 May 2020, Office Circular No. 2020-008 dated 19 August 2020 and Office Circular No. 2021-002 dated 21 June 2021, *re: Interim Administrative Protocols in the Insurance Commission During the Community Quarantine in the Philippines Due to COVID-19 Pandemic*, shall remain in effect.

Everyone is enjoined to responsibly practice health and safety protocols in our home, workplace, and community to reduce exposure to COVID-19.


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**Office of the President
of the Philippines
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MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

FOR : **THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS**
Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging
Infectious Diseases (IATF)

SUBJECT : **PROTOCOLS ON THE USE OF FACE SHIELDS**

DATE : **NOV 15 2021**

Please be informed that the President has **approved** the recommendation of the IATF in its Resolution No. 148-D (s. 2021) issued on 11 November 2021. As such, the following protocols on the use of face shields shall be implemented effective immediately:

1. For areas under Alert Level 5 and granular lockdowns, the use of face shields in community settings shall be mandatory;
2. For areas under Alert Level 4, local government units (LGUs) and private establishments are given discretion to mandate the use of face shields; and
3. For areas under Alert Levels 3, 2 and 1, the use of face shields shall be voluntary.

Prior to the full nationwide implementation of the Alert Level System pursuant to Executive Order No. 151 (s. 2021), LGUs shall have the discretion to mandate the use of face shields in areas covered by the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, except in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine and those under granular lockdown where it shall remain mandatory.

The above protocols are without prejudice to the continuing mandatory use of face shields in medical and quarantine facility settings, and the required use thereof by healthcare workers in healthcare settings.

For compliance.

By authority of the President:

SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA

