



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD
East Avenue, Quezon City

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2020 - 047**

**Subject: ADJUSTED SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUVs AND
COMPULSORY SHUTTLE SERVICES FOR NGAs AND PRIVATE OFFICES**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, the World Health Organization was alerted of several respiratory cases which were later on attribute to what is now known as the "Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19)";

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922 entitled "*Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines*" on 08 March 2020;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 69, Series of 2020 was issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) on September 7, 2020 wherein the Economic Development Cluster (EDC) recommended to update the health standards and best practices in Public Utility Vehicles;

WHEREAS, in the Letter dated September 8, 2020 of the Assistant Secretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure to the undersigned Chairman, Re: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER ON THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES THROUGH IATF-EID RESOLUTION NO. 69, the former requested to the Board for the issuance of necessary guidelines and policies to implement the adjusted social distancing requirements in accordance with the said IATF Resolution, and strict monitoring of compliance of PUV operators to the operational requirements set in the LTFRB, DOTr, DOH, and IATF circulars and issuances;

WHEREAS, it was further recommended that the Board shall facilitate the online processing of the special permits/ provisional authorities for the shuttle services of National Government Agencies (NGAs), and private offices hereinafter identified;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board hereby RESOLVES as follows:

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SOCIAL DISTANCE REQUIREMENT	DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION
0.75 meters	14 September 2020
0.50 meters	28 September 2020
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In view of the increased passenger load capacity, PUVs are directed to strictly comply with the abovementioned social distancing requirements for each passenger and all other health protocols required by IATF-EID and DOH. Further, plastic barriers between passengers shall be installed in all PUVs allowed to operate, as well as to provide proper ventilation in all authorized PUV units.

In observing the new social distancing requirements, no standing passengers shall be allowed.

No face mask, no face shield, no ride policy shall continue to be strictly enforced.

2. Enjoin all National Government Agencies (NGAs), corporations with minimum capitalization of PhP100 Million, and firms registered in economic zones (that are required to provide compulsory shuttle services for their personnel under said IATF Resolution) to secure the



services of authorized PUVs with the required Special Permits. Said provision for compulsory shuttle service shall be implemented upon the enactment of Bayanihan to Recover as One Act or Bayanihan II.

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4. The Franchise Planning and Monitoring Division of this Board is directed to monitor compliance of PUV operators to the operational requirements set in the LTFRB, DOTr, DOH, and IATF circulars and issuances, and make a corresponding weekly report to the Board.

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed modified or superseded accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately following its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation. Let three (3) copies hereof be filed with the UP Law Center – Office of National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

SO ORDERED. 11 SEPTEMBER 2020



**Adopted and Approved Through Teleconference
on the 11th of September 2020, Quezon City, Philippines**


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Chairman




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P/Col. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)
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Attested by:


Col. RENWICK K. RUTAQUIO (Ret.)
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