



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

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NUMBER 2020- 2020-001**

**Subject :      **UPDATED HEALTH PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUVs****

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**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, the World Health Organization was alerted of several respiratory cases which were later on attributed 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 in view of the reported COVID-19 cases in the country;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the present health situation, several issuances were signed by the Board setting forth health protocols for public utility vehicles (PUVs) in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr);

**WHEREAS**, on 11 September 2020, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-047 which set forth the required physical distancing requirement inside PUVs;

**WHEREAS**, the period of the State of Public Health Emergency was further extended through Proclamation No. 1021 dated 16 September 2020;

**WHEREAS**, during the 48th Cabinet meeting on 12 October 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved the proposal to increase public transport capacity in order to further open the economy and update the health standards and best practices in PUVs;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the forgoing, the Board hereby updates the required health protocols to be observed in all PUVs to conform with the directive of the President, as follows:

1. Passengers must be one seat apart inside PUVs. Passengers shall be allowed to sit beside each other provided that plastic barriers are installed between them.
2. All passengers must observe the following inside PUVs:
  - a. Wearing of proper face masks
  - b. Wearing of face shields
  - c. No talking and no eating inside PUVs
  - d. Observing appropriate physical distancing at all times
3. Operators and drivers must provide adequate ventilation inside their units.
4. Proper and frequent disinfection of units should be observed. Apart from the regular disinfection agents, the use of UV light shall be allowed.

5. No symptomatic passengers shall be allowed to travel.
6. IATF-EID and Department of Health guidelines, as well as the conditions for the operation of PUVs as required in the previous issuances of the Board shall be strictly complied with.

Deliberate failure to comply with any of the provisions herewith shall be construed as a violation to the terms and conditions of their CPC and shall be dealt with accordingly pursuant to JAO 2014-001 and other applicable issuances of the Board.

The Franchise Planning and Monitoring Division (FPMD) of this Board is directed to monitor compliance of PUV operators to the operational requirements set in the LTRFB, DOTr, DOH, and IATF circulars and issuances, and make a corresponding 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 UPLaw Center – Office of National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

**SO ORDERED.**            **OCT 15 2020**

**Adopted and Approved through teleconference  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, Quezon City, Philippines.**

  
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Chairman



  
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