

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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2021- 040

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE HEALTH PROTOCOLS AND DEPLOYMENT OF TRANSPORT MARSHAL

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922 entitled “Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines” on 8 March 2020 in view of the reported COVID-19 cases in the country;

WHEREAS, in line with the Resolutions issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) and the guidelines set by the Department of Transportation on the operation of Public Utility Vehicles during the Community Quarantine, with the end view of preventing the spread of Covid-19 virus, the Board has issued Memorandum Circular Nos. 2020-047 and 2020-061 setting forth the safety and health protocols to be observed by public utility vehicle drivers and operators;

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 28 May 2021 issued by the Department of Transportation, it requested the Board to immediately release a policy issuance/advisory to transport operators and drivers and the public on the transport marshal system for the enforcement of health protocols for road public transport;

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NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, and in order to ensure strict compliance to safety and health protocols, the Board hereby adopts the following guidelines:

A. Updated Protocols to be Observed by Operators/Drivers of PUVs

1. Mandatory observance of the “Seven Commandments” in public transport:
 - a. Wearing of face mask and face shield
 - b. No talking
 - c. No eating
 - d. Ensuring proper ventilation inside the PUV
 - e. Regular disinfection of the vehicle, especially frequently touched surfaces such as but not limited to armrests, handles, etc.
 - f. Barring symptomatic passengers from boarding the PUV through individual checking of body temperature
 - g. Maintaining proper physical distancing at all times

B. Responsibilities of Transport Marshals

1. The LTFRB personnel assigned as transport marshals, in coordination with the transport marshals of Land Transportation Office (LTO), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Inter-agency Council for Traffic (I-ACT) and other law

enforcement agencies shall ensure that all the safety and health protocols are strictly observed.

2. Shall onboard the PUVs at random to:
 - a. Check and enforce Mandatory use and proper wearing of face mask and face shield by the passengers at all times
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 - c. Check the vehicle if it complies with the proper ventilation requirement
 - d. Check the drivers and conductors if they are regularly disinfecting the vehicle, particularly the frequently touched surfaces
 - e. Check and enforce physical distancing which shall be maintained by the passengers at all times
 - f. Check and ensure that the body temperatures of passengers are being taken prior to boarding the vehicle
3. Shall randomly visit the terminals to:
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C. Penalties of operators and drivers for non-compliance of this MC

For the operators of PUVs, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this MC shall be considered as a violation of the terms and conditions of their CPC and appropriate penalties shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions of Joint Administrative Order No. 2014-01, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges as may be determined and filed by other enforcement agencies.

For the drivers of PUVs, the Board may recommend to the Land Transportation Office for the suspension of their Driver's License, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges as may be determined and filed by other enforcement agencies.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended 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.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THROUGH TELECONFERENCE
on June 17, 2021, Quezon City, Philippines

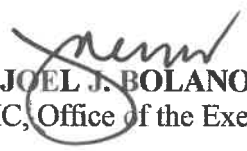



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