



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

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 095
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WHEREAS, due to the escalating number of Covid-19 cases in the National Capital Region (NCR) brought about by the presence of the more contagious Delta Variant of Covid-causing severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) through Resolution No. 130-A has recommended the placing of NCR into Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ);

WHEREAS, on 30 July 2021, Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque announced that President Rodrigo Duterte has approved the recommendation of the IATF to place the NCR under the strictest quarantine level from August 6 to August 20, 2021;

WHEREAS, on 2 August 2021, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) has issued Protocols/Guidelines for the operation of Public Transport during the Enhanced Community Quarantine period from August 6 - 20, 2021;

WHEREAS, also, during the ECQ period, the LTFRB Central Office and National Capital Region offices shall be closed temporarily in compliance to the IATF Guidelines, thereby affecting all the transactions needed to be processed by the stakeholders in the said offices;

WHEREAS, the Board is not insensitive to look into the plight of the stakeholders whose transactions with the LTFRB offices might be affected by the ECQ declaration;

WHEREAS, on the other hand, the setting of proper protocols/guidelines in the operation of public land transportation during the ECQ is necessary to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus, for the safe and unhampered movement of APORs and essential goods;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board resolves as it hereby resolved to adopt the protocols/guidelines set by the DOTr in the operation of public land transportation, and to prescribe the guidelines in areas placed under Enhance Community Quarantine particularly those transacting in the LTFRB Central Office and NCR, to wit:

I. Guidelines in the Operation of Public Land Transportation during ECQ

- A. Only the Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR) will be allowed to conduct essential travels as defined by the IATF-EID, namely:**
- a) Health and emergency frontline services and uniformed personnel;
 - b) Government officials and employees on official travel;
 - c) Duly-authorized relief and humanitarian assistance actors;

- d) Persons travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
- e) Persons going to and from the airport;
- f) Anyone crossing zones for work in permitted industries;
- g) Public utility vehicle operators, drivers, conductors and essential personnel;
- h) Those scheduled for COVID-19 Vaccination;
- i) Construction workers accredited by DOTr to work in quarantine related facilities and government infra projects
- j) And all other persons that may be allowed by the IATF.

B. Passenger Capacity of Public Utility Vehicles

Passenger Limits in PUVs

Mode	Max. Allowable Capacity	Additional Restrictions
<i>Public Utility Buses (PUBs)</i>	50% of vehicle's capacity (excluding driver and conductor)	Passengers seated one seat apart; No standing passengers.
<i>Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs)</i>	50% of vehicle's capacity (excluding driver)	Passengers seated one seat apart; No standing passengers; Only 1 passenger on the driver's row (if no conductor)
<i>UV Express</i>	Max. 2 passengers per row not exceeding 50% of the vehicles capacity.	Only 1 passenger allowed on the driver's row
<i>Taxis and TNVS</i>	Max. 2 passengers per row	Only 1 passenger allowed on the driver's row
<i>Shuttle Service</i>	One-seat apart and other guidelines in accordance with DTI-DOLE JMC No. 2020-04-A	

Passengers inside PUVs must be seated one-seat apart from each other regardless of the existence of impermeable barriers.

1. PUB Passenger Limits: Passenger load shall not exceed 50% or half of the vehicle's capacity (excluding driver and conductor); passengers should be seated one seat apart; no standing passengers shall be allowed.
2. PUJ Passenger Limits: Passenger load shall not exceed 50% or half of the vehicle's capacity (excluding driver and conductor); passengers should be seated one seat apart; no standing passengers shall be allowed. The passenger seat beside the driver may be occupied by one (1) passenger when there is no conductor present during the trip.
3. UV Express Passenger Limits: Passenger load shall not exceed two (2) passengers per row, except for the driver's row for which there should only be one (1) passenger allowed to occupy the passenger seat. Portions with side Facing seats shall have passenger load not exceeding 50% or half of the capacity of side-facing seats where passengers should be seated one seat apart in accordance with physical distancing guidelines of the DOH.

4. **Taxi and TNVS Passenger Limits:** Passenger load shall not exceed two (2) passengers per row, except for the driver's row for which there should only be one (1) passenger allowed to occupy the passenger seat. The mentioned physical distancing practices shall be reflected in the respective applications of Transport Network Companies (TNCs).
5. **Shuttle Service Passenger Limits:** Passengers should be seated one seat apart; other operational guidelines provided by the DTI-DOLE JMC No.2020-04-A.

C. Seat Marking

All modes of PUVs are required to have markings on seats that are only allowed to be utilized by the passengers in compliance with the physical distancing measures and passenger limits stated above.

D. Terminals

All public and private transport terminals shall be required to maintain its strict compliance to the operational guidelines by the DOTr and minimum health standard protocols by the DOH and IATF-EID. Further, isolation area and ready medical personnel shall always be present in public transport terminals.

Terminal operators shall ensure that all PUVs shall have a Contact Tracing Apps QR Code display in their vehicle units, and that only authorized PUVs (those with QR Codes or Special Permit) shall be allowed to operate and enter the terminals.

E. Use of Contract Tracing Apps

All PUVs shall utilize contact tracing apps (Staysafe, Traze) in their operations. The necessary Contact Tracing Apps - QR codes must be displayed in their units. Prior to boarding operators/drivers/conductors shall ensure that passengers scan the Apps - QR code.

II. Sanitary Measures

A. Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs)

The following sanitary measures must be strictly complied in all modes of public transportation (PT) stated above:

1. Drivers shall wear face masks during the operation given the barrier between the drivers and passengers;
2. Conductors and other transport personnel shall wear masks and face shields at all times;
3. Commuters are required to wear masks and face shields or protective eyewear that enclosed the area surrounding the eyes, in order to be allowed to board a PUV;
4. Talking and using of mobile phones are discouraged inside PUVs;
5. Eating is prohibited inside PUVs;
6. Operators and drivers must ensure proper ventilation inside the PUVs;
7. UV Express vehicles, which are strictly point-to-point service,

drivers/conductors shall only collect payment at their designated terminals;

8. Public Utility Buses (PUBs) shall be equipped with thermal scanners for the checking of body temperature of all commuters, those with a temperature of 38 degrees centigrade or higher will not be allowed to board the vehicle. Hence, commuters with fever are not advised to travel;
9. Vehicles shall be disinfected every end of their trip with all surfaces (especially seats, armrests, handles) wiped down with disinfecting agent;
10. All high-touch surfaces of the vehicle such as but not limited to seats, armrests, handles shall be disinfected at least once every two (2) hours if the vehicle is in continuous operation;
11. Provision of foot-disinfectant for passengers in PUBs to be placed on the steps by the door/s;
12. The driver compartment should be sealed off from passenger area using non- permeable, transparent material;
13. In compliance with one (1) meter physical distancing imposed by the Department of Health (DOH), PUVs must strictly maintain a maximum 50% passenger load;
14. All safety officers must regularly examine the drivers' and conductors' fitness to work by checking their temperature;
15. Shall a driver or conductor show symptoms of COVID-19, he/she shall be prohibited to report to work and must be endorsed to the nearest medical facility by the PUV operator;
16. All PUVs are encouraged to post infomercial and posters reminding commuters of good sanitation practices shared by DOH or the World Health Organization (WHO).

B. Operations of Public Utility Vehicle

All LTFRB RFROs, in coordination with Local Government Units (LGUs) shall monitor the public transportation routes and the corresponding number of modes of PUVs to ensure the unhampered public transport services. Further, all the IATF Resolutions and LGU guidelines/restrictions within their area of jurisdiction shall strictly be followed.

C. Hierarchy in the Operations of PUVs

The identification of PUV mode to operate for fixed routes shall be according to its capacity to ferry passengers. PUV modes with higher passenger capacity shall be prioritized consistent with the Department Order No. 2017-011 or the "Omnibus Guidelines on the Planning and Identification of Public Road Transportation Services and Franchise Issuance" and in accordance with the guidelines herein.

In light of the above, the operations of PUBs shall be prioritized in the PUV routes which will be allowed to operate. In areas where PUBs are not enough to serve the actual passenger demand and/or the road characteristics will not permit the operations of PUBs, modern PUVMP compliant PUVs will be the next priority. Should available PUBs and

modern compliant PUVs are not sufficient to serve demand, public utility jeepneys (PUJs) and UV Express may be allowed to operate. Lastly, in areas where no other mode of PT is available, the operations of tricycles may be permitted as may be determined by the LTFRB in coordination with the corresponding LGU, subject to the guidelines herein and other existing policies on its operational limitations.

On the other hand, taxis and transportation network vehicle service (TNVS) or transport services for non-fixed routes shall be maintained to serve door-to-door service.

D. QR Code / Special Permit

PUV operators and drivers must ensure that the respective QR Codes/Special Permit be displayed on the vehicles in accordance with the relevant memorandum circulars issued by the LTFRB during operation. List of routes allowed to operate can be accessed at www.ltfrb.gov.ph.

E. Public Utility Bus

1. The priority shall be to restore public transport services on high-volume or “trunk” corridors. Operations of selected PUB routes traversing arterial or major roads in the National Capital Region shall follow a phased resumption scheme provided that the operations strictly abide by the guidelines herein.
2. Entry of provincial buses with only APOR as passengers shall be allowed provided that these are point-to-point trips.
3. PUBs may also serve identified routes wherein no available mode of PUV that is allowed in the guidelines herein can ply, as may be deemed appropriate by the LTFRB and LTO. For this purpose, bus operators may apply special permits/provisional authorities before the LTFRB.

F. Public Utility Jeepney and UV Express Van

1. In areas where Public utility jeepneys (PUJ) and UV Express vans may be allowed to operate, they shall be subject to operational regulations, strict physical distancing, and sanitary measures. The number of units that are allowed to ply will be limited and determined by the appropriate LTFRB and LTO office.
2. LGUs shall ensure unhampered mobility of the commuters within their respective jurisdiction and provide transport services from residential areas to PUV stops and terminals where trunkline services are available to accommodate the last mile connectivity of the commuters. The provision of transport must be in accordance with these guidelines and with the approval of LTFRB and/or LTO.

G. Taxi & Transportation Network Vehicle Service (TNVS)

Taxis and TNVS shall be allowed to operate but subject to strict physical distancing and sanitary practices. Multiple Bookings in a single trip for TNVS shall be prohibited.

H. Shuttle Service

Shuttle service vehicles shall be allowed to operate, subject to strict physical distancing and sanitary practices in accordance with DTI-DOLE JMC No. 2020-04-A.

Employers are highly encouraged to provide shuttle service to ensure dedicated, prompt and safe transport needs of their employees.

I. Motorcycle (MC) Taxi

MC Taxi shall be allowed to operate subject to strict compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 03 S. 2020 issued by the National Task Force (NTF) against COVID-19. The MC Taxi TWG and the appropriate enforcement agencies shall strictly enforce the operational guidelines provided in the said NTF issuance. Lastly, enforcement agencies shall continue to apprehend informal and illegal MC Taxi services or “habal-habal”.

J. Truck for hire

Trucks which deliver cargo essential for the economy are allowed passage to and from NCR as well as other areas classified under ECQ. To ensure unhampered travel all drivers and other personnel shall present their Identification Card to personnel manning checkpoints subject to Roman Numeral No. III stated above.

III. Enforcement

The LTFRB shall, in coordination with other enforcement agencies such as LTO, Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Inter-Agency Council for Traffic (I-ACT) and other IATF authorized personnel post at strategic locations and conduct daily random inspections of PUV operations, offices, terminals and depots to ensure strict compliance with the service, sanitary, and operational requirements described above.

IV. Transactions in the LTFRB Central and National Capital Region Offices during ECQ

1. On the Confirmation of Units

PUVs with Plate Numbers ending in number 8 shall have an extension period of until 10 September 2021 within which to confirm the units, with waiver of penalties.

The corresponding insurance policies under the Personal Passenger Accident Insurance Program (PPAIP) of PUV covered under this item shall be

automatically extended 10 September 2021. Within the period given, operators are required to secure renewal or updated insurance policies as part of the requirement in the confirmation of their units.

2. On the Filing of Extension of Validity of CPC

The filing of Applications for Extension of Validity of Certificate of Public Convenience with expiry dates falling within the period of ECQ, are extended until 10 September 2021, with **waiver of penalties**.

3. On the Issuance of Provisional Authorities and Special Permits

Provisional Authorities and Special Permits with expiry dates falling within the period of ECQ are deemed extended until 10 September 2021, with **waiver of penalties**.

Within the given period, operators are required to process their applications/requests.

4. On the filing of Compliance to Orders/Resolutions/Decisions, and filing Motions within the given or prescribed period

Filing of compliance to Orders/Resolutions/Decisions, and filing Motions which direct operators to comply or file within the given or prescribed period, and which period falls within the period of ECQ, filing shall be allowed until 10 September 2021, with waiver of penalties, if there is any.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the undersigned Chairman and Board Members, this ___⁴th day of August 2021 at Quezon City, Philippines.

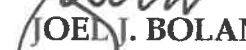
SO ORDERED.


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Chairman




PCol. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)
Board Member

Attested by:


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(By virtue of Special Order No. 20201-051 dated 25 March 2021)