



ADVISORY

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TO : ALL HOTELS, RESORTS, APARTMENT HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : UPDATED OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR DOT-ACCREDITED ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS AND STAYCATION HOTELS BEGINNING 01 JUNE 2021

DATE : 01 JUNE 2021

In view of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution Nos. 117 and 118-A, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

- Guidelines for Accommodation of Guests.** Accommodation Establishments (AEs) accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) in areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified GCQ (MGCQ) that are neither used as Isolation Facilities¹ nor Quarantine Hotels² may accommodate guests for leisure purposes, including those coming from the NCR Plus Area, subject to the following conditions:

	AEs in GCQ Areas	AEs in MGCQ Areas
Guest Composition	May accommodate in its entire premises at any moment only guests coming from the same household ³ If with Certificate of Authority for Staycation (CAOS), guests need not come from the same household	May accommodate guests not coming from the same household
Venue Capacity⁴ for leisure guests	Up to 30% If with CAOS, up to 100%	Up to 100%
Test Requirement	Guests below 18 and above 65 years old shall be required to present a negative result from an RT-PCR test ⁵ taken not more than 72 hours prior to check-in.	
Point of Origin of Guests	GCQ and MGCQ areas only, including those from the NCR Plus Area	

- Point-to-Point Travel for Guests Coming from the NCR Plus Area.** Guests coming from the NCR Plus Area may only undertake point-to-point travel, such that while pit stops or stopovers are allowed for eating and personal necessities, no side trips shall be made to other tourism destinations.

¹ "Isolation Facilities" shall refer to AEs that have been inspected by the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) and determined to be suitable for Isolation of guests who are COVID-19 positive.

² "Quarantine Hotels" refer to AEs that have been inspected by the BOQ and determined to be suitable for Quarantine of guests who may have been exposed to COVID-19..

³ Guests shall be required to present proof of residency, such as a valid government ID indicating the address.

⁴ For this purpose, "venue capacity" shall refer to the total number of rooms.

⁵ May include a saliva RT-PCR test administered by licensed COVID-19 laboratory certified by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM).

3. **Applicability of Stricter LGU Protocols.** Acceptance of guests from outside of their zone, particularly those coming from the NCR Plus Area, shall be subject to *stricter* protocols and restrictions imposed by the Local Government Unit (LGU) where the AE is located.
4. **Lifting of Age Restrictions for Guests of Staycation Hotels.** AEs that have been issued CAOS may accommodate guests of all ages; provided, that guests below 18 and above 65 years old shall be required to present a negative result from an RT-PCR test taken not more than 72 hours prior to check-in.
5. **Suspension of Guidelines on Air Point-to-Point Travel.** Considering that point-to-point travel in general from the NCR Plus Area to areas under GCQ and MGCQ shall be allowed, the *Guidelines on Point-to-Point Air Travel for Leisure Purposes from the NCR+ Area* under DOT Administrative Order No. 2021-003 shall be suspended.

In case of any inconsistency between these guidelines and the provisions of existing DOT issuances, these guidelines shall prevail.

This Advisory shall be in effect from 01 June 2021 and shall remain effective until 15 June 2021.

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