

**ADVISORY NO. 21-20  
Series of 2021**

**ON THE ALLOWABLE ON-SITE OPERATIONAL OR VENUE/SEATING CAPACITY  
OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PERSONS, OR ACTIVITIES  
IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION UNDER ALERT LEVEL 3**

Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 143-A, Series of 2021, the National Capital Region shall be under **Alert Level 3** following the *Guidelines for the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response in Pilot Areas*<sup>1</sup> from **16 October until 31 October 2021**.

Subject to compliance with minimum public health and safety standards and protocols (MPHS) including those under *DOH AO 2021-0043, Series of 2021, DTI-DOLE JMC No. 2020-04-A, Series of 2020, DOLE Department Order No. 224-21, Series of 2021*, applicable sector-relevant protocols and *Local Government Unit (LGU) regulations and guidelines*, and provided that *all workers/employees are fully vaccinated against COVID-19*, the following establishments or activities are now also allowed to operate or be undertaken as authorized by the respective LGUs at **30% indoor venue capacity but for fully vaccinated individuals only** and **50% outdoor venue capacity** under Alert Level 3 --

- a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
- b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
- e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
- f. Cinemas and movie houses;
- g. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;
- h. Dine-in services in food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries;
- i. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options;
- j. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for non-contact exercise and sports; and
- k. Film, music, and television production.

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<sup>1</sup> As of 13 October 2021

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Attached as Annex "A" and made an integral part hereof is the updated list of business establishments, persons, or activities allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken under the applicable alert levels.

Also, business establishments allowed to operate under Alert Level 3 are allowed additional venue/seating capacity beyond the existing allowable venue/seating capacities, as follows:


- a. **Additional twenty (20%) percentage points** if the area where such establishments are located has a vaccination coverage above 70% for Priority Group A2 (senior citizens) and Priority Group A3 (adults with comorbidities), as determined by the Vaccine Cluster of the National Task Force Against COVID-19; and
- b. **Additional ten (10%) percentage points** if said business establishments have been awarded Safety Seal Certification (DOLE-DOH-DILG-DOT-DTI Joint Memorandum Circular No. 21-01, Series of 2021).

Be guided accordingly.

16 October 2021

  
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Secretary

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**ANNEX "A": ON-SITE CAPACITIES OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS/ACTIVITIES IN THE ALERT LEVELS SYSTEM**  
 (as of 16 October 2021)

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS/ACTIVITIES	ALERT 5	ALERT 4	ALERT 3	ALERT 2	ALERT 1
Public and private hospitals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Health, emergency and frontline services, including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, HMOs, health insurance providers, disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers and the like	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Manufacturers of medicines and vitamins, medical supplies, devices and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Industries involved in agriculture (crops, fruits, vegetables, livestock and poultry), forestry, fishery, and such other components of the food value chain and their workers, including farmers and fisher folks	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Logistics service providers (delivery and courier services; cargo handling; warehousing; trucking; freight forwarding; shipping, port and terminal operators and contractors and ancillary services (i.e. drivers, conductors, terminal workers)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Essential and priority construction projects, whether public or private, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) including contractors, subcontractors, and consultants of the Department of Transportation for the construction of Build Build Build flagship infrastructure projects	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Manufacturing related to food, beverages, and other essential goods such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, personal hygiene products, toilet paper, and wet wipes, and disinfectants	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Companies that manufacture, distribute and/or supply equipment or products necessary to perform construction or maintenance works, such as cement and steel, or spare parts	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, bookstores and office supplies, bicycle shops, laundry shops, and water-refilling stations	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries					
<i>Dine-in services in food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI</i>					
<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
		provided that -- • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			
<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	30%	50%	70%	100%
		provided that workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			
<i>Take out and delivery</i>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Public and private financial service providers involved in the distribution of government grants and amelioration subsidies	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs), and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying activities	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Public transport providers and operators	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Media establishments and their total permanent staff complement, inclusive of reporters and other field employees	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Dental, rehabilitation, optometry and other medical clinics for the treatment of illness or injuries. Provided, that there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. Provided, further, that dental procedures shall be limited to emergency cases only and that the wearing of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory. Provided, finally, that home service therapy for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed	skeleton limited to emergency cases only	100%	100%	100%	100%
Veterinary clinics	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Banks, money transfer services, including pawnshops only insofar as performing money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Capital markets, including but not limited to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippine Stock Exchange, Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corporation, Philippine Securities Settlement Corporation, and Philippine Depository and Trust Corporation	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Water supply and janitorial/sanitation services and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Energy sector (oil, gas, and power companies), their third-party contractors and service providers, including employees involved in electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, as well as those involved in the exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil, crude or petroleum and by-products (gasoline, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, jet oil, kerosene, lubricants), including gasoline stations, refineries and depots or any kind of fuel used to produce power	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as the technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance and repair works	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Airline and aircraft maintenance, pilots and crew, and employees of aviation schools for purposes of the pilot's recurrent training for flight proficiency and type rating using simulator facilities, and ship captains and crew, including shipyard operations and repair	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Funeral and embalming services	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Security personnel licensed by the PNP - Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Printing establishments authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and those contracted by other government agencies	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, for households and essential permitted establishments	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including the sale of spare parts	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Leasing of real and personal properties	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Teachers, professors and other staff for purposes of conducting online/offline, and flexible classes, completion of grades, and processing of student credentials, requirements and documents	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Lawyers	skeleton only when required to provide on-site legal representation necessary to protect rights of persons, whether natural or juridical	100%	100%	100%	100%
All other establishments, to the extent necessary for the buying and selling of consumer goods or services via the internet	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%
Private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers, and such other employees required for the processing of payroll, and accounting firms	skeleton	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Other Manufacturing such as: • Electrical Machinery • Wood products, Furniture • Non-metallic products • Textiles / Wearing apparels • Paper and Paper products • Rubber and Plastic products • Coke and Refined Petroleum products • Other non-metallic mineral products • Computer, Electronic and Optical Products • Electrical Equipment • Machinery and Equipment • Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Semi-Trailers • Other Transport Equipment	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Non-essential retail trade and service establishments such as clothing and accessories, flower, jewelry, novelty, antique, perfume shops, toy stores, music stores, art galleries (selling only), and firearms and ammunition trading establishments	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Hotels and other accomodation establishments	Allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols subject to guidelines issued by the Department of Tourism				
Office Administrative and Office Support (such as photocopying, billing, and record keeping services)	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Other financial services (e.g., money exchange, insurance, reinsurance, lending companies, and non-compulsory pension funding)	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Management Consultancy Activities	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Architecture and Engineering Activities; Technical Testing and Analysis	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Scientific and Research Development	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Advertising and Market Research	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Computer programming (such as writing, modifying, testing and supporting software, planning and designing computer systems), information service activities (such as data processing and hosting activities) and other related activities	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Publishing and printing services (such as printing of newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals, books, brochures, manuscripts, posters, maps, atlases, advertising catalogues, prospectuses, etc; printing directly onto textiles, plastic, glass, metal wood, and ceramics)	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Other services such as photography; fashion, industrial, graphic, and interior design	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Wholesale and retail trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Travel agencies, tour operators, reservation service and related activities	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Pet grooming services	not allowed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and DOH					
Indoor	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
		provided that their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			
Outdoor	not allowed	30%	50%	70%	100%
		provided that their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			
Specialty examinations authorized by the IATF, subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
		provided that -- • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			
Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for non-contact exercise and sports, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols					
Indoor	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
		provided that -- • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; • no group activities are conducted; • patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			
Outdoor	not allowed	30%	50%	70%	100%
		provided that -- • patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times; • no group activities are conducted; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated			

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All contact sports	Indoor	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	50%	100%
	Outdoor	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	70%	100%
Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (subject to DTI-DOT guidelines)	Indoor	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
	Outdoor	not allowed	30%	50%	70%	100%
Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers (subject to DTI-DOT guidelines)	Indoor	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
	Outdoor	not allowed	30%	50%	70%	100%

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Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like					
<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	10% provided that -- • they have been issued a Safety Seal Certification • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	30% provided that -- • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	50%	100%
<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	30% provided that -- • they have been issued a Safety Seal Certification • their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	50% provided that their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	70%	100%
Amusement parks and theme parks					
<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	10% provided that -- • they have been issued a Safety Seal Certification • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	30% provided that -- • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	50%	100%
<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	30% provided that -- • they have been issued a Safety Seal Certification • their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	50% provided that their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	70%	100%
Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues					
<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	10% provided that -- • they have been issued a Safety Seal Certification • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	30% provided that -- • they cater only to fully vaccinated individuals; and • workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	50%	100%
<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	30% provided that -- • they have been issued a Safety Seal Certification • their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	50% provided that their workers/ employees are fully vaccinated	70%	100%

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Cinemas and movie houses, subject to DTI sector-specific guidelines	<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	not allowed	30%	50%	100%
	<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	not allowed	50%	70%	100%
Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI	<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	10%	30%	50%	100%
	<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	30%	50%	70%	100%
Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	100%	
Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters	<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	50%	100%
	<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	70%	100%
Funfairs/peryas and kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playrooms, and kiddie rides	<i>Indoor</i>	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	50%	100%
	<i>Outdoor</i>	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	70%	100%

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