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**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

December 17, 2020

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **645**, s. 2020

**REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
(RIATF8) AND REGIONAL TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 (RTF8)  
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Office Division Chiefs  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

- Attached herewith is Regional Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (RIATF8) And Regional Task Force on Covid-19 (RTF8) Joint Resolution No. 42 dated November 25, 2020, Re: Approving the Request of the Province of Leyte for a Moratorium on the Return of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs).
- Provision and details of the RIATF8 and RTF8 Joint Resolution No. 42 are stipulated in this Memorandum.
- Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Director IV

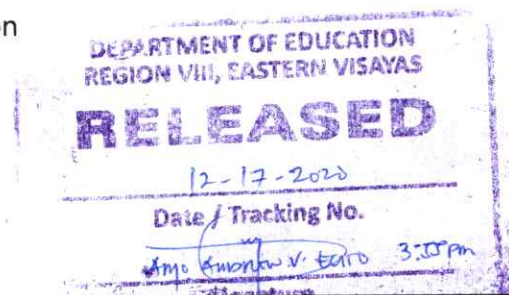
Enclosures: RIATF8 and RTF8 Joint Resolution No. 42

References: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

RIATF8          RTF8          Joint Resolution

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ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (RIATF8)  
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November 25, 2020

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**APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE FOR A MORATORIUM  
ON THE RETURN OF LOCALLY STRANDED INDIVIDUALS (LSIs)**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines" was signed on 09 March 2020, which was eventually followed by the issuance of Presidential Proclamation No. 929 "Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease-2019" dated 17 March 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 September 2020, Proclamation No.1021 was issued extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective 13 September 2020 to 12 September 2021, unless earlier lifted or extended;

**WHEREAS**, as of December 3, 2020, the data from the Department of Health shows that out of the 2,614 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Leyte, 1,158 or 44% are that of returning residents including locally stranded individuals;

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the LGU's COVID-19 situation including its absorptive capacity so as to ensure that the quarantine facilities are not overwhelmed and that each locally stranded individual (LSI) is given proper accommodation and attention;

**WHEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to approve the requests of the Province of Leyte for a moratorium on the entry of Locally Stranded Individuals to the Province of Leyte from December 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

The movement of returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence and other persons transported through the efforts of the national government **shall be permitted** in compliance to the Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement Guidelines released by the IATF particularly IATF Resolution No. 79 and the Omnibus Guidelines;

The Province of Leyte shall ensure that all persons, companies, offices and agencies, who are likely to be affected by this moratorium are given due notice and informed of the moratorium.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), the Regional IATF members, the Provincial Government of Leyte and other concerned offices for their information and appropriate action.


**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** during the Joint RIATF8-EID and RTF8 meeting held on November 25, 2020 at the Sophia's Way and Events, City Park Center, Sagkahan, Tacloban City.


I hereby CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
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