WHEREAS, the National Capital Region (NCR) has been placed under Alert Level 3 from 03 January to 15 January 2022 in view of the rising active cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the advances in public health and the economic gains that have been achieved in the recent months under Alert Level 2 must be sustained and pre-emptive measures must be adopted in order to forestall and immediately address the perceived adverse impact of COVID-19, particularly the highly-transmissible Omicron variant, upon the NCR under said Alert Level 3;

WHEREAS, there is an array of available COVID-19 vaccines in the NCR and more than one hundred percent (100%) of the Region’s target eligible population are now fully vaccinated;

WHEREAS, the global experience evidences that the COVID-19 vaccines are and continue to be effective against the virus, including the Omicron variant, and prevent severe infection cases and avert the need for hospital care;

WHEREAS, however, despite the availability of vaccines, there is a number of individuals who adamantly opt not to be vaccinated and thus, become more susceptible to severe cases of COVID-19 infection which will in turn require hospital care thereby unduly burdening the health care system to the detriment of public health;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332 or the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act declares that it is the policy of the State “to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them” and that the State “recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as
threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State”;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the Metro Manila Local Government Units to enact their respective Ordinances on the Enhanced Restrictions of the Unvaccinated Individuals to regulate their mobility in the NCR for the protection of public health, promotion of general welfare, and sustainability of an improving economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that the Metro Manila Council, pursuant to the provisions of Part I Section 4 on Guidelines for Areas Under Alert Level 3 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Guidelines on the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response as of 18 November 2021, urges the Metro Manila Local Government Units to enact their respective Ordinances on the Enhanced Restrictions of the Unvaccinated Individuals to regulate their mobility in the National Capital Region for the protection of public health, promotion of general welfare, and sustainability of an improving economy, thus:

Unvaccinated individuals in the National Capital Region shall:

1. Remain in their residences at all times except for the procurement of essential goods and services such as, but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, and energy, work, and medical and dental necessities; Provided, however, that individual outdoor exercise shall be allowed within the general area of their residence, e. g., within the barangay, purok, subdivision, or village subject to the guidelines of the Metro Manila Local Government Units;

2. Be prohibited in indoor and outdoor/al fresco dining in restaurants and other food establishments and shall likewise be prohibited from leisure or social trips to malls, hotels, event venues, sports and country clubs, and similar facilities in accordance with the guidelines of the Metro Manila Local Government Units and the concerned establishments;

3. Be prohibited in domestic travel via public transportation by land, sea, and air except for the procurement of essential goods and services such as, but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, and energy, work, and medical and dental necessities subject to the production of proof to support and justify such travel;

4. Be required to undergo a Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT PCR) test every two (2) weeks at their personal expense and present a COVID-19 negative result prior to being admitted for work onsite consistent with the guidelines, rules, and regulations issued by the IATF and the Department of Labor and Employment; Provided, however, that in the event that the RT PCR test and/or result is/are not immediately available, a Rapid Antigen Test may be utilized in lieu thereof;

The foregoing rules shall also cover individuals who reside outside of the National Capital Region but who work and/or travel to the same.

Any individual and/or establishment found to be in violation of these COVID-19 protocols shall be prosecuted in accordance with the penal provision of the applicable Ordinance to be issued pursuant to this Resolution and without prejudice to further prosecution under the provisions of Republic Act No. 11332, particularly Section 9 (d) and (e) on Prohibited
Acts in relation to Section 10 on Penalties, i.e., a fine of not less than Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php 20,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the proper court.

Furthermore, any individual or establishment who or which will falsify the COVID-19 vaccine card shall be prosecuted under Act No. 3815 or the Revised Penal Code, as amended, pursuant to Section 12 of Republic Act No. 11525 or the COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act of 2021.

This Resolution shall be in force and effect while the COVID-19 alert level in the National Capital Region is at Alert Level 3 or higher and shall be automatically lifted once Alert Level 2 or lower is declared.

This Resolution shall immediately take effect after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and submission of a copy thereof with the Office of the National Administrative Register, U. P. Law Center.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of January 2022 in Makati City, Metro Manila.
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