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**IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19 VACCINATION/ NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST
RESULT REQUIREMENT FOR ONSITE PERSONNEL: NVOC ADVISORY NO.134
AND LGU ORDINANCES**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned, enclosed is DepEd Task Force COVID-19 Memorandum No. 609 dated February 15, 2022 re: Important updates on the COVID-19 Vaccination and Negative COVID-19 Test Result Requirement for Onsite Personnel: NVOC Advisory No.134 and LGU Ordinances.
2. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.


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DepEd Task Force COVID-19

MEMORANDUM No. 609

15 February 2022

For: **Leonor Magtolis Briones**
Secretary

**Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads**

Subject: **IMPORTANT UPDATES ON THE COVID-19 VACCINATION/
NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT REQUIREMENT FOR
ONSITE PERSONNEL: NVOC ADVISORY NO. 134 AND
LGU ORDINANCES**

The DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (DTFC) provides the following important updates on the requirement for onsite personnel to either be fully vaccinated or present a negative COVID-19 test result at their own expense, as provided for in Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution Nos. 148-B¹ and 149², and contextualized for Department of Education (DepEd) implementation through DTFC Memorandum Nos. 575 and 586³.

1. NVOC Advisory No. 134

On 10 February 2022, the National Vaccines Operation Center (NVOC) issued **Advisory No. 134** titled *Guidance on the Implementation of IATF Resolution No. 148-B series of 2021 (Annex A)*, which provides directives to all Regional and Local VOCs on how to determine areas with sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines, pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 148-B.

¹ IATF Resolution No. 148-B, which should have taken effect on 01 December 2021, provides that "in areas where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines as determined by the National Vaccines Operation Center (NVOC), all establishments and employers in the public and private sector shall require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Eligible employees who remain to be unvaccinated may not be terminated solely by reason thereof. However, they shall be required to undergo RT-PCR tests regularly at their own expense for purposes of on-site work. Provided that, antigen tests may be resorted to when RT-PCR capacity is insufficient or not immediately available" (emphasis added).

² The IATF also issued Resolution No. 149, which provides the following: (Section B, Item No. 5) In furtherance of IATF Resolution No. 148-B (s. 2021) providing for the implementation of measures to increase demand for COVID-19 vaccinations but except when all the onsite employees/workers of an establishment are required under the Alert Level System Guidelines to be fully vaccinated, all partially vaccinated employees in the public and private sector tasked to do onsite work need not undergo regular RT-PCR test at their own expense, **as long as their second dose is not yet due pursuant to the interval prescribed for the brand of vaccine received as first dose**; (Section B, Item No. 6) To clarify the requirement of regular RT-PCR tests for purposes of onsite work, its frequency shall be construed as that determined by the employer but which **should be at least once every two weeks**.

³ DTFC Memorandum No. 575 titled *IATF Vaccination Requirement for Personnel Reporting On-Site Beginning 01 December 2021* (Approved by the Secretary); DTFC Memorandum No. 586 titled *Clarifications on DTFC Memo No. 575 Titled IATF Vaccination Requirement for Personnel Reporting On-Site Beginning 01 December 2021*

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As elaborated in **DTFC Memorandum No. 575**, the requirement for onsite personnel's full vaccination or negative COVID-19 test result applies only to areas where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines. With this, offices and schools have been instructed to "coordinate with their respective Regional VOCs and/or Local VOCs to inquire whether there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines in their respective areas, as determined by the NVOC."

The DTFC, through **Memorandum No. 586**, has clarified that "in principle, the IATF requirement cannot be implemented until an area has been determined by the NVOC to have sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines."

Based on NVOC Advisory No. 134, "sufficient supply at the Local Government Unit (LGU) level is defined as having more than five (5) days to last inventory of COVID-19 vaccines as captured in the Vaccine Operations Reporting System (VORS)." More details are provided in the advisory.

In this regard, offices and schools shall continue to coordinate with their respective Local VOCs, in implementing the requirement for onsite personnel per IATF Resolution Nos. 148-B and 149, guided by DTFC Memorandum Nos. **575** and **586**.

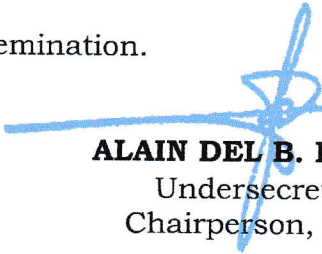
2. LGU Ordinances

Some regional VOCs have issued resolutions enjoining LGUs under their respective jurisdictions to pass ordinances imposing similar requirement for workplaces in their cities or municipalities. Several LGUs have already passed such an ordinance. In some instances, LGU ordinances may have provisions that are unique to their jurisdictions and are not necessarily provided for by national issuances. In these cases, all offices and schools shall adhere to the provisions of the ordinance of their respective LGUs.

For example, in Pasig City, the ordinance includes exemptions to the requirement of either vaccination or negative COVID-19 test result requirement (paid at their own expense) for "unvaccinated individuals who can present a certificate of membership of a religious sector that does not allow any vaccination." This provision particularly applies only to workplaces in Pasig City and in other LGUs that have ordinances that provide the same.

For queries regarding this concern, please contact the DTFC Secretariat, BLSS-SHD, through (+632) 8632 9935 or email at medical.nursing@deped.gov.ph.

For proper guidance and widest dissemination.


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ADVISORY NO. 134

Philippine COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Campaign

Guidance on the Implementation of IATF Resolution No. 148-B series of 2021

This Advisory is anchored on the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 148-B series of 2021. As stipulated in the mentioned IATF Resolution,

“...in areas where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19, all establishments and employers in the public and private sector shall require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Eligible employees who remain to be unvaccinated may not be terminated solely by reason thereof. However, they shall be required to undergo RT-PCR tests regularly at their own expense for purposes of on-site work. Provided that, antigen tests may be resorted to when RT-PCR capacity is insufficient or not immediately available.”

Relative to this, the National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC) is directed to determine areas with sufficient supplies of COVID-19 Vaccines.

Pursuant to the IATF Resolution No.148-B, NVOC provides the following directives to all RVOCs and LVOCs:

- 1) The Centers for Health Development (CHDs) and Ministry of Health- Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao(MOH-BARMM) shall utilize the Vaccine Operations Reporting System (VORS) as the data reference of all inventory status reports of all cities/municipalities' inventory within their jurisdiction.
- 2) Sufficient supply at the Local Government Unit (LGU) level is defined as having more than five (5) days to last inventory of COVID-19 vaccines as captured in the VORS.
 - a) Days to last is calculated using the following formula: Total Inventory / Daily Target, wherein Total Inventory is the sum of all remaining doses of different COVID-19 vaccine brands.
 - b) Daily Target is the sum of all targets for the unvaccinated due 2nd dose and booster shots.
- 3) The inventory status reports of all cities'/municipalities' inventory shall be released **every MONDAY** by the CHDs and MOH-BARMM.
- 4) **All LVOCs shall ensure daily reporting to the VORS** on the daily job accomplishment and inventory.

All RVOCs, LVOCs and Implementing Units are hereby instructed to ensure the implementation of this Advisory. For any issues and concerns related to this Advisory, you may email c19vaccineopcen@gmail.com.

This Advisory is effective immediately and for wide dissemination and compliance.


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