

## **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

### **RT-PCR 50% SUBSIDY FOR APPROVED DOMESTIC TOURISTS IN THE NCR PLUS AREA, ONLY FOR POINT-TO-POINT AIR TRAVEL FROM MAY 15 to JUNE 30, 2021**

Following the announcement of the Office of the President declaring General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions status for Metro Manila, Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna and Cavite collectively known as NCR Plus, only essential travel into and out of NCR Plus is allowed subject to exception of Point-to-Point travel (refer to item 4). In addition to this, the following are allowed:

1. Restaurants, including those inside hotels, may operate with an indoor seating capacity of 20% and 50% for al fresco dining;
2. Outdoor tourist attractions may operate at 30% venue capacity;
3. Religious gatherings and funerals, up to 10% of venue capacity; and
4. Specialized markets of the Department of Tourism are allowed.

As defined in the Department of Tourism (DOT) Administrative Order No. 2021-003, these ***DOT specialized markets*** are the Point-to-Point (P2P) Air Travel for Leisure Purposes from the NCR Plus Area and the Staycation program.

P2P Air Travel is allowed from the NCR Plus Area to a resort in an area under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), provided, that ***such travel must be undertaken through a chartered flight, which may involve short, private transfers by land or sea.*** Only Accommodation Establishments that have been granted a Certificate of Authority to Operate for point-to-point travel (CAO-P2P) may accept guests from NCR Plus.

On the other hand, Staycation is allowed for Accommodation Establishments in areas under GCQ that have been granted a Certificate of Authority to Operate for Staycation.

Thus, following the above pronouncement, the processing and endorsement of applications for RT-PCR test subsidy to UP-PGH and PCMC will continue only for those applicants who meet the above requirements, from May 15 to June 30, 2021.

Kindly take note:

- UP-PGH is closed for swabbing of outpatients every Sunday
- PCMC endorsements are for previously approved applicants prior to 05 March

P2P Tourists may send their updated flights and hotel bookings to: **phtravel@tpb.gov.ph** (UP-PGH) and **phtravel\_pcmc@tpb.gov.ph** (PCMC) for rescheduling of RT-PCR Test, subject to availability of slots for UP-PGH applicants in view of their maximum capacity of 150 approved applicants per day.

Kindly indicate in your email the subject: **P2P APPLICANT/S FOR SWAB RESCHEDULING** for easier tracking.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we pray for the safety and well-being of everyone.

**TPB MANAGEMENT**