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PITX to implement DOTr's *No Vax, No Ride* policy on Monday, January 17

The Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) is gearing up for the implementation of the Department of Transportation's (DOTr) *No Vax, No Ride* policy starting Monday, 17 January, in an effort to curb the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the country.

DOTr released Department Order (DO) 2022-001 on 11 January, limiting public transportation access to the fully-vaccinated population in the National Capital Region (NCR) under Alert Level 3 or higher.

An individual is considered *fully-vaccinated* two weeks after his/her second dose in a two-dose series, and two weeks after his/her dose of a single-dose vaccine. Vaccination must be evidenced by physical/digital copies of an LGU-issued vaccine card, a DOH-issued vaccine certification, or any IATF-prescribed document accompanied by a valid government-issued ID with picture and address.

"Bilang katuwang at kaagapay ng pamahalaan sa pagsulong ng ligtas na paglalakbay, tatalima kami sa kautusan at mahigpit na magpapatupad ng mga kinakailangan para sa kaligtasan ng mga mananakay," said Mr. Jason Salvador, PITX Corp. Affairs and Government Relations Head.

To ensure strict implementation of the DO, PITX is working closely with authorities to help enforce health and safety protocols both in PITX and in public utility vehicles. Aside from regular terminal disinfection and constant safety reminders for terminal users, the landport has also set up a separate waiting area for erring passengers who will insist on traveling without vaccination or proper documentation.

"We are doing this for everyone's safety, so we are humbly requesting for the cooperation and understanding of the public as the procedures in place might entail a bit of delay and inconvenience," explained Mr. Salvador.

The DO exempts 1) persons with medical conditions that prevent them from getting vaccinated, provided that they can present a duly-signed medical certificate with name and contact details of physician; and 2) persons who will procure essential goods and services, as evidenced by any appropriate proof to justify travel.

To further ensure safety of both passengers and PITX's manpower, management has required all employees to undergo antigen testing and present negative results prior to reporting to work. Offices are also regularly disinfected and UV-sterilized for further protection.

About the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange

The Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) is the country's first landport, and the first ever integrated and multimodal transport hub in the Philippines. It aims to improve the overall commuting experience of Filipinos by providing seamless interconnectivity between different modes of public transportation. PITX is operated by MWM Terminals, Inc. under a 35-year Build-Transfer-Operate contract.