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DOTR-DOH JOINT STATEMENT ON THE MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK INSIDE VEHICLES

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Pursuant to the decision of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Department of Health (DOH) shall observe and enforce the following guidelines on the wearing of face mask inside vehicles:

1. When traveling alone, the driver may remove his/her face mask; and
2. When the driver is with passenger/s, it is mandatory for all individuals inside the vehicle to properly wear a face mask, regardless if they are from the same household.

Proper coordination shall be made with and between the Land Transportation Office (LTO), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the Inter-Agency Council for Traffic (IACT), Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG), other law enforcement agencies, and local government traffic offices/units, concerning the proper implementation of this unified and clarified policy, and the imposition of appropriate fines and penalties for violations thereof, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

We hope this clarifies the matter.