



MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Quezon City Barangays
All Departments, Offices, and Task Forces of the Quezon City Government
The Quezon City Police District
The General Public

FROM : **MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE**
City Mayor

SUBJECT : **Guidelines for CHILD-FRIENDLY SAFE ZONES for Minors
Five Years Old and Above**

DATE : July 9, 2021

BACKGROUND

On July 9, 2021, the Presidential Spokesperson announced that the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) has eased restrictions on movement of children. In this regard, Sec. 4.16 of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine with amendments as of May 6, 2021, minors (persons below 18 years old) may be allowed to engage in outdoor non-contact sports and exercise. Also, UNICEF Philippines strongly urges local governments to allow children to play and conduct sports and exercise in outdoor areas, to promote their physical and mental well-being during the pandemic.¹ In this regard, the City hereby issues these Child-Friendly Safe Zone Guidelines, which shall take effect immediately.

1. ESTABLISHING CHILD-FRIENDLY SAFE ZONES. A “Child-Friendly Safe Zone” is an open air park, playground, or similar location designated by the Quezon City Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD); or an outdoor activity area, swimming pool, tourist site, al fresco dining or other open air area in malls or other commercial establishments designated by the Quezon City Business Permits Licensing Department (BPLD). In designating a Child-Friendly Safe Zone, the PDAD or BPLD, as the case may be, shall coordinate with the member-Departments of the City’s Incident Command System (ICS) - Law and Order Cluster.

Exhibit “A” of these Guidelines provides an initial list of Child-Friendly Safe Zones. Minors that are five (5) years old and above may enter the zone for purposes of non-contact activities such as outdoor playtime, games, sports, exercise, outdoor swimming or other leisure activities, and for al fresco dining, provided that they are accompanied by a fully-vaccinated adult guardian.

A “fully vaccinated” adult is one that has completed the prescribed number of COVID-19 vaccine doses at least two weeks prior, as shown by a duly-issued vaccination

¹ UNICEF Philippines. (2021, March 21). *UNICEF statement on keeping minors in lockdown.*
<https://www.unicef.org/philippines/press-releases/unicef-statement-keeping-minors-lockdown>

card with accompanying Government-issued ID. The adult guardian should be able to present the vaccination card and ID at any time upon request. Within the Child-Friendly Safe Zone, groups gathered together may not exceed ten (10) persons, and must continue following minimum health protocols.

Upon determining the success of this initial establishment of Child-Friendly Safe Zones, including the continued improvement in Quezon City of its COVID-19 conditions, more Child-Friendly Safe Zones can be established. Further, the definition of Child-Friendly Safe Zones may be expanded to cover other locations, to be designated by the concerned Quezon City Department.

2. DESIGNATION OF CHILD-FRIENDLY SAFE ZONES. Parks or similar suitable outdoor locations may apply via email for approval as a Child-Friendly Safe Zone with the PDAD through PDAD@quezoncity.gov.ph. On the other hand, malls and other commercial establishments with open-air locations may apply for approval with the BPLD through admin.BPLD@quezoncity.gov.ph. The applicant shall identify its Zone Administrator, who may be any responsible person serving as the actual manager or operator of the location, and provide details on the layout and proposed health protocols of the safe zone in accordance with Exhibit "B" of these Guidelines.

The PDAD or BPLD, as the case may be, may grant the application based on the materials submitted in the email. Also, the concerned department may at its discretion request the assistance of the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) or any other member-Department of the ICS - Law and Order Cluster to inspect the proposed zone at any time before or after granting the application.

The Quezon City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) or other relevant department may recommend to PDAD or BPLD, as the case may be, revoking or modifying a location's designation as a Child-Friendly Safe Zone, for valid reasons such as widespread violations of health protocols or COVID-19 outbreaks. Also, if an area is placed under Special Concern Lockdown or its equivalent, the designation of any Child-Friendly Safe Zone within the area shall be deemed suspended during the lockdown.

3. CAPACITY LIMITATION. The Zone Administrator shall compute a reasonable capacity limitation for the Child-Friendly Safe Zone, which shall allow all visitors to maintain a minimum two (2) meters distance from each other at all times, and avoid any crowding. The Zone Administrator shall post the capacity limitation at all entrances and in conspicuous places around the zone. The Zone Administrator must regularly monitor the numbers of persons in the zone and refuse entry to additional persons (regardless of their age) when the capacity limit has been reached.

4. MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS. The Zone Administrator must enforce minimum COVID-19 health protocols within the zone, including the use of face masks, maintaining physical distance of at least two (2) meters between each visitor, regular disinfection of high-touch objects, and, if feasible, the use of the Kyusi Pass as contact tracing system. The Zone Administrator is also encouraged to implement an hourly scheduling system or the like to ensure compliance with capacity limits. The Zone Administrator should employ marshals to patrol the zone and remind visitors of health protocols whenever necessary.

5. INSPECTIONS. The PDAD, BPLD, DPOS, other member-Departments of the ICS - Law and Order Cluster including the Quezon City Police District (QCPD), the CESU, other concerned Departments of the Quezon City Government, and the Barangays may undertake scheduled or spot-inspections to verify compliance with these Guidelines and

other relevant IATF quarantine restrictions. Failure to comply may result in the revocation of designation as Child-Friendly Safe Zone.

6. EFFECTIVITY. These Guidelines shall take effect immediately and shall be subject to further relevant issuances of the IATF.



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Exhibit A
Initial List of Designated Safe Zones for Minors

1. Quezon Memorial Circle
2. Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center
3. Quezon City Hall Urban Farming Area
4. Amoranto Stadium
5. Project 6 Park
6. Masambong Park
7. Manresa Park
8. Dapitan Park
9. IBP Park
10. Camerino Park
11. Project 4 Park
12. Bernardo Park
13. Roces Park
14. Hayaville II Park
15. Toro Hills Park
16. Project 4 Park
17. Blue Ridge B Park
18. Mira Nila Park
19. CP Garcia Park

Exhibit B
Requirements in Designating and Operating a Child-Friendly Safe Zone

1. The Zone Administrator should ensure that a responsible person is physically present to manage the Child-Friendly Safe Zone during the entirety of its operating hours.
2. The Zone Administrator should in the application for designation as a Child-Friendly Safe Zone, indicate a reasonable capacity limitation for the zone.
3. The Zone Administrator should present an accurate physical layout of the Child-Friendly Safe Zone, whereby perimeters are established and secured, and limited entry and exit points are identified and manageable.
4. The Zone Administrator must be supported by a team, volunteer or otherwise, to help administer the Child-Friendly Safe Zone according to the capacity, unique features, and corresponding needs of the zone.
5. The Zone Administrator and his/her team must enforce minimum health protocols in their Child-Friendly Safe Zone, to include the following:
 - a. Use of the Kyusi Pass for contact tracing, if feasible;
 - b. Use of thermal scanners at each entrance and where else appropriate, to the extent feasible;
 - c. Enforcement of two (2) meter physical distancing;
 - d. Deployment of marshals and safety officers;
 - e. Provision of hand washing stations;
 - f. Provision of alcohol and hand sanitizer dispensers;
 - g. Enforcement of the consistent wearing of face masks; and
 - h. Mandatory reporting of possible cases of COVID-19 among the zone officials and staff, including guests at the zone.
6. The Zone Administrator and his/her team must fully cooperate with the Quezon City Government and any of its agents in ensuring compliance with these Guidelines.