



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
Intramuros, Manila



**LABOR ADVISORY NO. 18**  
Series of 2023

**ENGAGEMENT OR PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT  
OR INFORMATION**

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 297 (Lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19) issued by the President on 21 July 2023, the following Labor Advisories related to the engagement or participation of children below 18 years of age in public entertainment or information are hereby deemed revoked and shall no longer be in effect:


1. Labor Advisory No. 23, Series of 2020 (Engagement or Participation of a Child Below 15 Years of Age in Public Entertainment or Information Pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines)
2. Labor Advisory No. 24-A, Series of 2020 (Revised Guidelines on Engagement of Children 15 to Below 18 Years of Age in Public Entertainment or Information During Community Quarantine)
3. Labor Advisory No. 22, Series of 2021 (Engagement or Participation of a Child Below 15 Years of Age in Public Entertainment or Information During the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response)

While the state of public health emergency has already been lifted, employers who will engage children in public entertainment or information are enjoined to observe and follow the recommendations in the updated health protocols provided under Department Circular No. 2023-0324 (*Updated Health Protocols following Lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*) issued by the Department of Health (DOH) on 23 July 2023 such as the following:

1. Wearing of mask, especially in crowded or poorly ventilated public spaces intended as workplace of the child; and
2. Good hygiene, frequent hand washing, and good ventilation especially in situations where close interaction with the child cannot be avoided.

Vaccination against COVID-19, although still recommended under DOH Department Circular No. 2023-0324, shall not be required for the issuance of a working child permit for children below 15 years of age.

Be guided accordingly.

  
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Secretary

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