



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-11**  
**Series of 2020**

**CREATING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL INFECTIOUS  
DISEASE ACTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL (Neg Occ PIDACC) AND  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, data from the **World Health Organization**, herein referred to as the **WHO**, has shown that the **Coronavirus 2019**, herein referred to as **CoVID\_2019**, first reported in December 2019 and identified as a new type of Coronavirus in January 2020 has spread to countries worldwide, including the **Republic of the Philippines**, on a pandemic scale.

**WHEREAS**, the WHO has declared the **CoVID\_2019** outbreak a **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**.

**WHEREAS**, a Public Health Emergency of International Concern is defined as "an extraordinary event which is determined to constitute a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease and to potentially require a coordinated international response."

**WHEREAS**, history has recorded other instances of PHEIC namely; the **2009 H1N1 (Swine Flu)** pandemic, the **2014 Poliomyelitis** resurgence, the **2014 Ebola** outbreak in Western Africa, the **2016 Zika virus** epidemic, and the **2018-20 Kivu Ebola** epidemic.

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines has confirmed to have cases of **CoVID\_2019** and is at risk to outbreaks of emerging and re-emerging diseases by virtue of the speed of travel, the magnitude of travellers going in and out of the country, and its strategic geographic location.

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the **Local Government Code (LGC)** provides that every **Local Government Unit (LGU)**, within their respective territorial jurisdictions, shall ensure and promote health and safety and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

**WHEREAS**, for efficient, effective and economical governance pursuant to a general welfare purpose Section 465 of the LGC vests upon the **Governor** the duty to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities and, in addition, coordinate the implementation of technical services by national offices for the province and its component cities and municipalities.

**WHEREAS**, the **Department of Health**, herein referred to as the **DOH**, has, by virtue of **DOH Administrative Order 168, Series of 2004** on the National Policy on Health Emergencies and Disasters, laid down the policy framework for the implementation

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of the health sector planning and response defined the roles and responsibilities of the concerned agencies including hospitals, government and non-government institutions.

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental has enacted Executive Order no. 20-09, Series of 2020 for the Creation of a Provincial Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) Task Force to delineate roles and responsibilities and establish coordinated management by the task force members.

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 168, s. 2014 established a Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) and provides further capabilities in support to the DOH, the other members and their functions.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 10121 otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 provides the mechanics of disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery/rehabilitation throughout the disaster management cycle enumerating the roles of the local government and national agencies.

**WHEREAS**, recognizing of the limited resources of all LGUs and other non-government institutions, if they act independent of each other, collaboration from all agencies will strengthen the preparedness and response towards disaster and epidemic management.

**WHEREAS**, relative thereto, the Province of Negros Occidental is enjoined to create the Negros Occidental Provincial Infectious Disease Action and Control Council (Neg Occ PIDACC) to address the prevention and/or control of Emerging and Re-emerging diseases at the provincial level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**, Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental, by the power vested me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Creation of THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL PROVINCIAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE ACTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL ( Neg Occ PIDACC)**

**Section 2. Composition of the Negros Occidental Provincial Infectious Disease Action and Control Council**

**Section 2.1** The Negros Occidental PIDACC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Governor Eugenio Jose V. Lacson

Vice Chairperson: Vice Governor Jeffrey P. Ferrer

Action Officer: Provincial Health Officer

– Technical Advisers :

Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases and Infection Control Experts Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (NOCHES) Hospital Operations Department Representative  
Provincial DRRM Officer  
Department of Health  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan for Health

**Secretariat:** PHO Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS)

**Committees:**

- Prevention and Mitigation Committee
- Preparedness Committee
- Response Committee
- Recovery and Rehabilitation Committee

**Section 2.2** The Committees shall comprise of the following members:

**2.2.1 Prevention and Mitigation Committee**

**Chair:** Provincial Health Education & Promotion Officer (HEPO)

**Co-Chair:** Provincial Information Office

**Members:**

- Philippine Information Agency
- Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines – Neg Occ Chapter
- Negros Press Club
- Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP)
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Commission on Higher Education
- Department of Health
- Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit

**2.2.2 Preparedness Committee**

- **Chair:** Provincial Health Office – Neg Occ
- **Co-Chair:** Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

**Members:**

- Hospital Operations Department – Neg Occ
- Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital
- Medical Directors of Secondary and Tertiary Hospitals
- SP on Health
- Department of Health CHD.RO6
- Medical Societies
- City Health Office – Bacolod
- Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines – Neg Occ Chapter
- Committee Chairs
- Department of the Interior and Local Government
- Bureau of Quarantine
- Provincial Planning Development Office
- PESU/NOCHES

**2.2.3 Response Committee**

**2.2.3.1 Operations Management Committee**

- **Chair:** PDRRMO – Neg Occ
- **Co-chair:** Health Emergency Management Staff – PHO Neg Occ

**Members:**

- Provincial Incident Management Team - PDRRMO

- Philippine National Red Cross – Neg Occ Chapter
- Negros Rescue Federation
- Philippine National Police
- Negros Occidental Association of DRRM Officers and Practitioners (NOADOP)
- Alliance of DRRM Officers of Negros Island (ADRRMONI)
- Bureau of Fire Protection
- Armed Forces of the Philippines
- Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines – Neg Occ Chapter
- Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Office of Civil Defense
- Association of Barangay Captains ( to represent BHERTS/Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams)

### **2.2.3.2 Disease Surveillance and Reporting**

Chair: Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (NOCHESS)

Co-chair: Bureau of Quarantine

#### **Members:**

- Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital
- Hospital Operations Department – Neg Occ
- Private Hospital Assoc. – Neg Occ
- Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
- Philippine Ports Authority
- Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines – Neg Occ Chapter
- City Health Office – Bacolod
- Bureau of Immigration
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Health CHD RO6
- Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
- Public Hospitals (Under LGUs)
- Association of Barangay Captains ( to represent BHERTS)

### **2.2.3.3 Infection Control and Case Management**

- Chair: Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hosp.
- Co-Chair: Hospital Operations Department

#### **Members:**

- Private Hospitals Association
- Public Hospitals (Under LGUs)
- Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines – Neg Occ Chapter
- Philippine National Red Cross – Neg Occ Chapter
- Funeral Parlors

#### **2.2.3.4 Support & Enforcement**

- Chair: Vice Governor
- Co-Chair: DILG

#### **Members:**

- Local Chief Executives
- Association of Municipal Health Officers of the Philippines – Neg Occ Chapter
- Bureau of Immigration
- Philippine National Police
- Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines
- Philippine Ports Authority
- Bureau of Quarantine
- Sangguniang Panlalawigan
- Philippine Coast Guard
- Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO)
- Finance Committee Representative, Provincial Government
- Provincial Legal Office

#### **2.2.4 Recovery and Rehabilitation Committee**

Chair: Provincial Social Welfare Office

Vice-Chair: Provincial Engineering Office

#### **Members:**

- PPDO
- Provincial Budget Office and Finance Committee
- Sangguniang Panlalawigan for Finance
- Business organizations
- Dept of Trade and Industry
- Dept of Interior and Local Government (DILG)

### **Section 3. General Functions of the Negros Occidental Provincial Infectious Disease Action and Control Council**

- Manage inter-agency collaboration and Coordination on the Prevention and control of infectious diseases especially emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in the province.
- Formulate and tailor provincial policies and protocols on public health surveillance, prevention, and control of infectious diseases.
- Organize a standing source of experts on infectious disease management and control in the province.
- Provide benefit package for health workers exposed to infectious diseases, especially EREID in the province
- Ensure stakeholder involvement, cooperation and support in the prevention and control of infectious disease outbreaks.

Each sub-committee shall have the following functions:

#### **3.1 Prevention and Mitigation Committee**

- Reduce the vulnerability and exposure of communities to hazards of emerging and re-emerging infectious disease outbreaks.
- Enhance the capacities of communities to reduce their own risks and cope with the impact of disease outbreaks and potential outbreaks.
- Enhance disease surveillance activities: Information risk management for the public, for health workers, and persons at risk.



### **3.2 Preparedness Committee**

- Increase the level of awareness of the community to the threats and impacts of disease outbreaks, their risks and vulnerabilities.
- Equip the community with the necessary skills to cope with the negative impacts of disease outbreaks.
- Increase the capacity of institutions preparing for and responding to disease outbreaks.
- Develop and implement local preparedness policies, plans, and systems.
- Strengthen partnerships among key players and stakeholders.
- Strengthen infection control and waste management in health facilities, providing protective equipment / gears to health workers Information management (updating of databases and reporting)

### **3.3 Response Committee**

- Decrease the number of preventable deaths and morbidities.
- Manage people traffic and control infection.
- Provide basic subsistence needs of affected population.
- Ensure maintenance of basic social services during the event.
- Ensure peace and order is maintained.

#### **3.3.1 Operations Management Committee**

- Management of the incidence response During Health Emergencies
- Transport of patients to referral facilities


#### **3.3.2 Disease Surveillance:**

- Monitoring the ingress and egress of people ( and potential patients or persons under investigation/PUIs) from risk areas and coordinating reporting with the Neg Occ PIDACC
- Screening at point of entry (airport, seaport)
- Determination of status of PUI upon arrival
- Contact tracing and investigation of PUIs
- Referral to appropriate health facility
- Ensure infection control at areas of quarantine

#### **3.3.3 Infection Control and Case Management:**

- Ensure practice of infection control at areas of quarantine, isolation, transport facilities, and referral hospital, including the disposal of infectious waste
- Transport of suspected cases (PUI) to designated areas of isolation or quarantine as the case may be
- Triaging of PUI or suspect cases
- Management of cases and suspects
- Laboratory investigation of cases (PUI)

#### **3.3.4 Support and Enforcement Committee:**

- Ensure public and stakeholder adherence to protocols and policies.
  - Dissemination and implementation of policies and directives.
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- Provide support for health care personnel concerned and affected population including those under quarantine and isolation.
- Provide support for human resources, facilities and logistics

**3.4 Recovery and Rehabilitation Committee**

- Ensure coordinated, integrated system of recovery.
- Restore normal activities especially economic and livelihood activities of the community post-event.
- Assist in the rehabilitation of affected population, facilities, social services, and infrastructure.

**3.5 Technical Advisers:**

- Provides Policy direction as a standing source of expert advice for the prevention and control of infectious diseases especially emerging & re-emerging infectious diseases.
- Formulation of interagency collaboration and coordination protocols for public health surveillance, prevention, and control of infectious diseases.
- A standing source of expert advice on infectious diseases in the province

**Section 4. WHEREAS**, to ensure the functionality of the Negros Occidental Provincial Infectious Disease Action and Control Council and facilitate the implementation of its mandated plans and activities, the council is directed to identify resources from the province of Negros Occidental, its member organizations and agencies, and other possible resources.

**Section 5. Repealing Clause.** All orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order, under my purview as Governor, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 6.** The Provincial Health Office led by the Provincial Health Officer as the action officer is hereby tasked to oversee the establishment and functionality of this council.

**Section 7. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of 11 MAR 2020, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

  
**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
 Governor