



# *Office of the Governor*

Province of Negros Occidental  
Philippines

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-14**

**Series of 2020**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THE SUSPENSION OF GRADUATION AND MOVING-UP CEREMONIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOR ALL LEVELS IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COMPONENT CITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than fifty (50) confirmed cases of COVID-2019 in the Philippines, including one confirmed case in Negros Oriental through local transmission and such number continue to escalate;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of a state of public health emergency by the President directs government agencies and LGUs to instantly act for the prevention of loss of life by implementing urgent and critical measures for the containment and prevention of the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri has stressed the urgency to reduce the risk of the COVID-19 by imploring DEPED to schedule an early summer break for students to help avert the eventuality of a sustained community transmission in our province.

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Negros Occidental has issued Resolution No. 0227 urging the Department of Education to end the 2019-2020 School Year earlier than April 3 for all levels as well as suspend classes in daycare centers in the Province pursuant to Proclamation No. 922 placing the country under a State of Public Health Emergency to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones of Department of Education has announced several directives for all Department of Education Schools which comprise of: (1) adoption of Social Distancing Measures for the Remainder of the School Year (2) scheduling the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Examinations within the week of March 16 to 20, 2020 and (3) after March 20, 2020, any further school requirements shall as far as practicable be done as home-based assignments.

**WHEREAS**, several Local Government Units have already suspended classes as well as the holding of graduation rites so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 until further notice.

with the Component City Health Office or Municipal Health Office where the PUM resides.

**SECTION 2. SUSPENSION OF MAJOR/PUBLIC EVENTS** – The suspension of local festivals and events shall be at the discretion of the Local Chief Executive of the municipality or component city concerned.

**SECTION 3. PROTOCOLS FOR PATIENT MANAGEMENT** – Protocols for patient management shall be disseminated by the Provincial Health Office.

**SECTION 5. COVID-19 HOTLINE** – There shall be a COVID-19 hotline to be established by the Provincial Health Office which shall be manned by competent medical personnel who will be responsible to answer queries for COVID-19.

**SECTION 6. HOLDING/QUARANTINE AREA** – The Provincial Health Office, in conjunction with the Provincial Hospital Operations Department, shall identify Holding Quarantine area for patients of COVID-19 consistent with the Executive Order entitled "CREATION OF A PROVINCIAL NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (NCOV) TASK FORCE".

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 13th day of March, 2020 at Bacolod City, Philippines.

  
**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Governor