



Executive Order No. 20-20
Series of 2020

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY
QUARANTINE**

WHEREAS, on 10 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has considered and declared COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 series of 2020, wherein Local Government Units are enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, it is within the power of the Local Government Unit as provided by Local Government Code to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during the natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-09, series of 2020, Creating the Provincial Novel Coronavirus Task Force and Executive Order No. 20-11 Creating the Provincial Infectious Disease Action and Control Council;

WHEREAS, as a precaution against the spread or local transmission of COVID-19 in the Province, there is a need to implement measures in relation to quarantine, social distancing and other preventive measures;

WHEREAS, as of 23 March 2020 in Negros Occidental, there are 8,976 Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) and 44 Persons Under Investigation (PUIs); while in the provincial capital, Bacolod City, there are 1,526 PUMs, 25 PUIs, and one person which has been tested positive of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ)

- 1.1 The Province of Negros Occidental is hereby placed under an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). LGUs shall abide by the directives of the President, the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in the imposition of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in their respective jurisdictions. The Executive Secretary of the Office of the President defined Enhanced Community Quarantine as:

- 1.1.1 A strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households; movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities; provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated; and there will be heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures.
- 1.2 **Duration.** The Enhanced Community Quarantine shall commence at 12:01 am of March 30, 2020 and shall remain in force and effect until 11:59 pm of April 14, 2020.
- 1.3 Only those private establishments providing basic necessities and engaged such activities related to food and medical supplies, i.e. public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies, drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water-refilling stations, laundry services, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, petroleum, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities, business process outsourcing establishments, sugar centrals including suppliers thereof, shall be open.
- In all such open establishments, their respective managements shall ensure the adoption of a strict skeletal workforce which shall not exceed twenty five percent (25%) of their regular plantilla to support operations and shall ensure strict physical distancing measures. Such employees shall comply with the mandatory quarantine inside their workplace.
- Essential businesses and industries shall provide their workers with living quarters in their respective workplaces during the entire period of ECQ. Employers shall also strictly monitor the health conditions of their workers and communicate to the COVID 19 Hotlines as soon as their workers exhibit symptoms of COVID 19.
- 1.4 **Closure of Borders, Ports, Airports of Negros Occidental.** The provisions of Executive Order 20-15, Series of 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.
- 1.5 **Suspension of Mass Transportation.** During the period of ECQ, operations of all public utility vehicles shall be suspended. This applies to all buses, jeepneys, taxis, V-hire vans, tricycles, e-tricycles, *trisikads*, and other similar forms.
- 1.6 During the ECQ, Local Government Units shall implement the following:
- 1.6.1 Devise and implement a scheme of delivering food packs and other basic necessities directly to vulnerable households within their respective cities and municipalities from March 30 to April 14, 2020.
- 1.6.2 Grant ECQ passes to one (1) person per household authorizing him/her to leave their residence solely for purposes of buying food, medicines, and other basic necessities. For this purpose, such representative may use his personal mode of transportation such as bicycles, *trisikads*, cars and other four wheeled vehicles.
- 1.6.3 Devise and implement a point to point (P2P) transportation plan to deliver family representatives to and from the markets or stores within the city or municipality from March 30 to April 14, 2020.
- 1.6.4 Grant limited ECQ passes to the management and employees of essential businesses authorizing them to transport products within the boundaries of their respective cities and municipalities.
- 1.7 During the ECQ, the Provincial Government Unit shall implement the following:
- 1.7.1 Devise and implement a scheme of delivering food packs and other basic necessities directly to vulnerable municipalities and cities from March 30 to April 14, 2020.

- 1.7.2 Devise and implement a point to point (P2P) transportation plan to deliver its employees and healthcare workers to and from their workplace from March 30 to April 14, 2020.
- 1.7.3 Grant ECQ passes to the management and employees of essential businesses authorizing them to transport products within the boundaries of the Province of Negros Occidental.

SECTION 2. Handling and Referral of Patients Both PUMs and PUIs

- 2.1. The guidelines set forth under Executive Order No. 20-19, Series of 2020 shall remain in force and effect.

2.2. Quarantine Centers

- 2.2.1 Memorandum No. GOV-03-21-044 shall remain in force and effect.

2.3. COVID-19 Centers

- 2.3.1 Memorandum No. GOV-03-21-045 shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 3. Persons Authorized Outside Their Residence

- 3.1 Persons authorized outside their residence are those employed in establishments mentioned in Section 1.3 hereof. They shall carry with them at all times valid Government issued IDs for identification purposes. These persons also include the following:
 - 3.1.1 Government employees. Employees of Local Government Units and National Government Offices.
 - 3.1.2 Private medical service providers. All employees of hospitals and clinics, the Red Cross, private caregivers, and veterinary service providers.
 - 3.1.3 Funeral services. Funeral car drivers, employees and immediate family of the deceased.
 - 3.1.4 Emergency responders. Employees of the Bureau of Fire Protection, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Local Social Welfare and Development Office, and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT).
 - 3.1.5 Peace and security officers. Members of the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Fire Protection, Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, National Bureau of Investigation, Office for Transportation Security, Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Immigration, Traffic, and other law enforcement agency personnel, company security officers and security guards, force multipliers like watchmen, Barangay Tanods and Barangay Officials.
 - 3.1.6 Delivery personnel and drivers of food and goods cargo, industrial/construction supplies, drugs/medicines/medical supplies and equipment and veterinary supplies.
 - 3.1.7 Key officials and employees of utilities. Telecommunications, cable and internet service providers, water companies, water delivery and refilling stations, laundry services, energy companies and power plant maintenance including the suppliers thereof, petroleum tanker drivers, gasoline attendants, coal delivery crew, sanitation personnel and garbage collectors.

3.1.8 Media personnel

3.1.9 Private individuals (one per household)

3.1.10 Congressmen with their Chief of Staff.

3.1.11 Ombudsman and Deputy Ombudsman, Justices of Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeal and Sandiganbayan, Judges of the Regional, Metropolitan, City and Municipal Trial Courts and Prosecutors, Public Attorneys, and their skeletal staff.

3.1.12 Farm (including rice, poultry, fish, shrimp, crab, swine, sugarcane, milk, eggs and other agricultural products) employees, paymasters, and management.

3.1.13 Sugar, Rice, Corn, Flour Mill employees and management including the suppliers thereof.

3.1.14 Management, drivers, and one (1) helper of hauling services.

3.2 Persons authorized to travel outside their residence shall be responsible in securing their own transportation. This right must be used sparingly and for important reasons only.

SECTION 4. Unrestricted Movement of Cargoes

4.1 Memorandum No. GOV-03-18-043 shall remain in effect and in force during the Enhanced Community Quarantine. Delivery of all cargoes (food and non-food) within Negros Occidental shall not be delayed by reason of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

SECTION 5. Issuance of Household Quarantine Pass

A Household Quarantine Pass shall be issued one (1) per household and shall be signed and issued by the Barangay Captain. The Household Quarantine Pass shall be issued to a physically able member of the household and shall indicate his/her name therein. Said member of the household can use the pass in order to purchase food, medicines, and avail of other essential household commodities and services. The barangays are directed to adopt a house-to-house distribution of the Household Quarantine Pass.

SECTION 6. Strengthening Coastal Watch

6.1.1. As per guidance from the Philippine Coast Guard, "No Sail" policy shall be enforced to all domestic vessels and motorized bancas carrying passengers, to include private watercrafts/pleasure yachts, from neighboring islands effective 12 noon of 21 March 2020 up to 12 noon of 14 April 2020.

6.1.2 Only cargo, fishing and government vessels are allowed to sail and enter the ports of the province for the purpose of transporting the basic food supplies and other logistics and material requirements for manufacturing of commodities, subject to the conduct of DOH health protocol for domestic vessels, and in the case of foreign vessels, in coordination with the Bureau of Quarantine.

6.1.3 Henceforth, the crew of all the domestic and foreign cargo vessels, during the ship-to-port interface of cargo operation (loading/unloading), must stay onboard the vessel, or in the extreme case that their services so require during cargo operation, must stay within (50) meters radius from the vicinity of the vessel they are working with. Ship crew must follow at all times physical distancing maintaining one (1) meter distance from the port workers and the local populace.

6.1.4 The Philippine Coast Guard shall conduct seaborne, shore and security patrol operation together with Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police Maritime Group, and the Local Government Unit (Bantay Dagat, Coastal Barangay Tanod).

SECTION 7. Environment Protection/Hazardous Waste Disposal

- 7.1. The DENR-Environment Management Bureau's policy covering health facilities/hospitals shall be followed. Wastes, to include used masks and gloves of PUMs/PUIs, and disposable PPEs and hazmat suits of their caregivers/responders, to be properly disposed (by incineration) or stored in Sharps and Toxics Vault.
- 7.2. Other PPEs, including masks and gloves of non-PUMs/PUIs, shall be segregated from other wastes and disposed of properly.

SECTION 8. Economic Response Measures

8.1. Food/Cash Assistance

Local Government Units, through their Local Social Welfare and Development Offices, are mandated to assist their needy constituents and displaced workers, especially daily wage earners/no work-no pay workers, during the quarantine period or state of calamity. LGUs are authorized to use their Quick Response Fund (QRF) in accordance with the rules and regulations of RA 10121.

Local Government Units are directed to adopt a house-to-house distribution of relief packages.

8.2. Price Monitoring of Food and Basic Goods

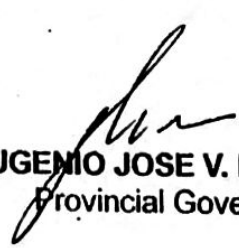
8.2.1 Executive Order No. 20-18, Series of 2020 shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 9. Compliance with the Law and Protection of Human Rights. Adoption and enforcement of this Enhanced Community Quarantine Guidelines and its specific provisions shall be carried out in accordance with the law and with utmost respect to the universal recognition of human rights.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 26th day of March, 2020.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor