



**Executive Order No. 20-23**  
**Series of 2020**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF  
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE  
(GCQ)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus 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**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-20 and Executive Order No. 20-20-A until 11:59PM of April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 28 dated April 23, 2020 of the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-IED) provided for the Recommendations relative to the Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation in which moderate-risk and low-risk administrative regions, provinces, or areas, a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) shall be implemented starting May 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, IATF-IED Resolution No. 28 has classified the Province of Negros Occidental as a moderate-risk administrative province wherein a General Community Quarantine shall be implemented starting May 1, 2020;

**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 GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.**

- 1.1 The Province of Negros Occidental is hereby placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ). LGUs shall abide by the directives of the President, and Resolution No. 28 of the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases in the imposition of the General Community Quarantine in their respective jurisdictions. The Executive Secretary of the Office of the President defined a General Community Quarantine as:

A General Community Quarantine is where movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work. Uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border points.

- 1.2 Duration.** The General Community Quarantine shall commence at 12:00am of May 1, 2020 until 11:59pm of May 15, 2020.

**SECTION 2. GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES.** Pursuant to IATF-IED Resolution No. 28, the following guidelines shall be observed:

**2.1 ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES ALLOWED TO OPEN (CATEGORY I).** Full operation is allowed for:

- a. Agriculture, and its entire value chain, including manufacturing of fertilizers and pesticides;
- b. Fishery, and its entire value chain, including manufacturing of feeds;
- c. Manufacturing and Processing Plants and the entire value chain (raw materials, inputs, including packaging) of Basic Food Products, Essential Products, Medicine and Medical Supplies:
  - i. All Food including Pet food;
  - ii. Essential Hygiene Products
    - 1. Soap, detergents, shampoo, and conditioners
    - 2. Diapers, feminine hygiene products, tissue, wipes and toilet paper
    - 3. Disinfectants
  - iii. Medicines and Vitamins;
  - iv. Medical Products such as PPEs, Masks, Gloves, others
- d. Hospitals and Medical Clinics;
- e. Dental Clinics;
- f. Retail Establishment:
  - i. Groceries
  - ii. Supermarkets
  - iii. Hypermarkets
  - iv. Convenience Stores
  - v. Public Markets
  - vi. Pharmacies and Drug Stores;
- g. Food Preparations and Water Refilling Stations:
  - i. Food Manufacturing
  - ii. Food Retails
  - iii. Restaurant (Takeout and Delivery ONLY);
- h. Logistics Service Providers:
  - i. Cargo Handling
  - ii. Warehousing
  - iii. Trucking
  - iv. Freight Forwarding
  - v. Shipping Lines;
- i. Delivery Services whether or not e-commerce platform, in-house, or outsourced. Transporting only food, water, medicine, pet food, hardware products and other basic necessities;
- j. Delivery Services whether or not e-commerce platform, in-house, or outsourced, for products other than above, such as clothing and accessories, and office supplies;
- k. Postal and Courier Activities;
- l. Waste Collection, Treatment and Disposal Activities; Except Materials Recovery (Junk Shop);
- m. Water, Water Collection, Treatment and Supply;
- n. Power and Energy;

- o. Internet;
- p. Telecommunications;
- q. Packaging Raw Materials;
- r. Media.
- s. Gasoline Stations

**2.2 SECTORS ALLOWED TO PARTIALLY OPERATE (CATEGORY II). 50% opening for:**

- a. Manufacturing
  - i. Beverages (non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks)
  - ii. Cement and Steel
  - iii. Electrical Machinery
  - iv. Wood Products and Furniture
  - v. Non-metallic Products
  - vi. Textiles and Wearing Apparels
  - vii. Tobacco Products
  - viii. Paper and Paper Products
  - ix. Rubber and Plastic Products
  - x. Other non-metallic mineral products
  - xi. Computer, Electronic and Optical Products
  - xii. Electrical Equipment
  - xiii. Machinery and Equipment
  - xiv. Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Semi-Trailers
  - xv. Other Transport Equipment
- b. Electronics and Exports
- c. E-commerce
- d. Delivery for Essential and Non-essential Items
- e. Repair and Maintenance Services:
  - i. Repair and Installation of Machinery and Equipment;
  - ii. Repair of Computers and Personal and Household Goods;
  - iii. Sewerage (except emptying of septic tanks);
  - iv. Services to Buildings and Landscape Activities (except landscape care);
- f. Housing and Other Real Estate Activities
- g. Office Services
  - i. Office Administrative, Office Support and Other Business Activities
  - ii. Legal and Accounting
  - iii. Insurance, Reinsurance, and Pension Funding, Except Compulsory Social Security
  - iv. Architecture and Engineering Activities
  - v. Technical Testing and Analysis
  - vi. Scientific and Research Development
  - vii. Other Professional, Scientific, and Technical Activities
  - viii. Social Work Activities Without Accommodation
- h. Sports with Physical Distancing
- i. Malls and Commercial Centers
  - i. Hardware Stores
  - ii. Clothing and Accessories
  - iii. Non-leisure Stores
- j. Barbershops and Salons
- k. Wholesale and Retail Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles
- l. Construction
- m. Forestry

- n. Publishing Activities
- o. Motion Picture, Video and Television Program Production, Sound Recording and Music Publishing Activities
- p. Advertising and Market Research
- q. Administrative Staff of Public and Private Schools

**2.3 SECTORS ALLOWED FOR 50% ONSITE WORK AND 50% WORK FROM HOME SCHEDULE (CATEGORY III).**

- a. Government Offices
- b. Financial Services
  - i. Banks
  - ii. Capital Markets
- c. Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)
- d. Non-leisure Wholesale and Retail Trade
- e. Other Non-leisure Services

**2.4 ESTABLISHMENTS TO REMAIN CLOSED DURING GCQ.** The following establishments must remain completely closed.

- a. Schools
- b. Leisure, Amusement, and Gaming Facilities where physical distancing is not possible
- c. Tourism
- d. All major gatherings
- e. Gyms, Fitness Studios, and Sports Facilities
- f. Entertainment-related Mass Gatherings
  - i. Theaters
  - ii. Cinemas
  - iii. Large Concerts
  - iv. Festivals
  - v. Carnivals
  - vi. Conventions
  - vii. Shows
  - viii. Pubs and Bars
- g. Business-related Mass Gatherings
  - i. Trade Shows
  - ii. Conferences
  - iii. Conventions
  - iv. Workshops
  - v. Retreats
- h. Politically-related Mass Gatherings
  - i. Election Rallies
  - ii. Polling Centers
  - iii. Parades
  - iv. Speeches and Addresses
- i. Sports-related Mass Gatherings
  - i. Trainings
  - ii. Games
  - iii. Tournaments
  - iv. Championships
- j. Religious-related Gatherings
- k. Libraries, Archives, Museums, and Other Cultural Activities
- l. Gambling and Betting Activities
- m. Travel Agency, Tour Operator, Reservation Service and Related Activities
- n. Activities of Membership Organizations

**2.5 MODIFIED HOME QUARANTINE.** The general population may go out of their homes only for purposes of accessing basic necessities;

**2.5.1** Any person below 21 years old, those who are 60 years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except:

- i. when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods, and services,
- ii. those gainfully employed in permitted industries and offices,
- iii. those living alone,
- iv. those providing care to persons with disabilities,

shall be allowed to go out of their homes, regardless of age;

**2.5.2 CURFEW OF NON-WORKERS AND HIGH RISK GROUPS VULNERABLE TO COVID-19.** Determination of curfew hours and limitation of movement of non-workers and high risk groups, which includes but not limited to senior citizens and minors, shall be left to the sound discretion of the local chief executives of the 31 cities and municipalities of Negros Occidental.

**2.6 EDUCATION.** Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may continue classes through flexible learning arrangements to finish the Academic Year 2019-2020 and issue credentials to students, in accordance with guidelines to be issued by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and subject to proper coordination with the respective LGU;

**2.7 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.** Priority and essential construction projects may resume in accordance with guidelines to be issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);

**2.7.1** All other construction projects shall be allowed to resume. Movement and delivery of all employees, equipment, supplies, and cargos from government and private contractors shall not be delayed and allowed throughout the Province of Negros Occidental.

**2.8 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.** Public transportation may operate at a reduced capacity in accordance with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) passenger limits in public utility vehicles (PUVs):

**i. PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES (PUBS)**

50% of vehicle's maximum capacity excluding the driver and conductor. Passengers must be seated one seat apart and no standing passengers.

**ii. PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS (PUJS)**

50% of vehicle's maximum capacity excluding the driver and conductor. Passengers must be seated one seat apart and no standing passengers. Only one passenger on the driver's row if there is no conductor.



**iii. UV EXPRESS**

Maximum of two (2) passengers per row. Only one passenger allowed on driver's row.

**iv. SHUTTLE SERVICE**

50% of vehicle's maximum capacity excluding the driver and conductor. Only one passenger allowed on driver's row if there is no conductor.

**v. TRICYCLES, E-TRICYCLES, AND TRISIKADS**

Only one (1) passenger allowed in the sidecar. No passenger shall be seated right behind or beside the driver.

**2.9 LIMITED OPERATION OF AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS.** Airports and seaports shall operate only to allow the unhampered movement of goods and cargo, subject to prior authority from the Governor;

**SECTION 3. SAFEGUARDS AGAINST COVID-19.** In order to preserve the health and safety of all Negrenses against the COVID-19 pandemic, the following safeguards are hereby implemented:

**3.1 SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Strict social distancing measures shall be observed in all public and private places in the Province of Negros Occidental. Social distancing shall be defined as the strict maintenance of a distance of at least one (1) meter radius between and among persons present in a vicinity.

**3.2 MANDATORY 14 DAY QUARANTINE FOR RETURNING RESIDENTS OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL.** All returning residents of Negros Occidental are mandated to undergo a mandatory 14 day quarantine at the COVID-19 Healing Center in the Municipality of EB Magalona or the Mambukal Mountain Resort in the Municipality of Murcia.

**3.3 HEIGHTENED PATROL OF SEAPORTS AND BORDERS.** Since a possible source of infection for COVID-19 are people illegally crossing the borders of Negros Occidental, all Local Government Units, the Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Philippine Coast Guard are hereby enjoined to heighten the security and patrol of the seaports and borders of the Province of Negros Occidental.

**3.3.1 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 insofar as it is not in conflict with this Executive Order.

**3.3.2 REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF THE ROAD ROLL-ON and ROLL-OFF (RORO) SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL.** The cargo delivery personnel of essential and non-essential goods going to the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Negros Occidental shall not be allowed to board the RORO ship from the Port of Origin and shall be only limited to loading the cargo vehicle on to the RORO ship.

Likewise, the cargo delivery personnel of essential and non-essential goods from the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Negros Occidental shall not be allowed to board the RORO ship in any seaport within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of

Negros Occidental and shall be only limited to loading the cargo vehicle on to the RORO ship going to the Port of Destination.

However, so as not to hamper the delivery of goods and cargo, the PGNO is requiring the owners/operators of the said cargoes to provide receiving delivery personnel of one driver and one helper in order to receive and drive the vehicle upon arrival at the Port of Destination.

**3.4 MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK.** The provisions of Executive Order 20-22, Series of 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. EXTENSION OF PROVINCIAL ECQ PASSES.** Considering that the City of Bacolod is still under Enhanced Community Quarantine, all Provincial ECQ Passes issued by the Province of Negros Occidental are deemed automatically extended and considered valid until May 15, 2020.

**SECTION 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVITY** – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00am of May 1, 2020.

Issued this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

  
**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Provincial Governor