



Executive Order No. 20-20-B  
Series of 2020

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER COMMENCING THE GRADUAL TRANSITION  
FROM ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) TO GENERAL  
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS  
OCCIDENTAL**

**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**, the National Task Force (NTF) COVID-19 has recommended a period of twenty (20) days for Enhanced Community Quarantine in order to curb the rising positive cases of COVID-19 in Luzon;

**WHEREAS**, by April 20, 2020, it will have been twenty-two (22) days since the start of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the Province of Negros Occidental. As of today, the Provincial Incident Management Team has reported that there has been no positive case for COVID-19 in the Province of Negros Occidental;

**WHEREAS**, during the Enhanced Community Quarantine from March 30, 2020 up to the present, there has been no reported local transmission of COVID-19 within the twelve (12) component cities and nineteen (19) municipalities of Negros Occidental. Therefore, it is now safe to plan the transition from Enhanced Community Quarantine to General Community Quarantine in the Province of Negros Occidental;

**WHEREAS**, the data gathered by the Provincial Incident Management Team supports the move to transition from Enhanced Community Quarantine to General Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2020, a consultative meeting was held at Bacolod City with the local chief executives of the municipalities and component cities of the Province of Negros Occidental wherein it was agreed that a transition plan has to be established from Enhanced Community Quarantine to General Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, after safeguarding the health and safety of every Negrense, it is now time to look after the economic and financial welfare of everyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Province of Negros Occidental;

**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. MODIFYING THE SUSPENSION OF MASS TRANSPORTATION.** Operations of all public utility vehicles shall be suspended except for tricycles, e-tricycles, and *trisikads* subject to the following conditions:

- 1.1 Tricycles shall be allowed a maximum of three (3) passengers.
- 1.2 Trisikads and e-tricycles shall be allowed only one (1) passenger.
- 1.3 Each LGU through its Traffic Management Authorities shall devise a scheme to only allow 50% of its public transport franchisees to operate daily.
- 1.4 In all instances, physical distancing shall be observed by the driver and the passengers.

**SECTION 2. RESUMPTION OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.** All 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.

- 2.1 Hardware stores shall be considered an essential business and are allowed to open and conduct business.

**SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.** All administrative staff of public and private schools in the Province of Negros Occidental are hereby directed to resume their work and functions, maintaining a skeletal workforce of 50% of its regular employees.

**SECTION 4. CURFEW OF HIGH RISK GROUPS VULNERABLE TO COVID-19.** Determination of curfew hours and limitation of movement of 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.

**SECTION 5. 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:

**5.1 OBSERVANCE OF STRICT HOME QUARANTINE.** While the province is still under Enhanced Community Quarantine, strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households. Movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities. There will be heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures.

**5.2 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.

**5.3 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.

**5.3.1 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.

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

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY** – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:01am of April 20, 2020.

Issued this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

  
**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Provincial Governor