



Executive Order No. 20-24
Series of 2020

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE GENERAL
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE OVER THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
UNTIL MAY 31, 2020**

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 General Community Quarantine under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-23 until 11:59PM of May 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 35, Series of 2020, dated May 11, 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) provided for the recommendations relative to the classification of Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) based on risk level shall be implemented starting May 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, IATF-EID Resolution No. 35 has classified the Province of Negros Occidental as a low-risk administrative province and by virtue of IATF-EID Resolution No. 35-A dated May 12, 2020 has recommended that the entire province of Negros Occidental be placed under general community quarantine from May 16 to May 31, 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. EXTENSION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. The General Community Quarantine over the entire Province of Negros Occidental is hereby extended until 11:59 pm of May 31, 2020. The provisions of Executive Order No. 20-23, Series of 2020 otherwise known as "An Executive Order Placing the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Under General Community Quarantine" shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. 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:

2.1 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.

2.2 MANDATORY 14 DAY QUARANTINE FOR ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. All persons entering the Province of Negros Occidental are mandated to undergo a mandatory 14 day quarantine at the COVID-19 Healing Centers in the Municipality of EB Magalona and City of Cadiz or the Mambukal Mountain Resort in the Municipality of Murcia, except:

- (1) Drivers and helpers of cargo vehicles in transit to another province.
- (2) Drivers and helpers of cargo vehicles delivering goods to the province with the intention of immediately returning to their port of origin.

2.3 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.

2.3.1 CLOSURE OF BORDERS, PORTS, AIRPORTS OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. The provisions of Executive Order 20-15, Series of 2020 otherwise known as "An Order Implementing the Closure of Borders, Ports, and Airports of Negros Occidental" shall remain in full force and effect insofar as it is not in conflict with this Executive Order.

2.4 MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK. The provisions of Executive Order 20-22, Series of 2020 otherwise known as "An Executive Order Requiring the Mandatory Use of Face Masks When Going Out in Public in Negros Occidental" shall remain in full force and effect.

2.5 INTRA-BORDER CHECKPOINTS. All checkpoints stationed along the main highways in the borders of each LGU may be maintained for purposes of checking compliance with province-mandated COVID-19 safeguards and thermal scanning. However, Home Quarantine Passes and Provincial Passes shall no longer be required or inspected.

SECTION 3. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES. Religious activities within Negros Occidental are now allowed to resume subject to strict observance and enforcement of social distancing and COVID-19 safety protocols. Provided further that:

- (1) Religious organizations shall only be allowed to admit attendees of said activities of up to a maximum of 50% of its building capacity.
- (2) There shall be no physical contact and everyone shall wear face mask at all times.
- (3) Churches and religious establishments are required to disinfect the premises after every service.
- (4) Religious organizations shall inform the public of their schedule of mass/service.
- (5) Online streaming of mass/service is encouraged.

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SECTION 4. EXTENSION OF PROVINCIAL ECQ PASSES. All Provincial ECQ Passes issued by the Province of Negros Occidental are deemed automatically extended and considered valid until May 31, 2020. These Provincial ECQ Passes shall be used to ensure the unimpeded flow of goods through the City of Bacolod.

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 16, 2020.

Issued this 15th day of May, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor