



Executive Order No. 20-25
Series of 2020

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

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, Resolution No. 40, series of 2020, dated May 27, 2020 of the IATF-EID has classified the Province of Negros Occidental as a low-risk administrative province wherein a Modified General Community Quarantine shall be implemented starting June 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 MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.

- 1.1 The Province of Negros Occidental is hereby placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ). LGUs shall abide by the directives of the President, and Resolution No. 40 of the IATF-EID in the imposition of the MGCQ in their respective jurisdictions. The IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines defined a Modified General Community Quarantine as:

A Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

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

SECTION 2. MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES. Under this quarantine mode, the following guidelines shall be observed:

2.1 ALL PERSONS SHALL NOW BE ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE THEIR RESIDENCES.

2.2 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR NON-CONTACT SPORTS AND OTHER FORMS OF EXERCISE. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed.

2.3 MASS GATHERINGS. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, religious activities and gatherings, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, resort recreational activities, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be allowed, provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the venue or seating capacity.

2.4 WORK IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OFFICES. All public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical attendance of employees to work at full operating capacity. Alternative work arrangements may be adopted for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women.

2.5 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. Public transportation may operate at a reduced capacity in accordance with the Omnibus Public Transport Protocols and Guidelines set by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and IATF-EID:

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. UV EXPRESS

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

d. 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.

e. TRICYCLES, E-TRICYCLES, AND TRISIKADS

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

2.6 BUSINESSES AND SECTORS ALLOWED TO OPERATE.

2.6.1 All establishments and activities shall be allowed to operate at full operational capacity, except those provided below:



- a. Pursuant to IATF-EID Resolution No. 41, series of 2020, barbershops and salons are allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) venue capacity and may be allowed to operate at one hundred percent (100%) venue capacity after three weeks from effectivity of this Executive Order. Service shall only be limited to basic hair cutting services;
- b. Dine-in service in food retail establishments are allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) seating capacity of the venue;
- c. Category IV establishments and activities under the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines and DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-22, series of 2020 shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity.

2.7 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.

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 MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. Minimum public health standards set by the Department of Health in Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 shall be complied with at all times for the entire duration of the MGCQ.

3.2. 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 to two (1-2) meter radius between and among persons present in a vicinity.

3.3 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.

3.4 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.

3.5 REGULATIONS ON RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW). The travel of returning OFWs shall be subject to the health protocols mandated by the Province of Negros Occidental through the Provincial Health Office:

- a. Returning Overseas Filipino Workers shall remain in a hotel designated by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration for a period of seven (7) days for testing and processing.

3.6 PROTOCOLS GOVERNING THE ENTRY OF ALL PERSONS INTO NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. Either by sweeper flights or upon the resumption of commercial flights and sea travel, all persons are hereby required to observe the following protocols that shall govern entry of all persons into the Province of Negros Occidental, via its airports or seaports:

- a. **PASSENGERS TO BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL DURING THE PERIOD OF MGCQ.** Only Locally Stranded Individuals (LSI), returning Negrenses, and essential workers of establishments and sectors under Category I of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF-EID, and Department of Trade and Industry Memorandum Circular No. 20-22, series of 2020 shall be allowed entry into the Province of Negros Occidental during the period of MGCQ.
- b. **ADMISSION OF PASSENGERS INTO THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL CONTINGENT ON REVERSE TRANSCRIPTION POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (RT-PCR) TESTING CAPACITY.** The number of incoming passengers allowed to enter the Province of Negros Occidental shall be based on the RT-PCR testing capacity of the Molecular Laboratory at Teresita Locsin Jalandoni Provincial Hospital. As such, the admission of incoming passengers shall be allocated as follows:
 - i. Three thousand (3000) passengers passing through the airport per week;
 - ii. One thousand (1000) passengers passing through all the seaports in the Province of Negros Occidental per week;
- c. **HOME QUARANTINE OF INCOMING PASSENGERS.** All passengers upon arrival in the province, are required to submit to RT-PCR testing before they are allowed to be picked up in the airport or seaport. They shall undergo a strict home quarantine until their RT-PCR test result comes out negative. This provision shall not be applicable to returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs).
- d. **MANDATORY GOVERNMENT QUARANTINE.** Passengers arriving in the province who exhibit fever and other flu-like symptoms shall be subjected to a mandatory government quarantine at the designated isolation facilities in the Municipality of EB Magalona, the Mambukal Mountain Resort in the Municipality of Murcia, or the City of Cadiz.
- e. **PASSENGER MANIFEST REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE.** Airlines and sea vessel operators shall be required devise a scheme for the pre-selling of tickets and to submit a passenger manifest to the Province of Negros Occidental by e-mail through pao.negros.occ@gmail.com for purposes of monitoring and contact tracing. The passenger manifest shall contain the

contact numbers and complete addresses of all persons issued tickets for travel and shall be submitted at no later than 12:00 noon of the day before the intended date of travel. No walk-in passengers shall be allowed.

Upon receipt of the passenger manifest, the Province of Negros Occidental shall issue a Certificate of Acceptance for passengers to be allowed to board the flight or sea vessel.

- f. **BLACKLISTING OF PASSENGERS.** Any person misrepresenting his identity, residence, or other personal details in order to obtain a ticket shall be blacklisted and subjected to criminal and administrative action.

3.7 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.

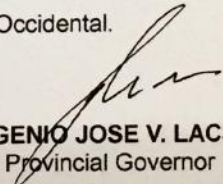
SECTION 4. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. For effective information dissemination, all LGUs shall serve copies and apprise all barangay officials of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. All persons and/or establishments violating the provisions of this Executive Order, as well as the established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, other agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal charges.

SECTION 6. 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 7. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00am of June 1, 2020.

Issued this 31st day of May, 2020 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor