



Executive Order No. 21-18
Series of 2021

“AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ADOPTING THE SALIENT POINTS OF THE UNIFORM TRAVEL PROTOCOLS UNDER COVID-19 INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) RESOLUTION NO. 101, SERIES OF 2021”

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the 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, preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2021, the COVID-19 IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 101, Series of 2021, approving the uniform protocols for land, air, and sea travel;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2021, the Regional IATF and Regional Task Force VI issued Joint Resolution No. 004, Series of 2021, entitled “Resolution Urging LGUs to Fully Implement the Provisions of IATF Resolution 101, Series of 2021 on the Uniform Travel Protocols for Land, Air, and Sea by March 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the provisions of IATF-EID Resolution No. 101, Series of 2021 and Regional IATF and Regional Task Force VI Joint Resolution No. 004, Series of 2021, there is a need to issue revised guidelines for land, air, and sea travel into 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. IATF-EID RESOLUTION NO. 101, SERIES OF 2021 IS HEREBY ADOPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS. Travel to the Province of Negros Occidental for all purposes, including but not limited to business, essential service, leisure, and tourism, shall be open to the public, subject to the following requirements:

1. SAFE, SWIFT, AND SMART PASSAGE (S-PaSS) PERMIT.

Inbound travelers shall secure an electronic or printed copy of the Approved Travel Coordination Permit issued by the S-PaSS travel management system.

2. STAYSAFE.PH APPLICATION

Inbound travelers shall show proof that they have downloaded and registered with the StaySafe.ph application for contact tracing.

3. NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT PRIOR TO TRAVEL.

- a. Shall be valid for 72 hours from date of swab sample extraction.
- b. Must be conducted and issued by a Department of Health accredited Molecular Laboratory.

EXCEPTION FOR TRAVEL WITHIN REGION VI. For travel within Region VI, no RT-PCR negative test result shall be required.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS. Travelers who do not comply with the abovementioned requirements shall not be allowed to board or travel to the Province of Negros Occidental.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURE AT THE AIRPORTS, SEAPORTS, TERMINALS. Airports, Seaports and Terminals located within the Province of Negros Occidental shall be subject to the following guidelines:

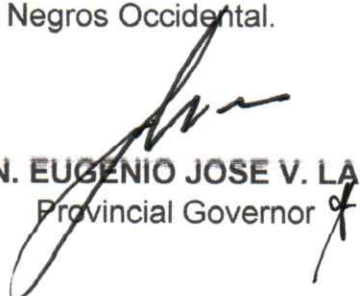
- a. All airports, seaports, and terminals in the Province of Negros Occidental shall be open to the public.
- b. Private vehicles and Public Utility Vehicles shall be allowed to transport passengers to and from the airport, seaport, or terminal.
- c. Local Government Units shall no longer pick up inbound passengers.
- d. The Province of Negros Occidental shall offer voluntary swabbing ("swab and go") or voluntary swabbing and quarantine ("swab and quarantine) to inbound passengers at the airport and seaports. The Province shall bear the cost of the RT-PCR swabbing and facility quarantine.
- e. Inbound passengers shall no longer be required to undergo facility quarantine upon arrival in the Province. They shall only undergo a seven (7) day home quarantine upon arrival at their LGU of destination.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provisions of this Order be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order, under my purview as Governor, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00 am of March 15, 2021.

Issued this 13th day of March, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor