



Executive Order No. 21-23
Series of 2021

“AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REQUIRING THE MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF ALL TRAVELERS TO THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO THE SAFE, SWIFT, AND SMART PASSAGE (S-PASS) TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS TO THE STAYSAFE.PH APPLICATION AS THE OFFICIAL SOCIAL DISTANCING, HEALTH CONDITION REPORTING, AND CONTACT TRACING APPLICATION SYSTEM OF THE PROVINCE”

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, and also designating the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System for travelers and StaySafe.ph as the official social distancing, health condition reporting, and contact tracing application system in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, there is a current epidemic surge in the Province wherein COVID-19 active cases increased from 58 positive cases in February 2021 to 742 positive cases as of April 8, 2021, hence, there is a need to address this public health concern and strongly enforce health condition reporting, and contact tracing measures 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. CONTACT TRACING APPLICATIONS. Pursuant to IATF-EID Resolution No. 101, series of 2021, the Province of Negros Occidental shall hereby utilize the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System for travelers and utilize StaySafe.ph as the official social distancing, health condition reporting, and contact tracing application system of the Province.

SECTION 2. MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF TRAVELERS TO THE S-PaSS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. Inbound travelers to the Province of Negros Occidental shall secure an electronic or printed copy of the Approved Travel Coordination Permit issued by the S-PaSS travel management system.

SECTION 3. MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO THE STAYSAFE.PH APPLICATION. All individuals and establishments within the Province of Negros Occidental shall be required to register with the StaySafe.ph application for contact tracing purposes by May 1, 2021.

A. PROCEDURE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL.

1. All individuals shall be required to make on-line registration with the StaySafe.ph application.
2. All LGUs shall print StaySafe QR Codes and facilitate the registration of those who are unable to make on-line registration.
3. All individuals shall carry a printed or electronic copy of their respective QR Codes all the time and present the same when required by the authorized persons;
4. The QR Codes shall be used as their personal identification when passing thru border checkpoints and entering all establishments within the Province of Negros Occidental.

B. PROCEDURE FOR ALL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL.

1. All establishments shall be required to register with the StaySafe.ph application.
2. They shall secure a QR Code scanner for the aforementioned contact tracing system that shall be posted at all entrances.
3. All establishments are required to scan the QR code of all persons entering their premises and shall bar entry to individuals who do not comply with the protocol.
4. Maintain electronic copies of their digital logbooks in the said contact tracing system. They shall send the same through email or other electronic means to the Provincial Incident Management Team for consolidation which shall be used for contact tracing.

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

SECTION 5. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. All persons misrepresenting themselves and/or establishments who do not comply with 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 sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

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. AMENDMENTS. Any of the above provisions may be subject to amendments, pursuant to any issuances by the National IATF or as justified by other compelling circumstances.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 9th day of April, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Provincial Governor