



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-42
Series of 2021

**"AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING
MIGRANT SUGARCANE WORKERS TRAVELING TO NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
FOR CROP YEAR 2021-2022"**

WHEREAS, on March 16 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity through the Philippine due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7169 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, on July 29, 2021 Executive Order No. 21-39 Series of 2021, "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until August 31, 2021," the following guidelines will be implemented in relation to transporting migrant farm workers into Negros Occidental.

WHEREAS, in light of the forthcoming sugarcane crop season for 2021-2022, there will be an expected influx of migrant sugarcane workers entering the Province of Negros Occidental. Hence, there is a need to issue proactive guidelines to prevent the potential surge of COVID-19 cases in the Province;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON, by virtue of the powers vested in me by laws as Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING MIGRANT SUGARCANE WORKERS. Returning Migrant Sugarcane Workers traveling to the Province of Negros Occidental, shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- A. Individual Planters shall submit the list of migrant sugarcane workers they require for crop year 2021-2022.
- B. The list shall be submitted by the Planter to his Association and shall contain the following information:
 - a) The names of the migrant sugarcane workers,
 - b) Their basic information,
 - c) Their place of assignment,
 - d) Preferred date of transport to Negros Occidental
- C. The Planter Association shall endorse the list to the Province of Negros Occidental for proper coordination.

SECTION 2. TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MIGRANT SUGARCANE WORKERS ENTERING THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. All migrant sugarcane workers entering the Province of Negros Occidental shall be required to present the following travel documents:

A. SAFE SWIFT AND SMART PASSAGE (S-PASS) PERMIT.

All Migrant Sugarcane Workers shall secure an electronic or printed copy of the **APPROVED TRAVEL COORDINATION PERMIT** issued by the S-PASS travel management system.

B. NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT PRIOR TO TRAVEL OF ALL MIGRANT SUGARCANE WORKERS

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

SECTION 3. SWAB UPON ARRIVAL IN LIEU OF NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST PRIOR TO TRAVEL. Migrant sugarcane workers who cannot comply with Section 2(B) hereof shall be required to submit to RT-PCR Testing upon arrival at the port of entry subject to the following guidelines:

- A. For every migrant sugarcane worker employed by the Planter who avails of this service, the Planter shall deposit the amount of Php 1,500.00 per person to the Province under the name of "DONATION TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL" in order to aid the Province in purchasing RT-PCR Test kits.
- B. The Planter shall endorse the list of migrant sugarcane workers who avail of this service with the attached acknowledgment receipt to the Province of Negros Occidental for proper coordination.
- C. The Planter shall facilitate and provide the transportation of farm workers from their port of entries to their quarters (quarantine facilities) located in their respective farms. Quarantine facilities shall be isolated from the community until results are released by the Provincial Health Office (PHO).
- D. All positive cases shall be transferred to the Provincial Quarantine Facilities.

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

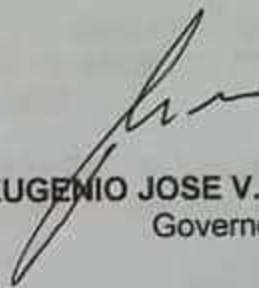
SECTION 5. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. All persons and/or establishments who do not comply with the Provisions of this Executive Order, as well as established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-IED, either agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of these guidelines are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Guideline shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 10th day of August, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.



EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Governor of