



Executive Order No. 21-48
Series of 2021

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ADOPTING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE
MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) ALERT LEVELS
SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 AND PLACING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2 FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2021 UNTIL NOVEMBER
14, 2021**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1218, series of 2021 further extending the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) until September 12, 2022;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 1218, series of 2021, 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 Modified General Community Quarantine under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-25, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Placing the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Under Modified General Community Quarantine", extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-26, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until June 30, 2020", extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-28, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until July 15, 2020", extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-32, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until July 31, 2020", extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-35, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until August 15, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-36, Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until August 31, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-43 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until September 15, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 44 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until September 30, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-46 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until October 31, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-47 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until November 30, 2020" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 20-52 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until December 31, 2020" and further extended under the

provisions of Executive Order No. 20-55 Series of 2020 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until January 31, 2021 and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-05 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until February 28, 2021 and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-14 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until March 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-20 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until April 30, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-24 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until May 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-27 Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until June 30, 2021";

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under General Community Quarantine under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-33, entitled: "An Executive Order Placing The Entire Province Of Negros Occidental Under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) Until July 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-39 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until August 31, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-43 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the General Community Quarantine over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until September 30, 2021" and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-46 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) Over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental until October 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) approved the recommendation to further expand the implementation of the Alert Levels System to Region VI wherein the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under Alert Level 2 until November 14, 2021;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt the said IATF-EID Alert Levels System in order to harmonize the local and national protocols in curbing the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Province of Negros Occidental has 33,306 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases as of October 28, 2021 while the entire country has more than 2,772,491 COVID-19 positive cases as of October 29, 2021;

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 ALERT LEVEL 2 OVER THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL. The entire Province of Negros Occidental is hereby placed under Alert Level 2 pursuant to the IATF-EID Alert Levels System until 11:59 pm of November 14, 2021.

SECTION 2. TRAVEL PROTOCOLS FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. Executive Order No. 21-34, Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Adopting the Salient Points of the Guidelines and Protocols for Fully Vaccinated Individuals under COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 124-B, Series of 2021" shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. TRAVEL PROTOCOLS FOR UNVACCINATED AND PARTIALLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. Executive Order No. 21-38, Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Implementing More Stringent Travel Protocols for Inbound Travel to the

Province of Negros Occidental in order to Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Delta Variant in the Province" shall remain in full force and effect.

EXCEPTION. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS/PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

The provision of IATF Resolution No. 98-A, Series of 2021 shall be in full force and effect. Government officials/personnel on official business shall be allowed unimpeded travel to their place of destination, provided that they:

- a. Present valid IDs issued by their respective government agency;
- b. Present original or certified true copy of travel authority/order issued by the Department Secretary or his/her designated official;
- c. Pass symptom screening at the port upon arrival, and in case of public transport, upon boarding; and
- d. Strictly comply with the minimum public health standards.

SECTION 4. STRINGENT MEASURES ON MASS GATHERINGS. Executive Order No. 21-21, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Implementing Stringent Measures on Mass Gatherings in Order to Curb the Current Surge of COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in the Province of Negros Occidental" shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. CLOSURE OF ESTABLISHMENTS. The following establishments shall be closed during the duration of Alert Level 2 unless authorized by the IATF-EID or Office of the President:

- a. Casinos
- b. Horse Racing
- c. Cockfighting and Operation of Cockpits
- d. Lottery and Betting Shops
- e. Other Gaming Establishments

SECTION 6. LIMITED OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS. The following establishments shall be allowed to operate, or be undertaken at a maximum of 50% indoor venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals only and those below 18 years of age, even if unvaccinated, and 70% outdoor venue capacity:

- a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
- b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
- e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
- f. Cinemas and movie houses;
- g. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education subject to prior approval of the Office of the President;
- h. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;
- i. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
- j. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agency, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
- k. Dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;

- l. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI; With Amendments as of October 13, 2021
- m. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for individual non-contact exercise and sports, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols. Provided that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and that no group activities are conducted;
- n. Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and the DOH;
- o. Contact sports approved by the LGU where such games shall be held;
- p. Funfairs/peryas or kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
- q. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters; and
- r. Gatherings in residences with individuals not belonging to the same household.

Provided, that all workers/employees of these aforementioned establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and Department of Health Minimum Public Health Standards shall be strictly maintained. Provided further, that there is no objection from the LGU where these activities may take place.

SECTION 7. CURFEW HOURS. Section 4 of Executive Order No. 21-27, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine Over the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Until June 30, 2021" shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. MANDATORY REGISTRATION TO THE SAFE, SWIFT, AND SMART PASSAGE (SPaSS) AND STAYSAFE.PH APPLICATIONS. Executive Order No. 21-23, Series of 2021 entitled "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" shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. For effective information dissemination, all LGUs shall serve copies and apprise all barangay officials of this Executive Order.

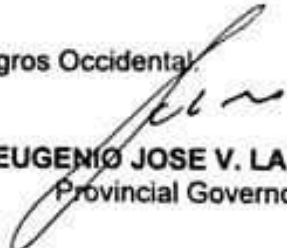
SECTION 10. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. All persons and/or establishments who do not comply with the provisions of this Executive Order, as well as the established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, other agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 11. 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 12. 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 13. EFFECTIVITY – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00 am of November 1, 2021.

Issued this 29th day of October, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.


EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
 Provincial Governor