



**Executive Order No. 21-57**  
**Series of 2021**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING NEW GUIDELINES UNDER ALERT  
LEVEL 2 STATUS FOR THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL PARK AND LAGOON**

**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**, 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 has been classified under Alert Level 2;

**WHEREAS**, on October 29, 2021, the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under Alert Level 2 under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-48, entitled: "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 to November 14, 2021", and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-51 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until November 30, 2021"; and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-55, Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until December 15, 2021";

**WHEREAS**, Section 5, Item 1 of the Guidelines for Nationwide Alert Level System as of November 18, 2021 and Section 2 of Executive Order 21-55, Series of 2021 provide that, Intrazonal and Interzonal travel for all ages and for any purpose, including leisure, shall be allowed;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5, Item 3(c) of the Guidelines for Nationwide Alert Level System as of November 18, 2021 and Section 5(c) of Executive Order 21-55, Series of 2021 provide that, visitor or tourist attractions such as parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like shall be allowed limited operation of up to 70% outdoor venue capacity to cater to individuals, regardless of vaccination status;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Capitol Park and Lagoon is a popular visitor attraction for exercise, relaxation and leisure for Negrenses;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to implement new guidelines in the operation of the Provincial Capitol Park and Lagoon in order to align and conform with the issuances set forth under the IATF-EID Guidelines for Nationwide Alert Level System as of November 18, 2021 and Provincial Executive Order 21-55, Series of 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. REVISED OPERATION GUIDELINES OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITOL PARK AND LAGOON.** Pursuant to the IATF-EID Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, and Provincial Executive Order 21-55, Series of 2021 these are the guidelines for the operation of the Provincial Capitol Park and Lagoon during Alert Level 2:

- A. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ANY PURPOSE.** The Provincial Capitol Lagoon shall be open to all persons of all ages and for any purpose, including leisure.
- B. OUTDOOR VENUE CAPACITY LIMIT.** The Provincial Capitol Lagoon shall be allowed up to 70% outdoor venue capacity to cater to individuals, regardless of vaccination status.
- C. OPERATING HOURS.** The Provincial Capitol Lagoon shall be open to the public from 5:00AM to 10:00PM daily.
- D. DOH PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Minimum public health standards prescribed by the Department of Health shall be strictly enforced at all times with an emphasis on the following:
  - a. Temperature check in order to be permitted entry to the park
  - b. Observance of physical distancing and wearing of mask inside the park

**SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE.** The Provincial Incident Management Team is hereby designated as the Implementation Committee to ensure compliance with health protocols in operating the Provincial Capitol Park and Lagoon.

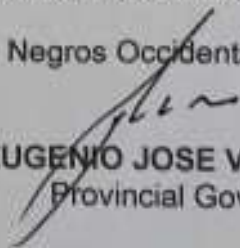
**SECTION 3. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.** All persons and/or establishments who do not comply with the provisions of this Executive Order, as well as the established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, other agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

**SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVITY** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

  
**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Provincial Governor