



**Executive Order No. 21-61-A**  
**Series of 2022**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, AND 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-61, SERIES OF 2021, AND IMPOSING REASONABLE RESTRICTIONS ON AIR, SEA, AND LAND TRAVEL AS A PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOL TO CURB THE POSSIBLE INCREASE OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2021, Executive Order No. 21-61, Series of 2021, entitled "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until January 15, 2022," was issued by the undersigned;

**WHEREAS**, on December 31, 2021, the COVID-19 IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 155, Series of 2021, escalating the alert level classification of the National Capital Region to Alert Level 3 which refers to areas wherein case counts are high and/or increasing, with total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate at increasing utilization;

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2022, the Philippines tallied 10,775 new COVID-19 infections wherein the Department of Health (DOH) reported that most of the infections were from Metro Manila, Calabarzon, and Central Luzon. The DOH further reported that the positivity rate was 31.7% which is way above the five-percent threshold of the World Health Organization, thereby indicating that the spread of the virus is not under control;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Executive Order 21-61, Series of 2021, in order to impose reasonable restrictions discouraging air, sea, and land travel to the Province of Negros Occidental so as to prevent the possible increase of COVID-19 cases in the province;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**, Governor of this Province, by virtue of the powers vested in me by laws, orders and decrees do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-61, SERIES OF 2021.** Section 2 of Executive Order No. 21-61, Series of 2021 is hereby amended to be read as follows, effective at 12:00am of January 9, 2022:

**SECTION 2. TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR INTERZONAL AND INTRAZONAL TRAVEL.** Pursuant to the IATF-EID Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, Intrazonal and Interzonal travel shall be allowed. However, travel to and from areas classified under Alert Level 3 and 4 shall be restricted and discouraged. In light of the recent classification of the National Capital Region under Alert Level 3, the following shall be the travel guidelines for the Province of Negros Occidental:

**A. DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERZONAL MOVEMENT OF FULLY VACCINATED, PARTIALLY VACCINATED, AND UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.** All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, shall be required to present the following documents to enter the Province of Negros Occidental:

- I. **S-PASS.** *An electronic or printed copy of the Approved Travel Coordination Permit issued by the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PASS) travel management system approved by Local Government Unit (LGU) of destination and/or the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental upon submission of vaccination card or certificate and;*
- II. **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. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS/PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.** *The provisions 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.*

**B. INDIVIDUALS WITH FAKE DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

*Individuals/Travelers apprehended with fake documents shall face criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations and subjected to the following:*

1. *A fourteen (14) day quarantine at a Provincial Healing Facility, and*
2. *An RT-PCR Test, at his/her expense, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day from arrival.*

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-61, SERIES OF 2021.** Section 3 of Executive Order No. 21-61, Series of 2021 is hereby amended to be read as follows:

**SECTION 3. AIRPORT OPERATIONS GUIDELINES.** *Air travel between areas classified under Alert Level 3 Status and the Province of Negros Occidental is hereby restricted and shall be subjected to the following guidelines:*

- a. *ONE (1) flight per Airline Company per day for Manila-Bacolod-Manila flights.*
- b. *In addition to subsection (a), Airline Companies may avail of one (1) additional inbound Manila to Bacolod cargo-only flight and one (1) additional outbound Bacolod to Manila passenger flight per day.*
- c. *ONE (1) flight per Airline Company per week for Cebu-Bacolod-Cebu flights.*
- d. *All modes of transportation shall be allowed to bring passengers to and from the airport.*



- e. *Minimum public health standards prescribed by the Department of Health shall be strictly enforced.*

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-61, SERIES OF 2021.** Section 4 of Executive Order No. 21-61, Series of 2021 is hereby amended to be read as follows:

**SECTION 4. SEAPORT OPERATIONS GUIDELINES.** *Sea travel between areas classified under Alert Level 3 Status and the Province of Negros Occidental is hereby restricted and shall be subjected to the following guidelines:*

- a. Sea vessels shall be allowed to admit passengers up to 50% of its passenger capacity limit
- b. *All modes of transportation shall be allowed to bring passengers to and from the seaport.*
- c. *Minimum public health standards prescribed by the Department of Health shall be strictly enforced.*

**SECTION 4. PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING FOR INCOMING PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD FROM JANUARY 7, 2022 TO JANUARY 9, 2022.** The Provincial Health Office is hereby directed to conduct Rapid Antigen Testing on all incoming passengers at the airports and seaports of the Province of Negros Occidental during the interim period from January 7, 2022 to January 9, 2022.

**SECTION 5. INTER-AGENCY HEIGHTENED PATROL OF PROVINCIAL BORDERS.** The Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Provincial Incident Management Team is hereby directed to heighten the security and patrol of the provincial borders of the Province of Negros Occidental in order to ensure compliance with this Executive Order.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

  
**EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**  
Governor 