

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12

Series of 2021

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM 12 UNTIL 30 APRIL 2021 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, on 08 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 922* declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and enjoined all local government units (LGU) to render full assistance and cooperation to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 929* declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on 11 April 2021, the Province of Bulacan, together with the National Capital Region, Rizal, Cavite, and Laguna, was placed by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from 12 until 30 April 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Section 465, Par. (b)* of the *Local Government Code*, the Provincial Governor, as the chief executive of the provincial government, is authorized to adopt such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities, issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances, and ensure that the acts of all LGUs in the province and their officials are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties, and functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL R. FERNANDO, Provincial Governor of Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. IMPLEMENTING THE IATF RESOLUTION NO. 109-A SERIES OF 2021. ---The applicable provisions of *IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES with Amendments as of April 03, 2021* for the strict implementation and enforcement of a Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in the Province of Bulacan are hereby adopted, more particularly:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ.



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2. Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households, and the movement of all residents shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in permitted offices or establishments, and to engage in the allowed activities listed hereunder.
3. All persons below eighteen (18) and above sixty-five (65) years old, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any persons who reside with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in their respective permitted industries and offices.
4. All establishments, persons, or activities permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) under the above-mentioned IATF guidelines shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity.
5. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during an ECQ shall be allowed to operate at fifty percent (50%) on-site capacity, while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without prejudice to the authority of Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to issue a negative list of industries which shall remain prohibited even in areas under MECQ, the following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during the MECQ:

- a. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas
- b. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues
- c. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/*peryas*, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playrooms, and kiddie rides
- d. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities
- e. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centers or facilities, and swimming pools
- f. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO)
- g. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, and cultural shows and exhibits
- h. Outdoor tourist attractions
- i. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions
- j. Personal care services which include beauty salons, beauty parlors, medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, make-up salons, nail spas,



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reflexology, aesthetics, wellness and holistic centers, and other similar establishments; acupuncture and electrocautery establishments, and massage therapy including sports therapy establishments, including establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing and similar services; home service for these activities are likewise prohibited

- k. Indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries
6. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational, with a skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency, unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).
7. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid Department of Tourism (DOT) accreditations shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for permitted purposes under a state of public health emergency, and they, including ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to the guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF.
8. Gatherings outside residences, and inside residences with any person not a member of the household, shall be strictly prohibited. Only gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality, which shall adhere to the prescribed minimum public health standards, shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity; *provided*, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place; *provided further*, that the LGUs may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%) in their respective jurisdictions. Religious denominations must strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, interment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed; *provided*, that the same shall be limited to immediate family members, upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the deceased and with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

9. Face-to-face or in-person classes in all schools or institutions of learning, including technical, vocational, and skills development institutions, in all levels shall be suspended. These schools and institutions shall operate in accordance with existing and future guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Legal Education Board (LEB) Technical Educational and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Department of Education (DepEd).



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10. Public transportation shall be allowed at such passenger capacity allowed and under protocols as may be issued by the Department of Transportation (DoTr) and the concerned LGUs. The use of active transportation such as biking is highly encouraged.
11. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following identification documents (ID):
 - a. IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the permitted industries, offices, establishments, and concerned persons
 - b. Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) IDs for lawyers who will provide legal representation necessary to protect the rights of persons under custodial investigation, to bail, and to counsel during inquest proceedings
 - c. Professional Regulation Commission IDs issued to professionals authorized to work in the permitted industries, offices, and establishments
 - d. *Bona fide* IDs issued by employers in the permitted industries, offices, and establishments
 - e. Those issued by LGUs for availing of essential goods and services

No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other documents establishing the nature of their work.
12. The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles as well as vehicles used by public utility companies shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards.
13. Private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers, and such other employees required for the processing of payroll shall be allowed to travel to their respective offices.
14. Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking, are allowed within the general area of their residence, *e.g.* within the barangay, *purok*, subdivision, and/or village; *provided*, that the minimum public health standards and precautions such as the wearing of face masks, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.
15. Workers, cargo vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew.
16. The curfew hours in the entire province shall be from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. of the next day, during which period no person shall be allowed outside of residence, except those in need of emergency services and those allowed to work in permitted industries; Authorized Persons Outside of their Residences (APORs) as defined in previous executive orders, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew. (*Provincial Ordinance No. 88-S. 2020*)



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17. Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions may be prosecuted under *Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11332*, otherwise known as the *Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern*.

Section 2. PROVINCIAL LIQUOR BAN. --- The sale and consumption of liquor and other intoxicating beverages shall be strictly prohibited within the province, in both public and private places, until midnight of 30 April 2021.

Section 3. ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. --- The Philippine National Police (PNP), through the Provincial Police Office, and other law enforcement personnel and agencies in Bulacan are hereby instructed to strictly enforce the provisions of this *Executive Order* as well as the relevant issuances by the national government for the effective implementation of the MECQ in the province.

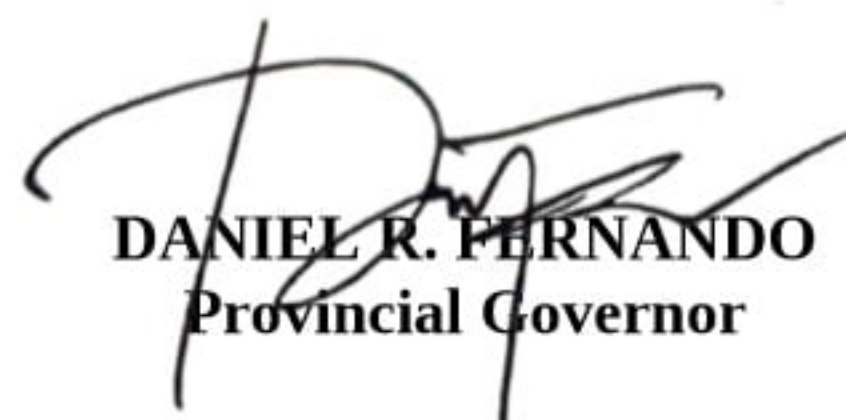
Section 4. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. --- All laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the authorized officials and agencies of the national government in relation to COVID-19 and the implementation of the MECQ are hereby incorporated and shall form integral parts hereof.

Section 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. --- If any part or provision of this *Executive Order* is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. --- All executive orders, related rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this *Executive Order* are hereby replaced or modified accordingly.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. --- This *Executive Order* shall take effect at midnight of 12 April 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 30 April 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 11th day of April, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.


DANIEL R. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor