



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN
CITY OF MALOLOS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19

Series of 2021

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) WITH HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM 15 UNTIL 31 MAY 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 13 May 2021, the Province of Bulacan was placed by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions from 15 until 31 May 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. 115-A SERIES OF 2021. – The applicable provisions of *IATF Resolution No. 115-A, series of 2021 dated May 13, 2021* and *IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES with Amendments as of May 6, 2021* for the strict implementation and enforcement of a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions in the Province of Bulacan are hereby adopted, more particularly:

1. Only essential travel into and out of the NCR Plus shall be allowed. Public transportation shall remain to be operational at such capacities and protocols in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted.



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2. Food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries may operate with their indoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of twenty percent (20%), and fifty percent (50%) for al fresco or outdoor dining.
3. Outdoor tourist attractions may be opened at thirty percent (30%) with strict adherence to minimum public health standards.
4. Specialized markets of the Department of Tourism (DOT) shall be allowed following minimum public health standards, and implementation of such protocols and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT.
5. Religious gatherings and gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity.
6. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the GCQ.
7. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this *Executive Order*.
8. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five years (65) of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this *Executive Order*.
9. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate anywhere between fifty (50%) to one hundred percent (100%) on-site capacity as may be determined by the DTI while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during GCQ:

- 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, playroom, and kiddie rides;



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- d. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments, except as may be authorized by the IATF or the Office of the President for the purpose of raising revenue for the government; and
- e. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities;

The foregoing is likewise without prejudice to the authority of DTI to issue a negative list of industries that shall remain prohibited even in areas under GCQ.

10. All construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH.
11. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational and shall operate at a minimum of thirty percent (30%) up to full on-site capacity as determined by the head of the agency, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.
12. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF.
13. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited except for those permitted in GCQ under this *Executive Order*. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one's immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed.

Visits to memorial parks, cemeteries, and columbaria shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group and not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity.

14. Face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education shall be suspended. The basic education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of DepEd. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and technical vocational education and training may be allowed, subject to the guidelines of CHED and TESDA, respectively.
15. 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



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- 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.

16. 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.
17. Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, diving, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. Provided, further, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, are compliant with the protocols prescribed by the DTI. For this purpose, those below eighteen (18) years of age and above sixty-five (65), may be allowed outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited.
18. 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*.
19. 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*)

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 31 May 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.



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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 15 May 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 31 May 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 14th day of May, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.


DANIEL R. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor