



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN  
CITY OF MALOLOS

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 25

Series of 2021

### AN ORDER EXTENDING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM 16 UNTIL 31 JULY 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 15 July 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) from 16 until 31 July 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 OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** – The applicable provisions of *IATF RESOLUTION NO. 125 series of 2021 dated July 8, 2021* and *IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES with Amendments as of May 20, 2021* for the strict implementation and enforcement of a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) 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 GCQ.
2. 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*.





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- 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*. Local government units may relax the minimum age range down to fifteen (15) years old, depending on the COVID-19 situation in their respective jurisdictions.
- Children five (5) years old and above may be able to go to outdoor areas as defined below, provided that the child is supervised by fully vaccinated adult/s and is in observance of minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face masks and social distancing. Provided further, that the local government units concerned may increase the above age restriction of children depending on the COVID-19 situation in their respective jurisdictions.

Outdoor areas are those that allow free air movement from all directions and may be covered by a roof, supported by posts, and not surrounded by walls and shall be limited to the following: (i.) parks, (ii.) playgrounds, (iii.) beaches, (iv.) biking and hiking trails, (v.) outdoor tourist sites and attractions as may be defined by the Department of Tourism, (vi.) outdoor non-contact sports courts and venues, and (vii.) al fresco dining establishments in the above-listed areas. These outdoor areas shall not include mixed-use indoor/outdoor buildings, facilities, such as malls and similar establishments.

- All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate based on the on-site operational capacity set by *DTI Memorandum Circular No. 21-19 Series of 2021* while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable. From the maximum set by DTI, the LGUs may lower on-site capacities down to the minimum of fifty percent (50%) as set by DTI depending on the COVID-19 situation within their jurisdiction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and without prejudice to previous IATF resolutions, the establishments, persons, or activities under the *DTI Memorandum Circular No. 21-19 Negative List* shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during GCQ.

- 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.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) 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 LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.





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Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). Provided, further, that the same shall be with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

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. Provided, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%).

- Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under *Section 9 par. (d) or (e)*, as the case may be, of *Republic Act No. 11332*, otherwise known as the *Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act*, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- 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. 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 GCQ are hereby incorporated and shall form integral parts hereof.

**Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. EFFECTIVITY.** --- This *Executive Order* shall take effect at midnight of 16 July 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 31 July 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.

  
DANIEL R. FERNANDO  
Provincial Governor