



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF BULACAN
CITY OF MALOLOS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27

Series of 2021

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) WITH HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM 01 UNTIL 15 AUGUST 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 29 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) with heightened restrictions from 01 until 15 August 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. 130-A SERIES OF 2021. – The applicable provisions of *IATF Resolution No. 130-A, series of 2021 dated July 29, 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. 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 with their *al fresco* or outdoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of fifty percent (50%);
2. Personal care services, such as beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas, and the like may operate up to thirty percent (30%) of venue or seating capacity. These establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers;



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3. Meetings, incentives, conventions, and exhibitions (MICE) events and social events in venue establishments shall not be allowed;
4. Outdoor tourist attractions accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT), shall be allowed at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity with strict adherence to minimum public health standards;
5. Indoor tourist attractions and indoor sports courts and venues shall not be allowed to operate;
6. Specialized markets of the DOT shall remain to be allowed at such capacities, protocols, and restrictions as may be imposed by the DOT;
7. Under the *Safety Seal Certification Program*, business establishments awarded safety seal certifications shall be allowed to operate at an additional ten (10) percentage points beyond the prescribed on-site capacity or venue/seating capacity, whichever is applicable;
8. Only the following Authorized Persons Outside their Residence (APOR) shall be allowed to travel into and out of NCR Plus Areas: (1) health and emergency frontline services and uniformed personnel, (2) government officials and employees on official travel, (3) duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), especially those transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19, and other relief and humanitarian assistance, (4) persons travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (5) persons going to and from the airport, (6) anyone crossing zones for work or business permitted in the zone of destination, or activities as may be authorized by the IATF, and going back home, and (7) public utility vehicle operators.
9. Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity; *provided*, that there is no objection from the LGU where the religious gathering may take place; *provided further*, that the LGU may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%). The concerned religious groups or denominations shall strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.
10. Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, 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 entire duration of the activity;
11. Other provisions of the *Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines*, as amended, not affected by the foregoing shall continue to be in effect, including those on interzonal travel into and out of the aforementioned areas, and the operation of public transportation. The use of active transportation shall likewise be promoted, subject to the above restrictions.



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12. 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*.
13. 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; however, APORs, as defined in previous executive orders, shall not be restricted by such curfew. (*Provincial Ordinance No. 88-S. 2020*)

Section 2. AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO DECLARE GRANULAR LOCKDOWNS.--- All city and municipal mayors in the province shall have the authority to declare any area in their respective jurisdictions under granular lockdowns or any form of local zoning containment to prevent and curb the spread of COVID-19.

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 ordered to strictly enforce their border control policies and implement the provisions of this *Executive Order* as well as the relevant issuances by the national government for the effective implementation of the quarantine 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 quarantine 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 31 July 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 15 August 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 31st day of July, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.


DANIEL R. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor