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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30

Series of 2021

AN ORDER ENJOINING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM 16 UNTIL 31 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 13 August 2021, the Province of Bulacan was placed by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) from 16 until 31 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. 133-A SERIES OF 2021. ---The applicable provisions of *OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES with Amendments as of August 06, 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. 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*.
3. 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 Section. 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.
4. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate at different operational capacities while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without prejudice to the authority of 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 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, playroom, 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, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office;
 - 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 exhibition and social events;
 - j. Personal care services which include medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, make-up salons, reflexology, aesthetics, wellness, and holistic centers, and other similar establishments; acupuncture and electrocautery establishments, and massage therapy including sports therapy establishments. It also includes establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing, and similar services. Home service for these activities are likewise not permitted.
5. Food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries may resume their indoor dine-in services in areas under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine at an initial venue or seating capacity of ten percent (10%). Said food



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preparation establishments may operate their indoor dine-in services beyond the limitation prescribed in the preceding paragraph, *provided* that they comply with the Safety Seal Certification Program. (IATF Resolution No. 113)

6. Beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas may resume operations at an initial venue or seating capacity of thirty percent (30%). For this purpose, these establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers. Said personal care establishments may operate beyond the limitation prescribed in the preceding paragraph, *provided* that they comply the Safety Seal Certification Program. (IATF Resolution No. 113)
7. 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 CSC.
8. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a 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.
9. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited. 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 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 LGU may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, 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.

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



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11. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged.
12. 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.

13. 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.
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. All LGUs shall ensure unhampered movement by land, air, or sea of all types of goods and cargoes - including their personnel and delivery vehicles - to and from their destination. Personnel of delivery vehicles up to a maximum of five (5) persons, when transporting goods and cargoes, are exempt from any testing and quarantine protocols that may be imposed by the LGUs en route to the point of destination. *Provided*, they undergo the usual symptom screening at the point of destination. *Provided, further*, that strict social distancing measures must be observed, which may include, if necessary, the putting up of additional safe and humane seats or space in the vehicles. *Provided, finally*, that the PNP retains its authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for the purpose of ensuring that protocols on strict home quarantine are observed.

The movement of the following authorized persons outside their residences (APOR), by land, sea, or air, within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be allowed:



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- a. Health and emergency frontline services and uniformed personnel;
 - b. Government officials and employees on official travel;
 - c. Duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), especially those transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19, and other relief and humanitarian assistance;
 - d. Persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, and those leaving their residence to be vaccinated (with proof of schedule), and persons availing of DFA consular services (with confirmed appointments);
 - e. Persons going to and from the airport including Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) carrying Overseas Employment Certificates;
 - f. Any person whose purpose of travel to the zone of destination is for a work, business, or activity that is also permitted in areas under MECQ, and;
 - g. Public utility vehicle operators. Authorized shuttle services shall be allowed to travel within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine, with priority given to persons rendering health and emergency frontline services.
16. 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.

Section 2. CURFEW HOURS. --- 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 3. LIQUOR BAN. --- The sale, transport, and consumption of liquor and other intoxicating beverages shall be subject to the regulation of the cities and municipalities within their respective jurisdictions.

Section 4. 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 5. 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.



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Section 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. EFFECTIVITY. --- This *Executive Order* shall take effect at midnight of 15 August 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 31 August 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 15th day of August, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.


DANIEL R. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor