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CITY OF MALOLOS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43
Series of 2021

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS SYSTEM AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALERT LEVEL 2 IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM 01 UNTIL 14 NOVEMBER 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, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) has come up with a new *Alert Level System for COVID-19* in place of the former quarantine classifications and, on 29 October 2021, placed the Province of Bulacan under Alert Level 2 to take effect from 01 until 14 November 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. 146-A SERIES OF 2021. --- The applicable provisions of *IATF GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALERT LEVELS SYSTEM FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE as of October 13, 2021* and *IATF Resolution No. 146-A, series of 2021* for the enforcement of Alert Level 2 in the Province of Bulacan are hereby adopted, more particularly:

1. Intrazonal and interzonal travel shall be allowed subject to the reasonable restrictions based on age and comorbidities, as may be determined by the LGUs, which should not be stricter as those prescribed under Alert Level 4 and subject to the oversight, monitoring, and evaluation of the Regional IATF; *provided*, that those below



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eighteen (18) years of age when accompanied by parents or guardians, and those belonging to the vulnerable population, shall be allowed access to obtain essential goods and services, for work in permitted industries and offices in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations, or for permitted activities. Individual outdoor exercises shall also be allowed for all ages regardless of comorbidities or vaccination status.

2. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments shall not be allowed to operate, or be undertaken, except as may be authorized by the IATF or the Office of the President.
3. The following establishments, or activities, shall be allowed to operate, or be undertaken at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) indoor venue capacity, and seventy percent (70%) outdoor venue capacity; *provided*, that all workers/employees of these establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and the minimum public health standards shall be strictly maintained; *provided further*, that there is no objection from the LGU where these activities may take place; *provided finally*, that indoor venues for these establishments will accept only fully vaccinated individuals and those below 18 years of age, even if unvaccinated, so long as they are accompanied by fully vaccinated parents or guardians:
 - a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions;
 - b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
 - c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
 - d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
 - e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
 - f. Cinemas and movie houses;
 - g. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
 - h. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agencies, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
 - i. Dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to sector-specific protocols issued by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
 - j. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI;



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- k. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for individual non-contact exercise and sports, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols; *provided* that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and that no group activities are conducted;
 - l. Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and the Department of Health (DOH);
 - m. Contact sports approved by the LGU where such games shall be held;
 - n. Funfairs/*peryas* or kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
 - o. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters; and
 - p. Gatherings in residences even with individuals not belonging to the same household.
4. For the utmost protection of the health and safety of all students and school personnel in the province, no school may conduct face-to-face classes until all its students and personnel have been fully vaccinated. To this effect, all schools in the province under the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), including review centers, shall submit to the Office of the Governor a certification prior to opening of face-to-face classes. This shall be subject to the review and may be modified anytime by the Office of the President.
 5. Any violation of the foregoing 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. MANDATORY OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. -- The strict observance of the minimum public health standards, which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of face masks, among others, shall be mandatory and indispensable and must be complied with at all times in all of the permitted activities, industries, or venues.

Section 3. CURFEW HOURS -- The curfew hours in the entire province shall be from 11 p.m. until 4 a.m. of the next day, during which no person shall be allowed outside of residence, except those in need of emergency services and those allowed to work in permitted industries. However, Authorized Persons Outside of their Residences (APORs), as defined in previous executive orders, and workers, cargo vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments shall not be restricted by such curfew.



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Section 4. AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO DECLARE GRANULAR LOCKDOWNS. --- The authority to impose granular lockdown shall be given to the city and municipal mayors with respect to their component barangays, and individual houses where one household member has been confirmed, residential buildings, streets, blocks, puroks, subdivisions, and/or villages within their jurisdiction. Declaration of granular lockdowns by local chief executives shall be provisionally effective immediately and shall include due notice to the the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF) and the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force (PIATF).

The list of Authorized Persons Outside Residences under the *IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines*, as amended, shall not apply in areas under granular lockdowns. Only health care workers (HCWs) and non-health personnel working in hospitals, laboratories, dialysis facilities, and community healthcare workers if their institutions are unable to provide accommodation for their personnel, and uniformed personnel tasked to enforce the granular lockdown, shall be allowed to move within, into, and out of the area under granular lockdown. The following shall be allowed to enter and/or exit granular lockdown areas for specific purposes:

1. Overseas Filipino Workers bound for international travel, and those returning to their respective residences after having completed facility-based quarantine upon arrival;
2. Individuals whose home or residence are located within an area under granular lockdown may enter the said area for the sole purpose of returning to their respective homes or residences but must thereafter remain therein for the duration of the granular lockdown;
3. Individuals under exceptional circumstances such as, but not limited to, those seeking urgent medical attention as validated by the municipal/city health officer; and
4. Food and essential items provided that they can only be picked up and/or unloaded at border collection points designated by the LGU.

Section 5. ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. --- The Philippine National Police (PNP), through the Police Provincial Office, and other law enforcement personnel and agencies in Bulacan are hereby instructed to strictly implement the provisions of this *Executive Order* as well as the relevant issuances by the national government for the effective implementation of Alert Level 2 in the province. They shall make sure that security protocols are maintained in lockdown areas.

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 Alert Level 2 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.



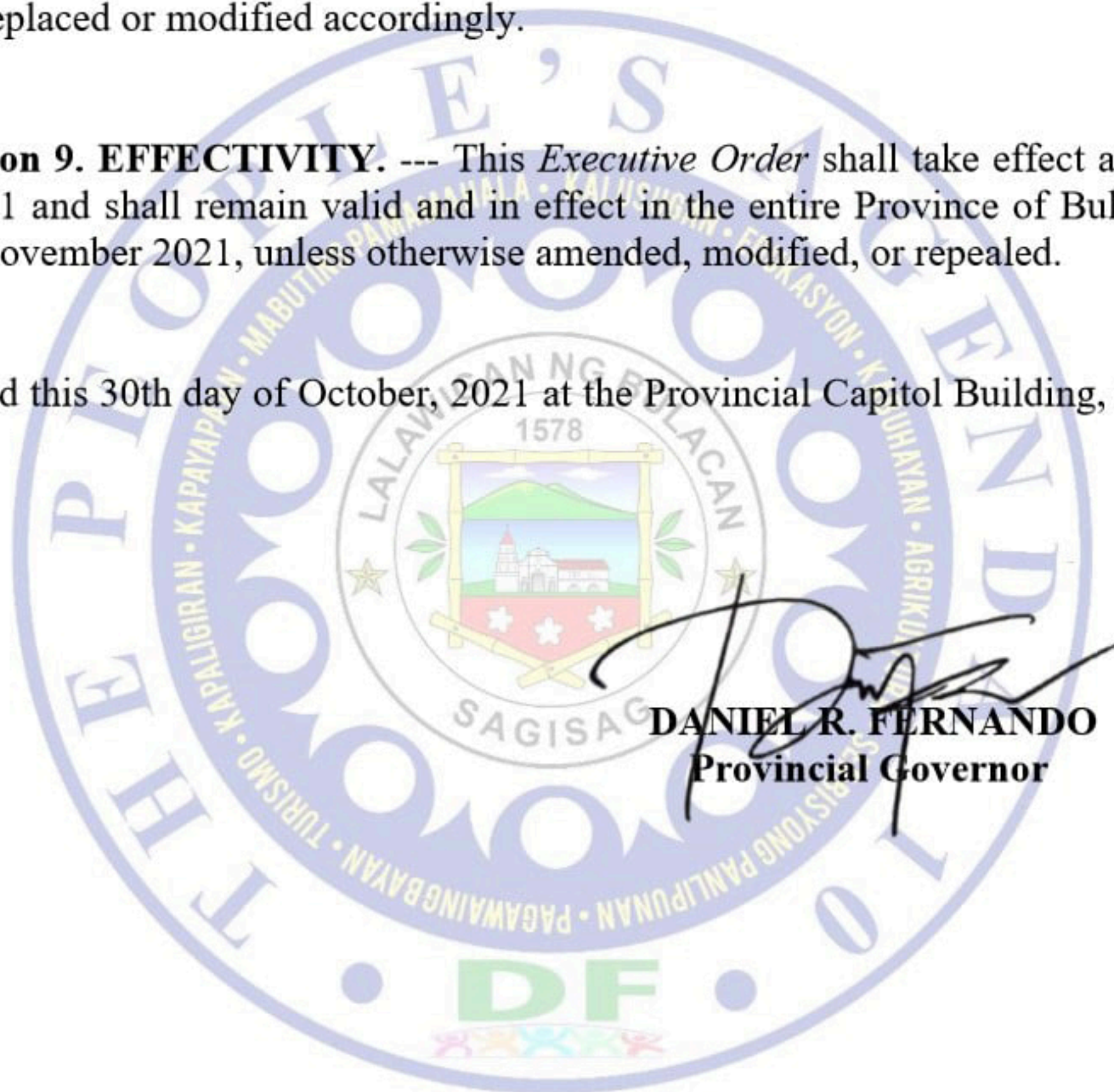
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Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. --- All executive orders, related rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this *Executive Order* are hereby replaced or modified accordingly.

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY. --- This *Executive Order* shall take effect at midnight of 31 October 2021 and shall remain valid and in effect in the entire Province of Bulacan until 11:59 p.m. of 14 November 2021, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

Issued this 30th day of October, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol Building, City of Malolos, Bulacan.



DANIEL R. FERNANDO
Provincial Governor