



Executive Order No. 17
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AN ORDER LIFTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE EFFECTIVE APRIL 27, 2020 AND PLACING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE STARTING APRIL 27, 2020 UNTIL MAY 15, 2020

Pursuant to the recommendations of the National Task Force COVID 19 Resolution No.28 s. 2020 and by the authority vested in me as Provincial Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, I, **NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**, do hereby order the lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the province of Davao Oriental effective April 27, 2020, and placing the province of Davao Oriental under General Community Quarantine starting April 27, 2020, until May 15, 2020. For this purpose, the following are further ordered:

Section 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1.1 Use of Home Quarantine Pass

- a. Movement of designated individuals per household outside their dwelling shall be limited to accessing basic necessities, and provision for food and health services. All Mayors are directed to strictly implement the use of home quarantine pass in their respective city or municipal LGUs.
- b. Visible Wearing of the HQP shall be strictly enforced in all public areas (by use of ID slings, clips, and the like). Persons who are seen not visibly wearing their HQP may be apprehended by the PNP and/or force multipliers.
- c. A 'No HQP, No transaction' policy shall be strictly enforced in all establishments which are allowed to operate during the period. Establishments that are not enforcing a 'no HQP, no transaction policy' may be penalized accordingly.
- d. Those persons aged 20 years old and below and 60 years old and above, pregnant mothers and those with existing comorbidities are advised to stay at home.
- e. Frontliners are allowed to transact with establishments allowed to operate using their agency identification cards as a substitute to the Home Quarantine Pass (HQP).
- f. Notwithstanding this provision, all heads of office are directed to regulate the movement of such frontliners outside their area of jurisdiction. For the purpose of this order, frontliners may be defined as the following: all Department of Health officials and staff; all health and service personnel at LGU facilities; all Philippine Red Cross vehicles bearing the Red Cross logo and staff with Red Cross identification; the



core staff of the World Health Organization country and regional offices; all medical professionals, hospital administrative staff and aides from both public and private facilities as well as their transportation service providers; all disaster risk reduction and management personnel; DILG officials and employees; Prosecutors and Judges and employees of courts; Law Enforcement and Security personnel from the PNP, Philippine Army, PCG, PDEA, LGU-CSUs, and other law enforcement agencies.

- g. There is no need for any ID or Quarantine pass in the event of an emergency.
- h. No barangay certification shall be issued and used in lieu of HOP.
- i. The AFP/PNP together with force multipliers at the barangay level shall help in patrolling and monitoring the implementation of this order and other laws pertinent to this public health emergency

1.2 Curfew.

The curfew shall be from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Within the curfew hours, people cannot go out of their houses, except in cases of emergencies or if going to work in exempted sectors/ frontline offices.

1.3 Suspension of Classes

Classes and all school activities in both public and private schools across all levels in Davao Oriental shall be suspended indefinitely until further notice.

1.4 Prohibition of Mass gatherings

- a. Mass gatherings shall persist to be prohibited.
- b. All religious gatherings shall persist to be prohibited. However, Davao Oriental residents are encouraged to pray in their homes and observe the twelve o'clock noon moments of prayer embodied in Executive Order No. 14, s. 2020.

1.5 Wake/Interment/Transport of Cadavers

- a. Transport of cadavers coming in from outside Davao Oriental shall be allowed upon presentation of the necessary *permit to travel cadaver, clinical summary* if death occurred in the hospital or certification from a local health office if otherwise.
- b. The carriage of the cadaver shall be a funeral hearse/coach or a government vehicle designated to carry cadavers. Muslim brothers and sisters may use a private vehicle for this purpose. Under no circumstance shall a dead body be mixed with other cargos inside one vehicle.



- c. Wakes shall be limited to family members who are up to the second degree of consanguinity and first degree of affinity only. Identification cards will be checked at the borders while the final checking of family affinity and consanguinity will be at the city/municipal and/or barangay border. The Punong barangay or barangay officials have the right to deny entry of individuals who will not be able to prove their familial relations to the deceased.
- d. Family members are enjoined to cut short wakes of up to 3-5 days only.
- e. Remains of all patient under investigation and COVID 19 confirmed cases, shall be disposed of according to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-0063 otherwise known as Interim Guidelines on the management of human remains for a patient under investigation and confirmed COVID 19 cases as well as DOH DM 2020-0067 on the guidelines in the disposal and shipment of the remains of confirmed cases of COVID 19.

1.6 Prohibition of Cockfighting and other forms of gambling

Backyard cockfighting/ sabong shall be prosecuted under pertinent laws and regulations. Gambling and betting in all forms shall be strictly prohibited.

Section 2. HEALTH RELATED GUIDELINES

2.1 Preventive and Protective Measures

- a. Wearing of face mask is mandatory when going out in public. Face masks with face shields are encouraged;
- b. As embodied in the Inter-agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 12 s. 2020, the following government employees, even if they work in offices which are considered to provide essential services, shall not report to work, to wit: those who are sixty years old and above; those who are at risk of being infected (immunocompromised and those with comorbidities and pregnant women). Provided, however, that they will present a medical certificate or any proof thereof;
- c. Spitting in public must be strictly prohibited. LGUs may pass an ordinance to this effect.
- d. Physical Distancing and other preventive measures shall be continuously observed in public places. Heads of LGUs shall impose upon their constituents the practice of physical distancing and other personal protective measures. Physical distancing entails maintaining a distance of 2 meters from another person.



2.2 Creation of Contact Tracing Team in LGUs

Each LGU must ensure the organization and expansion of its contact tracing team (CTT). The CTT shall be led by the PNP Chief of Police and assisted by the City/Municipal Health Officer, with the following members:

- a. Staff from PNP City/Municipal Police Station;
- b. Staff from the Armed Forces of the Philippines/Philippine Army;
- c. Staff from City/Municipal Health Office;
- d. Staff from Bureau of Fire Protection;
- e. City/Municipal/Barangay Health Workers
- f. Barangay Health Emergency Response Team Member;
- g. Barangay Public Health Safety Officer (DILG MC 2020-073)
- h. Staff from City/Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office

2.3 Other COVID Case Detection and Management Guidelines

- a. LGUs are required to monitor COVID-19 cases based on the classification provided under DOH AO No. 2020-0013
- b. All COVID suspects will now be quarantined in designated LGU Ligtas COVID centers. Home quarantine will NOT be encouraged except in very ideal setting to be assessed by local health officers.
- c. Mandatory risk testing will be done among the COVID 19 suspects and those in vulnerable populations based on DOH Memorandum 2020-0180.
- d. Whenever available, all individuals to be quarantined must be tested first using the Rapid Test Polymerase Chain Reaction before being quarantined.
- e. IgM/IgG Antibody Rapid Diagnostic Tests will be used as a method for clearing PUMs based on DOH Memorandum 2020-0180.

2.4 Liquor Ban.

No liquor and alcoholic or intoxicating drinks shall be sold, served, or consumed in public 24 hours of the day during the state of public emergency.

2.5 Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Program

Mental health support in this public health emergency shall be made available for all residents of the province especially to the frontline workers through the Provincial Covid Hotline Numbers. Hence, all mayors and heads of agencies shall cause the widest dissemination possible on the availability of the psychological first aid services as part of its mental health



and psychosocial support program of the Provincial Local Government Unit, Davao Oriental State University, and the Diocese of Mati.

Section 3. ECONOMIC GUIDELINES AND WORK ARRANGEMENT

3.1 Work Arrangement

- a. All government offices must adopt and implement a *work from home* scheme and leave minimal employees to continue to work in offices except those involved in security, health, social services, sanitation, and disaster, who must continue to work on full operation;
- b. Transient workers of crops and plantations shall be allowed entry to the province provided that they are subjected to screening protocols. Employers shall ensure that these transient workers are transported in vehicles within the prescribed seating capacity and they should be housed in one area/place observing proper physical distancing. These workers should also secure health clearance from our local MHO upon their entry to the province.

3.2 Price Freeze Order

The Price Freeze Order shall still be in effect until the lifting of the public health emergency. LGUs are directed to continuously monitor prices of basic goods, commodities, and other medical supplies.

3.3 Guidelines for Establishments

- 3.3.1 ALL establishments and offices SHALL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED until the lifting of this public emergency, EXCEPT:
 - a. government offices;
 - b. groceries/supermarkets/wet markets/palengkes;
 - c. food commissaries/food manufacturing/food delivery services/bakeries and bakeshops;
 - d. wholesale stores/convenience stores/sari-sari stores;
 - e. hospitals/medical laboratories/pharmacies/drugstores/doctor's and dentist's clinics;
 - f. banks and ATMs, savings and credit cooperatives, money-transfer services and bayad centers;
 - g. courier services, other delivery services;
 - h. hardware and construction supplies;
 - i. Mass media agencies;
 - j. gas stations, LPG stations;
 - k. water refilling stations;
 - l. agribusiness, farms/feeds distributorship;
 - m. Auto/vehicle repair shops and vulcanizing shops;
 - n. Manufacturing/fabrication/construction work;
 - o. Printing shops/printing press;
 - p. Power, water and telecommunications utilities/providers;
 - q. Funeral parlors



- r. office and school supply shops
- s. cellphone repair shops
- t. general merchandise stores

- 3.3.2 Manufacturing, fabrication, construction work, banana industry, agri-business, and farms are now allowed to continue their operations; however, they are still required to reduce their workers/laborers at the job site and establish a two-meter distance between workers. They must present their company ID or work pass issued by their respective LGU and other proof of identity at designated checkpoints.
- 3.3.3 All other business establishments and private offices not mentioned are required to shift to online work and implement a work from home scheme.
- 3.3.4 All establishments allowed to remain open as mentioned in this order shall create proper distancing among employees, regular handwashing break and other precautionary measures to prevent COVID 19.
- 3.3.5 All other establishments offering tourism, fitness, and leisure services shall be temporarily closed during the duration of the GCO.
- 3.3.6 All establishments are required to regulate the entrance of people coming into their facilities such that it should meet its facility's minimum occupancy. Foot markers shall be placed in queuing areas and a 'one seat apart' policy shall be observed in all waiting areas.
- 3.3.7 To protect the establishment's frontliners, employers shall provide personal protective equipment to its frontliners including the use of masks and/ or face shields, among others. Use of physical barriers and cordoned lines are also highly encouraged;
- 3.3.8 Law enforcers to routinely check open establishments on their implementation, to wit: (Checklist for inspection: Presence of physical barriers, Screening protocols, Temperature Taking, Disinfectants, mask and other PPEs for guards and frontliners, Presence of Cordoned lines, Presence of wash sinks and soaps in certain establishments, Establishment disinfection protocol, No HOP, No transaction policy signage);
- 3.3.9 All wet markets must have a one entrance/exit policy and one-way direction still observing proper social distancing amongst buyers.
- 3.3.10 Affected individuals or employees of partially closed establishments shall be referred to the Department of Labor and Employment in order for them to avail of employment programs.
- 3.3.11 Ambulant food vendors who are using different modes of transportation to sell basic food commodities in the barangays shall be allowed. Basic food shall mean rice, bread, meat, poultry, fish and seafood products, fruits and vegetables, cooking oil, and other food condiments. There must be a



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maximum of 2 workers, 1 driver and 1 assistant who shall wear face masks and shall implement proper food handling.

3.3.12 All food establishments shall continue to close down their dining area and shall only offer takeout or food delivery services.

3.3.13 All LGUs must enjoin their residents to buy their food supplies at their respective wet market/palengke only. However, traders, retailers/wholesalers are allowed to tap goods and supplies from other cities/municipalities provided that they present their business permit or appropriate certification from the Mayor's office at the checkpoint for validation before being allowed entry.

3.4 Guidelines for returning Overseas Filipino Workers and Repatriated Tourists

3.4.1 All returning OFWs and repatriated tourists, regardless of origin must undergo a 14-day quarantine in an isolation facility provided by the LGU.

3.4.2 If the said OFW and repatriated tourists do not show any symptoms, appropriate certification will be issued by the competent health authorities (DOH or Provincial /City/Municipal Health Office) after the quarantine has been completed as he/she can validly enter the community.

3.4.3 The LGU, in close coordination with OWWA Regional Task Force, shall provide utmost assistance to the OFWs stranded within their jurisdiction. As such, all LGUs are directed to establish the OFW help desk through their respective LGU employment office in coordination with their respective C/M Task Force on COVID-19.

Section 4. TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

4.1 No mass transport of individuals shall be allowed. All public utility vehicles and any mode of mass public transportation shall be prohibited from entering the province of Davao Oriental;

4.2 All LGUs are directed to close down their inland transport terminals;

4.3 Private vehicles may enter the province provided that their area of origin is not from Davao City and the reason for their entry to the province is essential and not for leisure purposes.

4.4 **Mobility of Frontline workers.** The guidelines also provide for the unrestricted movement of frontline workers. The LGUs in close coordination with the police and the military are directed to allow and authorize the unrestricted movement of these frontline workers from their residences to their place of work. Notwithstanding this provision, frontline workers are encouraged to limit their inter-LGU travels by staying in housing facilities near their area of assignment.

4.5 **Unrestricted movement of cargo.**

All cargoes (food and non-food) within, to, and from the entire province shall not be delayed by reason of the quarantine. LGUs shall not collect additional



or unreasonable exactions including pass thru fees that should hinder the free movement of goods essential for the maintenance of communities and the provision of basic commodities.

- a. Only one driver and up to two assistants are allowed in the cargo vehicles and they must wear face masks;
 - b. Driver and assistants are not allowed to disembark from the vehicle unless to relieve themselves or to purchase food and other necessities in proper places, and must never go near any other individuals inside Davao Oriental;
 - c. The cargo vehicle must not deviate from its declared destination in the province and must swiftly load and unload cargo;
 - d. Cargo vehicles must never carry passengers;
 - e. The final destination of the Cargo vehicle must be within Davao Oriental;
 - f. The necessary identification and documents shall be presented upon inspection, and such documentation should include the cargo manifest or delivery receipt indicating the destination, nature, and quantity of the loaded goods/cargoes; and should specify their itinerary and turnaround time/return to the place of origin;
 - g. Persons allowed to enter are the same persons leaving, and that they must comply with health security screening protocols at the borders.
 - h. A “No manifest, no entry policy” shall be observed at the borders. Only the persons whose names are included in the manifest shall be allowed to enter.
 - i. For purposes of this order, cargo shall mean to include animals, vegetables, and all other food and non-food commodities but not dead human bodies and illegal goods as determined by law.
 - j. All private companies (trucking/hauling/transport)) that send cargoes to and from Davao Oriental must undertake precautionary measures such as but not limited to self-decontamination solutions and equipment, provision for change of clothes;
 - k. Sea vessels can unload cargo in any port in Davao Oriental but all personnel and crew of the vessels are prohibited from disembarking from their vessels.
 - l. Only accredited national and local agencies shall issue appropriate travel passes. (i.e. Department of Agriculture – food items, Department of Trade and Industry – non-food items; *Department of Health – medicine*, LGU IMT – other items)
- 4.6 Armored Vehicles.** A special lane/area will be provided for Armored vehicles of banks. Drivers/passengers, however, will not be exempted from a temperature check and screening protocols at the provincial borders. All



armored vehicles should stop only at provincial border checkpoints and not at inter-municipal borders.

4.7 Transport Arrangements within LGUs.

The following are the transport vehicles that are allowed to travel within their respective LGUs and its corresponding passenger capacity in compliance with the Physical Distancing Mandate by DOH to wit:

- a. Motorcycle - one passenger only provided that the passenger along with the driver shall wear a helmet and personal protective equipment such as face masks and face shields;
- b. Skylab – only two passengers allowed
- c. Tricycles shall carry two passengers only (one at the front and one at the back)
- d. Trisikads shall carry one passenger only
- e. Auto Rickshaw or Bao bao (for 5 passenger capacity) shall carry two passengers only, the passenger should ride at the rear portion of the bao bao each to extreme sides)
- f. Auto Rickshaw or Bao bao (for 8 passenger capacity) shall carry four passengers only, the passenger should ride at the rear portion of the bao bao each to extreme sides)

In checkpoints, drivers of these vehicles shall be directed to present vehicle registration, driver's license, and franchise whenever necessary. Drivers need not secure barangay certification for as long as they carry with them these documents/requirements.

4.8 Jeepneys carrying agricultural products shall be allowed to operate, provided that they shall carry only two assistant passengers per trip.

4.9 **Stranded Persons At The Borders.** Each LGU should also ferry persons stranded in its borders with the objective of getting said persons to their places of residence or assigned quarantine facilities. The C/MLGU may coordinate with other LGUs in the transport of said persons. This shall also apply to workers in or passing through the LGU who have, by reason of the quarantine, been displaced or dismissed from work because of cessation of work operations. These workers shall be dealt with as follows:

- a. All persons will be screened according to their symptoms, travel, and exposure history.
- b. If these employees will not be able to return to their areas of employment, they will be referred to their respective C/MLGU IMT. They will be isolated in their respective C/MLGU PUI center and/or Barangay Isolation Unit, whichever is applicable, and NOT be sent home for the 14-day quarantine period. For this purpose, they will be asked to sign an agreement form for monitoring and isolation.



Section 5. PENAL CLAUSE.

Those persons who will violate this order shall be referred to the authorities for prosecution of violations under pertinent ordinances of this Province and the provisions of Republic Act No. 11332 and Republic Act 9271 without prejudice to the provisions of Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code for resistance or disobedience to a person in authority or the agents of such person.

Section 6 LOCAL ISSUANCES.

All local chief executives and local sanggunian in the province are enjoined to immediately issue/modify and pass local orders or ordinances to adopt and implement the guidelines in the Order.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect starting April 27, 2020, and shall remain in full force until May 15, 2020.

Done this 25th day of April, at Mati City, Davao Oriental, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG
Governor / PTF-COVID 19 Chairman