



Executive ORDER NO. 15
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AN ORDER EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL UNTIL APRIL 26, 2020 AND ADOPTING THE DAVAO REGION TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

Pursuant to the Davao Region COVID 19 Task Force Order No. 2020-009 providing for the extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine Over Davao Region 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 extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the province of Davao Oriental until April 26, 2020, and the Adoption of the Davao Region Task Force on COVID-19 Additional Guidelines for the Effective Implementation of an Enhanced Community Quarantine in the Province of Davao Oriental to suppress the spread of COVID-19 Infection. For this purpose, the following are further ordered:

Section 1 General Suppletory Guidelines.

- 1. Strict Home Quarantine**
 - 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 ECQ period. Establishments that are not enforcing a 'no HQP, no transaction policy' may be penalized accordingly.
- 2. Suspension of private and public transportation for inter-Provincial travels.**
 - a. All private vehicles and any mode of public transportation shall be prohibited from crossing provincial local government unit (PLGU) borders within the Davao Region except for ambulances, rescue vehicles and other vehicles transporting COVID-19 frontline workers and skeletal workforces of establishments allowed to operate during the ECQ period. No mass transport of individuals shall be allowed.



b. Those provided for in the exemption shall secure a vehicle manifest replete with a control number and proper signatory (see Annex A for the Manifest form) of their C/MLGU IMT. The C/MLGU IMT shall provide the Provincial Task Force a copy of all manifests issued at their level for proper coordination in all provincial borders.

3. Transportation Arrangements. The city/municipal local government units shall provide for transportation arrangement with strict social distancing measures including appropriate health protocols to the following:

- a. Skeletal workforces of exempted establishments and government offices especially those in managerial and supervisory positions;
- b. Health and emergency frontline services workers, border control personnel and other critical services including those providing basic necessities and;
- c. Persons seeking to avail of emergency services such as the need to go to hospitals or clinics.

4. Stranded Persons At The Borders. Each LGU should also ferry persons stranded in its borders with the objectives 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 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.

5. Mobility of Frontline workers. The guidelines also provide for unrestricted movement by frontline workers. The LGUs in close coordination with the police and the military are directed to allow and authorized the unrestricted movement of the following personnel from their residences to their place of work. These frontline workers include:

- a) all Department of Health officials and staff;
- b) all health and service personnel at LGU health facilities
- c) all Philippine Red Cross vehicles bearing the Red Cross logo and staff with Red Cross identification



- d) the core staff of the World Health Organization country and regional offices
- e) all medical professionals, hospital administrative staff and aides from both public and private facilities as well as their transportation service providers. The term frontline worker is broadened to include all other local government employees required to report to their respective office during the implementation of ECO such as but not limited to office clerks, drivers, staff, who provide support services to address the needs for COVID-19 response and food security.

Notwithstanding this provision, frontline workers are encouraged to limit their inter-LGU travels by staying in housing facilities near their area of assignment.

6. Unrestricted movement of cargo. All cargoes (food and non-food) within to and from the entire Davao Region 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. However, manifests will be checked at the borders and the driver and assistants will still pass through border screening protocols.

7. Social Distancing and other preventive measures. Heads of LGUs shall impose upon their constituents the practice of social distancing and other personal protective measures. Social Distancing entails maintaining a distance of 2 meters from another person.

8. 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.

9. Curfew. The curfew hours shall still be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 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.

10. Transient Workers for Banana Plantations/Seasonal Crops

a. To effectively suppress the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of workers and residents of the province, persons not residing in Davao Oriental are not allowed entry. As such, laborers from nearby provinces will not be permitted entry even if they are part of the transient workers for banana plantations. Banana plantation companies are advised to employ laborers/workers from within Davao Oriental while the ECO is in effect.

b. For transient workers of seasonal crops such as rice, they shall be allowed entry to the province provided that they are subjected to screening protocols. The rice farm owners shall ensure that these transient workers are confined in one area/place. However, rice farm owners are



encouraged to prioritize local hiring of Davao Oriental residents whenever possible.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Post ECQ Measures. All Mayors are directed to adopt recommendations from the Department of Health for the implementation of a modified community quarantine. All C/MLGU shall prepare and propose their respective local action plans containing their post ECQ measures and proposals.

14. Intensified Strategic Measures. All C/MLGUs are enjoined to vigorously adopt and implement the detect, isolate, treat and reintegrate strategy to fight COVID 19 during the ECQ period in Davao Region. These measures include intensified contact tracing of suspected and probable COVID-19 cases, early case detection by the BHERTS, provision of enough facilities and human resources for isolating and managing cases and continued monitoring to prevent the resurgence



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of the disease, among others. All Bayanihan Grants should be fully utilized for this purpose.

Section 2. 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 3. Assistance from AFP/PNP. All law enforcement agencies especially the Philippine National Police and the Philippine Army in the province are directed to provide necessary assistance in the implementation of the Order.

Section 4. 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 5. Repealing Clause. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect on starting April 17, 2020, shall remain in full force until April 26, 2020, or otherwise, amended, superseded or recalled.

Done on the 17th day of April 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

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Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19