



Executive Order NO. 25
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PRESCRIBING THE STRENGTHENED HEALTH SCREENING MEASURES AT ALL PROVINCIAL BORDER ENTRY POINTS AND TERMINALS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order No. 112 imposing an enhanced community quarantine in high-risk areas and a general community quarantine in other parts of the country and adopting the *Omnibus Guidelines* in the implementation thereof;

WHEREAS, Section 7 number 3 of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine provides that the interzonal movement of persons between areas placed under GCO and MGCO for any purpose other than leisure shall be permitted;

WHEREAS, the National Inter-Agency Task Force has published the National Action Plan Strategy to combat COVID 19 which involves the “Detect, Isolate, Treat” Approach;

WHEREAS, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Region XI has issued Office Circular no. 2020-013A providing for the opening of routes in the provinces of Davao Region under a special permit for the operation of public transportation;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units are expected to act as stewards of local health systems, primary responders to the public health emergency, and to implement calibrated and people-centered response including primary to tertiary care in an integrated and coordinated manner;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen screening protocols at all provincial border points to ensure that all individuals coming in from areas with confirmed cases of COVID-19 local transmission shall be properly screened and assessed;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish mobile testing centers at all LGU inland terminals to ensure that all COVID 19 probable and suspects can be tested at entry points;

NOW, THEREFORE, 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:

SECTION 1. USE OF EMBARKATION FORMS

To strengthen the screening protocols at all provincial border points and to ensure that all individuals coming in from areas with local transmission and/or confirmed cases of COVID-19 are properly screened and assessed and contact traced, the following shall be strictly observed:

1.1 An embarkation form shall be filled out by all individuals coming into the province of Davao Oriental. The embarkation form will be made downloadable across all media platforms and will also be made available at all provincial border entry points and all



terminal and LGU screening points. *(A copy of the said embarkation form is hereto attached as Annex A.)*

1.2 Disclosing of wrong information in the embarkation form and non-adherence to health screening protocol at the borders may result in the filing of legal action pursuant to existing national laws and provincial ordinances.

1.3 All Frontliners, as defined in previous provincial issuances, shall be exempted from the use of embarkation forms provided they present their valid identification cards at the provincial border entry points.

1.4 For ease in the identification process, embarkation forms shall be tagged as for private vehicles or for public utility vehicle use. The vehicle classification shall be placed in the upper right-hand corner of the embarkation form.

SECTION 2. INSTALLATION OF HEALTH SCREENING PROTOCOL AT ENTRY POINTS/INLAND TERMINALS AND OTHER GENERAL GUIDELINES

With the influx of returning residents and passengers availing of both public and private transportation, it is imperative to ensure that minimum health standards are observed, health screening protocols are implemented for returning residents and mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

2.1 All LGUs shall establish their mobile screening/testing booths with the following minimum personnel requirements at inland terminals or LGU entry points as may be identified by their Local IMT or Local Task Force, to wit:

- a.) One representative from the Local Contact Tracing Team;
- b.) One trained personnel on Swabbing;
- c.) Medical Officer;
- d.) Representative/s from the Philippine National Police.

2.2 The LGU shall provide a standby transport vehicle at terminals and/or entry points dedicated to ferry symptomatic patients to quarantine facilities as may be warranted by the medical officers of the respective LGUs.

2.3 Disembarking passengers may be subjected to ***Rapid Diagnostic Testing*** or ***swab testing*** as may be warranted by the medical officer of the screening team;

2.4 Passengers showing/manifesting flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, colds, and body malaise may be transported to a local isolation facility as may be warranted by the medical officer or screening team.

2.5 Swabbing may also be performed at designated screening booths at the inland terminals and/or at the entry points even for asymptomatic returning residents upon the discretion of the medical officers (i.e. individuals coming in from hotspot areas/barangays with incidence of local transmission)

2.6 Entry of private and public utility vehicles shall be from Monday to Friday only between nine o'clock in the morning up to four o'clock in the afternoon only (09:00 am -04:00 pm). Vehicles will be denied entry beyond these days and hours EXCEPT CARGO VEHICLES, AMBULANCES, GOVERNMENT VEHICLES, AND THOSE USED IN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE, PRIVATE VEHICLES CARRYING FRONTLINE GOVERNMENT



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WORKERS AND OTHER VEHICLES AS MAY BE ALLOWED BY THE PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE.

2.7 After passing through the provincial screening level, individuals must also go through the C/MLGU screening level at their respective terminals and/or entry points and subsequently at the barangay level through the BHERTS and/or local health teams.

SECTION 3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES

3.1 All PUVs must be equipped with a thermo gun/thermal scanner for spot temperature checks, footbaths, and sanitizers or alcohol in each vehicle.

3.2 All drivers and conductors must wear personal protective equipment such as but not limited to mask, face shields, gloves, among others.

3.3 PUV Conductors must ensure observance of physical distancing at all times. The seating arrangement should follow DOTR prescribed guidelines;

3.4 PUV Conductors must ensure that all passengers must have a copy of the *Province of Davao Oriental Embarkation Form* and remind all passengers to fill them out before arriving at the provincial borders.

3.5. PUVs attendants/conductors have the right to deny entry of passengers who will not follow screening protocols.

3.6 All PUVs must pick up and drop passengers in all designated drop off and pick up points only. Under no circumstance shall PUVs be allowed to pick up and or drop off passengers in between LGU terminals.

3.7 All public utility vehicles must also utilize a manifest form. All passengers including the driver and attendant/conductor shall be reflected in the manifest form. All provincial borders shall strictly enforce the **“No manifest, No Entry Policy”** at all times for all public utility vehicles.

3.8 All public utility vehicles shall strictly abide by the requisites and guidelines set forth by the LTFRB as embodied in Office Circular no. 2020-013A including the use of special permits and must strictly follow the **“one bus per route per day”** policy.

SECTION 4 PROCEDURAL FLOW FOR PASSENGERS USING PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES

4.1 **Passengers of public utility vehicles** should fill out the embarkation form prior to reaching the provincial border and shall surrender said embarkation form at the terminal where they will disembark.

4.2 A local health screening team will be tasked to screen all disembarking passengers at the inland terminal. As such, all passengers will be subjected to the health screening protocol upon disembarkation.

4.3 The medical officer and/or designated team leader of the health screening team shall triage and assess disembarking passengers according to travel and exposure history as well as the presence of symptoms. As may be deemed warranted, the passengers may be advised on the quarantine protocol they need to follow (whether this will be home or facility quarantine)



4.4 A separate contact tracing form will be filled out by all symptomatic patients.

SECTION 5. PROCEDURAL FLOW FOR PASSENGERS USING PRIVATE VEHICLES

5.1 Passengers of private vehicles shall fill out the embarkation form prior to reaching the provincial border. Accomplished/filled out embarkation forms of **passengers of private vehicles** will be given/submitted at the provincial border where they will be entering. They need to submit themselves for health screening at the border where a team will be stationed there for such purpose.

5.2 Passengers coming in via private vehicles who were found to have not filled-out the embarkation form will be made to return at the provincial border embarkation station before they can line up again at the border checkpoints.

5.4 A dedicated personnel shall be stationed at the border to collate all embarkation forms. These forms shall be sent electronically to the Provincial Surveillance Officer for proper dissemination to all City/Municipal Surveillance Officers of the passenger's final destination.

5.5 All screened symptomatic passengers of private vehicles will be obliged to alight from their vehicles and be contained in the border containment booth where they will be fetched by the respective LGUs to be ferried straight to the Community Quarantine Facility for isolation and swabbing.

SECTION 6. HOME QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

6.1 In order not to crowd community quarantine facilities and barangay isolation units, returning residents may be home quarantined provided they meet the following qualifications:

- a. They should not have symptoms upon entry to the province;
- b. Their dwelling shall have an ideal set-up for home quarantine which includes: separate bedroom and bathroom from the family members; has own set of personal necessities such as but not limited to utensils, towels, etc.;
- c. They shall observe proper physical distancing among family members or other persons living in the same household.

6.2. Only the C/MHO or the medical officer of the local health team shall be allowed to decide whether or not an individual would be placed on home quarantine or not based on the aforementioned qualifications and other parameters as may be deemed necessary.

6.3 Individuals who will be subjected to home quarantine shall not go out of their dwelling for the duration of fourteen (14) days.

6.4 All individuals who will be subjected to home quarantine shall be strictly monitored by the BHERTS and/or local health teams. As such, all individuals must be truthful in



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disclosing information including the development of symptoms within the fourteen-day quarantine period;

6.5 Failure to follow strict home quarantine protocols and procedures may result in the filing of appropriate legal actions consistent with pertinent laws and ordinances.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Order shall be found unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. Previous issuances or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect on June 1, 2020.

Done on the 27th day of May 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG".

NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG
Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19