



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26
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ADOPTING INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES RESOLUTIONS NO. 38 AND NO. 40 AND OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PLACING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL UNDER MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FROM 01 JUNE 2020 TO 15 JUNE 2020 UNLESS WITHDRAWN OR MODIFIED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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, the National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases has issued Resolutions No. 38 and No. 40 and Omnibus Guidelines in the implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under IATF-MEID Resolution No. 40 section 1.iii, Davao Oriental has been classified as a low-risk province and consequently placed under Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-002 prescribing the guidelines on the operation of hotels and other accommodation establishments under a community quarantine;

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;

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. DECLARATION. The implementation of the General Community Quarantine in the Province of Davao Oriental is hereby lifted and the Province of Davao Oriental is now under Modified General Community Quarantine until 15 June 2020 unless otherwise modified or withdrawn.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION.

The National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging and Infectious Diseases Resolutions no. 38 and no. 40 and the Omnibus Guidelines in the implementation of the community quarantine in the Philippines and the Department of Tourism Administrative Order No. 2020-002 are hereby adopted.

SECTION 3. GENERAL GUIDELINES. To provide specific guidelines applicable in our provincial and local setting, the following are hereby directed:



3.1 Home Quarantine Pass

Everyone may come out of their dwelling and will have permissive socio-economic activities observing minimum public health standards. The use of **home quarantine pass** shall no longer be required during the MGCQ period.

3.2 Curfew

The curfew hours shall still be from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Within the curfew hours, people are not allowed to go out of their houses, except in cases of emergencies or if going to work in exempted sectors/ frontline offices.

3.3 Mass Gathering

3.3.1 Mass gatherings shall now be allowed including all religious and private gatherings. However, all establishments and/or places of worship shall observe the minimum health standards including physical distancing, wearing of masks, frequent disinfection, and handwashing breaks.

3.3.2 All establishments and/or places of worship must only accommodate 50% of its capacity or shall limit its accommodation such that a one-meter physical distance between persons is maintained.

3.4 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.

3.5 Lifting of Liquor ban. The ban on the selling of all liquors and alcoholic drinks is hereby lifted. However, drinking/consumption of alcoholic beverages and liquors shall still be prohibited in public within the duration of the modified general community quarantine.

3.6 Resumption of sports activities. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise may be allowed to resume under the modified general community quarantine period provided that those engaged in these activities follow the minimum health standards.

3.7 Wake/Interment/Transport of Cadavers

3.7.1 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.

3.7.2 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.

3.7.3 While wakes are now open to family members and relatives, family members are enjoined to cut short wakes of up to 3-5 days only.



- 3.7.4** 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.

SECTION 4. HEALTH-RELATED GUIDELINES

- 4.1 Preventive and Protective Measures/Minimum Health Standards as embodied in SP Ordinance No. 16-29-04-2020: An Ordinance Implementing the COVID-19 Public Health Measures in the province of Davao Oriental and providing Penalties for violations thereof.**

- 4.1.1 Wearing of face mask is mandatory when going out in public. Face masks with face shields are encouraged
- 4.1.2 Spitting in public must be strictly prohibited;
- 4.1.3 Physical Distancing and other preventive measures shall be continuously observed in public places. 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 1 meter from another person.

4.2 Contact Tracing Team in LGUs Each LGU must ensure the organization and expansion of its contact tracing team (CTT). All LGUs are also directed to organize their contact tracing team up to the barangay or grassroots level. The head of the Contact Tracing Team shall now be the City/Municipal Health Officer to be assisted by the Chief of Police.

4.3 Other COVID Case Detection and Management Guidelines

- 4.3.1 LGUs are required to monitor COVID 19 cases based on the classification provided under DOH AO No. 2020-0013
- 4.3.2 All COVID suspects will now be quarantined in designated LGU Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility or barangay isolation units whichever is necessary. Home quarantine will NOT be encouraged except in a very ideal setting to be assessed by local health officers.

4.4 Reiteration of Risk Testing for skeleton workforce frequently traveling in and out of the province

- 4.4.1 All heads of office, heads of national line agencies, GOCCs, private establishments and other organizations who have physical offices within the jurisdiction of the province shall:
- a. submit a list of names of employees who frequently goes in and out of the province;



- b. direct these employees to subject themselves for rapid diagnostic testing or swab testing whichever may be deemed necessary by the Provincial/City/Municipal Task Force;
- c. regulate the movement of such employees to essential purposes only;
- d. report to the respective LGU C/MESU should there be signs and symptoms of COVID 19 among their employees;

While the movement of these employees is not restricted, these frontliners and/or employees are strongly encouraged to stay at the locality where their respective stations are situated for the entire duration of the community quarantine period.

- 4.4.2 All essential and skeleton workforce; LGU heads and Officials frequently traveling to Davao City; Heads and staff of regional offices in Davao City; and construction workers from Davao city, upon entry to the province, must be tested through either Rapid test kits or RTPCR after the assessment of the Provincial and/or local health units and the availability of such testing kits.
- 4.4.3 Regular follow-up testing through Rapid or RTPCR may be conducted every month for workers and individuals regularly traveling to areas with confirmed cases of local transmission.
- 4.4.4 All LGUs must follow the following protocol for all COVID suspects: Isolate-Swab- wait for results before continuing completion of quarantine at home once test yield a negative result.
- 4.4.5 All LGUs are enjoined to ensure that preparedness for their COVID response is holistic by purchasing their own RT-PCR kits, PPEs, masks, alcohols and sanitizers and institutionalizing their Surveillance and Contact Tracing Teams through an Executive Order.

Section 5. ECONOMIC GUIDELINES AND WORK ARRANGEMENT

5.1 Work Arrangement

- 5.1.1 All government offices shall resume full operational capacity. However, all employees who are above sixty years old and those with comorbidities shall have a separate work arrangement such as but not limited to work from home arrangement and online submission of tasks.

5.2 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. Any violation of this order shall be reported immediately to the Local Price Monitoring Council and competent authorities.



5.3 Guidelines for Establishments

5.3.1 Operations/opening of Category IV industries which include the following establishments shall now be allowed. However, the minimum health standards, especially the disinfection protocols, wearing of masks, and physical distancing shall be strictly implemented/observed by these establishments.

- a.) gym/fitness studios and sports facilities;
- b.) entertainment industries such as but not limited to cinemas, theaters, karaoke and comedy bars, pubs, bar, nightclubs, beerhouses, etc.;
- c.) kid amusement industries such as but not limited to toy stores, playgrounds, playrooms, and rides;
- d.) libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural centers art galleries, botanical and zoological gardens;
- e.) tourist destinations such as but not limited to water parks, beaches and resorts except those used as quarantine facilities;
- f.) Travel agencies, tour operators, reservation service and related activities;
- g.) Personal care services such as massage parlors, sauna bath, establishments, facial care, foot spa, and waxing salons;
- h.) Leisure, gaming, and tourism establishments such as internet cafes and internet shops.

5.3.2 All food establishments (restaurants, diners, bakeries, cafeterias and the like) may now open their dine-in area provided that they observe all the minimum health standards prescribed in this order and other similar issuances. Provided further they operate at a 50% dine-in capacity.

5.3.3 All hotels and similar establishments shall adhere to the guidelines set forth by DOT Administrative Order No. 2020-002 in the resumption of their operations in the period of the modified general community quarantine.

5.3.4 Law enforcers shall routinely inspect establishments allowed to operate on their compliance and implementation of the following:

- a. Presence of physical barriers
- b. Screening protocols
- c. Temperature Taking
- d. Use of Disinfectants and establishment of disinfection protocol,
- e. Strictly requiring the wearing of face mask upon entry



- f. Use of PPEs for guards and frontliners,
- g. Presence of Cordoned lines
- h. Presence of wash sinks and soaps in certain establishments

5.3.5 All wet markets must have a one entrance/exit policy and one-way direction still observing proper social distancing amongst buyers.

5.3.6 For class III industries specifically on the opening of barbershops, salons, and other personal care services. These establishments shall operate at 50% operational capacity.

5.3.7 All employees of these establishments should observe proper personal hygiene. The owners shall provide face mask, face shield, work gloves, and other personal protective equipment to their employees as may be warranted.

5.3.8 A checklist containing the guidelines/requirements herein enumerated shall be conspicuously displayed in these establishments and shall be strictly observed:

- a.) handwashing breaks for all employees,
- b.) a pair of working gloves per customer policy,
- c.) disinfection of commonly touched areas in their establishment
- d.) disinfection of commonly used equipment and/or supplies in their establishments after every service rendered to customers
- e.) frequent comfort room disinfection.
- f.) screening process at the entrance (the establishment may deny giving of services to customers with flu-like signs and symptoms)
- g.) use of thermo guns and disinfectant solution at entrance points.

5.3.9 Only customers are allowed inside their waiting areas following the proper physical distancing (i.e. one seat apart policy and/or queuing markers policy) Under no circumstance be bystanders and loiterers allowed inside their premises.

SECTION 6. TRANSPORTATION, INTRAZONAL, AND INTER-ZONAL MOVEMENT WITH RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONS FROM AREAS WITH CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 LOCAL TRANSMISSION

The movement of persons across areas placed under GCO and MGCO for any purpose other than leisure shall be permitted following these guidelines:

6.1 Reiteration of Health Screening at Borders, Entry Points and Inland Terminals

6.1.1 All health screening measures prescribed under Executive Order no.25 are hereby reiterated specifically on the use of embarkation forms;

6.1.2 Health screening teams shall be placed at the borders, terminals, and entry points.



6.2 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.

6.3 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.

6.4 Unrestricted movement of cargo vehicles and ambulances

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 four assistants are allowed in the cargo vehicles and they must wear face masks;
- b. The cargo vehicle must not deviate from its declared destination in the province and must swiftly load and unload cargo;
- c. Under no circumstance shall cargo trucks or ambulances be allowed to allow hitchhikers and/or passengers not included in their original travel manifest on their vehicles.



- d. The final destination of the Cargo vehicle must be within Davao Oriental;
- e. 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;
- f. All private companies (trucking/hauling/transport) that send cargos 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;

SECTION 7. ENTRY OF OFWs. OFWs considered “Cleared” by the DOH will be allowed to enter the province and their safe return to their homes shall be facilitated by competent authorities following the herein prescribed protocol:

- 7.1 Upon entering the province, OFWs will be sent to C/M Isolation Units of the places of their residence and will be subjected to swab testing for COVID 19 RT PCR tests;
- 7.2 They will continue to stay in the Isolation unit and will only be allowed to go home until a negative result is made available;
- 7.3 From the day they are discharged from the isolation facility, after a Negative RT-PCR Test, they will be required to continue home quarantine for no less than fourteen (14) days;
- 7.4 OFWs that will be tested positive for COVID-19 will be referred to DRMC and will be transported using LGU ambulance or they may stay at the community quarantine facilities upon the recommendation of the Infectious Disease Specialists.

Section 8. EDUCATION RELATED GUIDELINES

8.1 For HEI students who are complying with their requirements for the present school year, they shall be allowed to transact and comply with their school requirements using their valid identification cards provided that they follow minimum health standards in all their transactions. They shall be allowed to do this within a specified time frame (08:00 am – 05:00 pm) from Monday to Sunday. Notwithstanding this provision, HEIs are encouraged to relax their school requirements and provide for other alternatives such as but not limited to extension of deadlines, consolidating subject requirements, among others.

8.2 Students and faculty who are conducting research through data collation may be allowed to perform such tasks provided the minimum health standards are followed;

8.3 All entrance examinations and admission activities may be allowed provided that these schools and institutions must coordinate first with the city/municipal/provincial task force where the school is located that the Task Force may prescribe the health standards and safety measures to be followed to these schools. Without prejudice to this provision, all schools are encouraged to keep their activities to a minimum following the



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Department of Education and Commission on Higher education directives and issuances.

SECTION 9. OPLAN SUNDO. The implementation of the OPLAN SUNDO, NLD Cares Initiative shall be postponed including all the provisions instrumental to the effective implementation thereof as embodied in Executive Order No. 18, s. 2020 due to the opening of borders and the resumption of mass public transport to and fro Davao Oriental.

SECTION 10. 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 11. 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 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the 31st day of May 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nelson L. Dayanghirang".

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Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19