



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36
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AN ORDER ADOPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-0258 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS UPDATED INTERIM GUIDELINES ON EXPANDED TESTING FOR COVID 19 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 and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases has issued the Omnibus Guidelines on the implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines

WHEREAS, the province of Davao Oriental will remain under Modified General Community Quarantine pursuant to the pronouncement from National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases;

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, the Department of Health has issued Department Memorandum No. 2020-0258 otherwise known as Updated Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing;

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. ADOPTION

The Department of Health has issued Department Memorandum No. 2020-0258 otherwise known as Updated Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. DISCHARGE CRITERIA

Discharge and recovery criteria for suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall no longer entail repeat testing. Symptomatic patients who have clinically recovered and are no longer symptomatic for at least 3 days and have completed at least 14 days of isolation either at home, temporary treatment and monitoring facility, or hospital, can be tagged as a recovered confirmed case and reintegrated to the community without the need for further testing, provided that a licensed medical doctor clears the patient. Patients who test RT-PCR positive and remain asymptomatic for at



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least 14 days can discontinue quarantine and tagged as a recovered confirmed case without need for further testing, provided a licensed medical doctor clears the patient.

In clearing the patient, the medical doctor shall use the decision tool provided by the Infectious Disease Specialist of the Southern Philippines Medical Center as a guide.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the 11th day of August 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