



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44
Series of 2020

AN ORDER PRESCRIBING THE GENERAL GUIDELINES IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE UNDAS SEASON IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL 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 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, despite active detection and relentless contact tracing despite active detection and relentless contact tracing there is still an increasing trend in the number of COVID 19 positive cases;

WHEREAS, observance of traditions during season are part of Filipino culture such as visiting the tombs of the departed and flocking to cemeteries in groups and/or families;

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 Inter-Agency Task Force issued resolution no. 72, s. 2020 prescribing guidelines for all activities during the Undas Season in the entire Philippines;

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. Regulation of activities during the Undas Season

- 1.1 The number of visitors in all private and public cemeteries, memorial parks, columbaria and other similar places shall be regulated up to thirty per cent (30%) capacity of the venue. All visitors shall wear face masks, face shields and shall observe physical distancing at all times;
- 1.2 All private and public cemeteries, memorial parks, columbaria and similar places shall be closed for visitors from October 29, 2020 to November 4, 2020. However, all these aforementioned places shall continue to accept burial and cremation services during the said period provided that the minimum health and safety protocols are strictly observed.
- 1.3 People who will be visiting private and public cemeteries, memorial parks, columbaria and similar places are prohibited from bringing liquors and/or alcoholic beverages in these places;



- 1.4 All visitors are directed to make their visit to private and public cemeteries, memorial parks, columbaria and similar places short and are discouraged from bringing food and drinks to limit the length of time spent in these places.

SECTION 2. CONDUCT OF FOOT PATROL IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MEMORIAL PARKS, CEMETERIES AND THE LIKE

- 2.1 To ascertain that all guidelines prescribed in this order are strictly enforced, PNP personnel and other force multipliers are directed to conduct frequent foot patrol in these places.

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 19th day of October 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

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