



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45
Series of 2020

**EXPANDED GUIDELINES ON RISK TESTING FOR TARGET GROUPS 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, the National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases has classified the province of Davao Oriental under Modified General Community Quarantine and has consequently opened up its provincial borders and shifted its screening, active case finding, and monitoring at the community or barangay level;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health issued Department Memorandum 2020-0258A otherwise known as Amendment to Department Memorandum 2020-0258 entitled Updated Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing for COVID -19;

WHEREAS, while the provincial Government of Davao Oriental needs to keep its tourism and other medium scale industries up and running, is still expected to act as the steward of the general health and welfare of its people and tourists alike;

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. CONDUCT OF RISK TESTING ACTIVITIES ACROSS ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

1.1 Risk-Based Approach . Test kits are deployed responsibly and most efficiently, prioritizing clusters with the highest risk of transmission, workers with the highest risk of exposure, vulnerable patients, and sectors with the greatest economic impact.

1.2 Risk Assessment in LGUs. All Local Government Units through their Local Incident Management Teams and Local Surveillance Units are to conduct a risk assessment to determine sectors and subgroups that should be prioritized in the risk testing.

1.3 RISK TESTING ALLOCATION. The Provincial Government through the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force and the Provincial Health Office shall provide the swabs and Personal Protective Equipment as well as facilitate the transport and submission of all specimens to the testing centers (DRMC and/or SPMC).

SECTION 2. RISK TESTING SUB GROUPS The following are the risk testing subgroups according to their order of priority, arranged from greatest to the lowest need for testing, as stipulated in DOH DM 2020-0258A, to wit:



Sub-group A: with severe/critical symptoms and relevant history of travel and/or contact;

Sub-group B: with mild symptoms and relevant history of travel and/or contact, and considered vulnerable; include those elderly and with preexisting medical conditions that predispose them to severe presentation and complications of COVID-19;

Sub-group C: Individuals with mild symptoms, and relevant history of travel and/or contact;

Sub-group D: with no symptoms but with relevant history of travel and/or contactor high risk of exposure.

Subgroup D1: Contact-traced individuals

Sub-group D2: Healthcare workers, who shall be prioritized for regular testing.

The frequency of testing for **Sub-group D2** shall be as follows:

1. Healthcare workers with high COVID-19 exposure and who live or work in Special Concern Areas may be tested up to once a week;
2. Healthcare workers with high COVID-19 exposure and who live or work outside Special Concern Areas may be tested up to once every two weeks;
3. Healthcare workers who do not have high COVID-19 exposure and who live or work in Special Concern Areas may be tested every two to four weeks

Sub-group D3: Returning Overseas Filipino Workers, who shall immediately be tested at the port of entry;

Sub-group D4: Filipino citizens in a specific locality within the Philippines who have expressed intention to return to their place of residence/home origin (Locally Stranded Individuals) may be tested subject to the existing protocols of the IATF.

Sub-group E: Frontliners indirectly involved in health care provision in the response against COVID-19 may be tested as follows: i. ii.

Sub-group E1: Those with high or direct exposure to COVID-19 regardless of location may be tested up to once a week. These include the following:

1. Personnel manning the Temporary Treatment and Quarantine Facilities (LGU- and Nationally-managed);
2. Personnel serving at the COVID-19 swabbing center;
3. Contact tracing personnel; and
4. Any personnel conducting swabbing for COVID-19 testing

Sub-group E2: Those who do not have high or direct exposure to COVID-19 but who live or work in Special Concern Areas may be tested up to every two to four weeks.



1. Personnel manning Quarantine Control Points,
2. National/Regional/Local Risk Reduction and Management Teams;
3. Officials from any local government/city/municipality health office
4. Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams and barangay officials providing barangay border control and performing COVID-19-related tasks;
5. Personnel of the Bureau of Corrections and Bureau of Jail Penology and Management;
6. Personnel manning the One-Stop-Shop in the Management of the Returning Overseas Filipinos;
7. Border control or patrol officers, such as immigration officers and the Philippine Coast Guard; and
8. Social workers providing amelioration and relief assistance to communities and performing COVID-19-related tasks.

Sub-group F: Other vulnerable patients and those living in confined spaces.

- i. Pregnant patients who shall be tested during the peripartum period;
- ii. Dialysis patients;
- iii. Patients who are immunocompromised, such as those who have HIV/AIDS, inherited diseases that affect the immune system,
- iv. Patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy Patients who will undergo elective surgical procedures with high risk for transmission;
- vi. Any person who have had organ transplants,
- vii. Any person who is about to be admitted to enclosed institutions such as jails, penitentiaries, and mental institutions.

Individuals falling under (i) to (vi) above shall be tested at the discretion of the attending physician, while (vii) above is mandatory before admission into the facility.

Sub-group G: Residents, occupants, or workers in a localized area with an active COVID-19 cluster, as identified and declared by the local chief executive in accordance with existing DOH Guidelines

Sub-group H: Frontliners in Tourist Zones:

Sub-group H1: All workers and employees in the hospitality and tourism sectors in tourist zones, as identified and declared by the Department of Tourism. These workers and employees may be tested once every four (4) weeks.

Sub-group H2: All travelers, whether of domestic or foreign origin, may be tested at least once, at their own expense, prior to entry into any designated tourist zone, as identified and declared by the Department of Tourism.



Sub-group I: All workers and employees of manufacturing companies and public service providers registered in economic zones located in Special Concern Areas may be tested regularly.

Sub-group J: Economy Workers

Sub-group J1: Frontline and Economic Priority Workers, defined as those (1) who work in high priority sectors, both public and private, (2) have high interaction with and exposure to the public, and (3) who live or work in Special Concern Areas, may be tested every three months.

1. Transport and Logistics a. Drivers of Taxis, Ride-Hailing Services, Buses, Public Transport Vehicles Conductors: Pilots, Flight Attendants, Flight Engineers Rail operators, mechanics, servicemen Delivery staff Water transport workers – ferries, inter-island shipping, and ports)
2. Food Retail - Waiters, Waitresses, Bar Attendants, Baristas, Chefs and Cook, Restaurant workers
3. Education – once face to face classes resume: Teachers at all levels of education
4. Financial Services - Bank Tellers
5. Non-Food Retail – Cashier, Stock clerks, Retail salespersons
6. Services- Hairdressers, Barbers, Manicurist, Pedicurist, Massage Therapists Embalmers, Morticians, Undertakers, Funeral Directors Parking Lot Attendants Security Guards Messengers Ushers, Lobby Attendants, Receptionist Clergy
7. Market Vendors
8. Construction
9. Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management, Plumbers, Recycling and Reclamation workers/Garbage Collectors, Water/Wastewater engineers, Janitors, and cleaners;
10. Public Sector - Judges, Courtroom clerks, staff and security, All national and local government employees rendering frontline services in Special Concern Areas
11. Media - Field reporters, photographers, and cameramen

Section 3. RANDOM RISK TESTING FOR TOURISTS

3.1 In relation to Sub-group H2, although all tourists will not be required to submit a negative RT PCR test upon entry to Davao Oriental TREs. All tourists entering the province of Davao Oriental for leisure and tourism activities may be subjected to random risk testing which will be done at designated tourism-related establishments.

3.2 This risk testing for tourists is free of charge and will be done randomly.



3.3 Anent to the health declaration form that tourists will sign upon arrival in the TREs, they will be asked to sign a notification form informing them of the possibility that they will be randomly tested.

SECTION 4. 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 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. Previous issuances or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the 28th day of October 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