



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 40
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REITERATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF TOURISM AND TOURISM-RELATED ENTERPRISES UNDER MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND THE NEW NORMAL SET-UP

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 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 Tourism has issued Administrative Order No. 2020-002 prescribing the guidelines on the operation of hotels and other accommodation establishments under the new normal, Memorandum Circular No 2020-003 prescribing the health and safety guidelines governing the operations of tourist land transport services under the new normal, Memorandum Circular No 2020-004 prescribing the guidelines governing the operations of DOT-accredited restaurants under the new normal, Memorandum Circular No. 2020-005 prescribing the interim guidelines for applications for accreditation, and Memorandum Circular No. 01,s. 2020 or the rules and regulations to govern the accreditation of surfing camps and Filipino surfing instructors;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry has issued guidelines on the minimum health protocol for dine-in restaurants and fastfood establishments under the new normal;

WHEREAS, the Province of Davao Oriental while heavily relying on its tourism industry are still expected to act as stewards 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. REITERATION OF EXISTING POLICIES AND ORDERS. The following issuances are hereby reiterated:

- 1.1 Department of Tourism Administrative Order No. 2020-002 prescribing the guidelines on the operation of hotels and other accommodation establishments under the new normal;



- 1.2 Department of Tourism Memorandum Circular No 2020-003 prescribing the health and safety guidelines governing the operations of tourist land transport services under the new normal
- 1.3 Department of Tourism Memorandum Circular No 2020-004 prescribing the guidelines governing the operations of DOT-accredited restaurants under the new normal
- 1.4 Department of Tourism Memorandum Circular No. 2020-005 prescribing the interim guidelines for applications for accreditation, and Memorandum Circular No. 01,s. 2020 or the rules and regulations to govern the accreditation of surfing camps and Filipino surfing instructors;
- 1.5 Department of Trade and Industry's guidelines on the minimum health protocol for dine-in restaurants and fastfood establishments under the new normal;
- 1.6 Department of Tourism Administrative Order No. 2020 – 004 “ Guidelines for Leisure and Tourism Operators of Island and Beach Destinations under Modified General Community Quarantine”
- 1.7 Department of Tourism Memorandum Circular No. 2020-007 “ Guidelines for Leisure and Tourism Operators of Island and Beach Destinations under the new normal”
- 1.8 Executive Order No. 32, s. 2020. “Adoption of health and safety guidelines governing the operations of tourism establishments.”

SECTION 2. PRE-ENTRY POLICY. The following pre-entry policy as stipulated in Section 3 of the Department of Tourism Memorandum Circular No. 2020-007 “Guidelines for Leisure and Tourism Operators of Tourist Destinations under the new normal” are hereby reiterated.

2.1 Prior Booking Requirement. All guests who intend to stay for at least one night in the Tourist Destination must present a confirmed booking at an Accommodation Establishment. A directory of DOT-Accredited Accommodation Establishments shall be made available at the Port of Entry for easy reference. No walk-in guests shall be allowed.

2.2. Reservation and Payment Options. Accommodation Establishments and other Tourism Enterprises in Tourist Destinations shall utilize online modes of reservation and payment using online or mobile payment applications.

2.3. Mandatory Screening. Guests must be screened at the Port of Entry prior to entry to the Tourist Destination through:

- A. Body temperature checking using a thermal scanner or thermometer gun; and
- B. Completion of Health Declaration Form, through a mobile application or other



contactless means, prior to boarding any transport service going to the Tourist Destination. Only guests who are cleared during temperature screening and have accomplished the Health Declaration Form shall be allowed to enter the Tourist Destination. Those with fever and flu-like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter, and will be referred to the doctor on duty, to the nearest hospital, or to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) in accordance with the DOH prescribed protocol.

Section 3. JOINT INSPECTION FOR ALL TOURISM AND TOURISM RELATED ENTERPRISES

- 3.1 To ascertain that all tourism and tourism related enterprise (TREs) are compliant to the minimum health standards, a joint inspection will be instituted by the Provincial and City/Municipal COVID task force. The Provincial and City/Municipal COVID task force shall then recommend to the TRE owners/operators the measures that they have to undertake relative to the results of the inspection. Consequently, if these TREs are found to be consistently non-compliant to the COVID task force inspection findings, the COVID task force will recommend to the mayor the legal action which the LGU may undertake against the TREs.
- 3.2 The respective tourism officers shall follow up the compliance of all TREs; and non-compliance to minimum health standards and protocols may be a ground for penalties and consequently closure of TREs for repetitive violators.

SECTION 4. POLICING OF OPEN, PUBLIC SPACES.

4.1 Open, public spaces which are usually frequented by tourists and locals (such as public beaches, parks, plaza, etc) shall be policed by the respective local government units including the barangay to which it is situated. For LGUs who have tourist police assigned, it shall be the responsibility of the tourist police to assist in the implementation of the minimum health and safety guidelines.

SECTION 5. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS FOR GROUP BOOKINGS

5.1 Prior Booking Requirement. All groups (with more than five members in a group), specifically biker/rider groups who come in big groups, who intend to visit Davao Oriental should have prior booking requirement to their destination of choice. Their booking will be checked at all border control points of the province.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done on the 5th 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