



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48
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REITERATING THE GUIDELINES IN INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND HEALTHCARE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN DAVAO ORIENTAL

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code (Republic Act No. 7160) mandates LGUs to promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Presidential Proclamation No. 922 provides that all government agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) are enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures promptly to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat.

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No.2020-064 directs all local government unit to set up special care facilities in their respective barangay, city, or municipality with minimum health and safety standards;

WHEREAS, Department of Health Memorandum no 2020-0170 issues the interim guidelines on health care waste management in quarantine facilities and consequently issued an advisory on the strict adherence to infection and prevention control measures;

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No. 2020-147 reiterates guidelines in the management of COVID 19 related health care wastes;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 46,s. 2020 adopts the *Disiplina Muna* advocacy campaign towards defeating the COVID 19 pandemic through the BIDA ANG MAY DISIPLINA: SOLUSYON SA COVID

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 GENERAL INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND OTHER RELATED GUIDELINES IN COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FACILITIES (BARANGAY ISOLATION UNITS AND TEMPORARY TREATMENT AND MONITORING FACILITIES)

- 1.1 All health facilities, community quarantine facilities, and temporary treatment and monitoring facilities should have a waste management plan to be followed accordingly. All health care wastes generated in the management and treatment of suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 patients should be considered as infectious waste.
- 1.2 Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) (i.e. closed shoes (if industrial boots are not available) and shoe cover, apron, long-sleeved gown, thick gloves, mask, and goggles or a face shield) must be used by the health facility personnel



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designated in collecting, segregating, handling, transporting, and processing health care waste.

- 1.3 Hand hygiene must also be done after removing the PPEs of infectious waste must follow safe retention until it is treated or collected for transport to off-site treatment facilities. Infectious waste must be separated from other generated wastes and have a dedicated area or space.
- 1.4 Barangay Isolation Units and Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities shall have a provision of pillows, blankets, and beds. These should be thoroughly disinfected after each use.

SECTION 2. STRENGTHENING OF BIDA ANG MAY DISIPLINA CAMPAIGN IN COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FACILITIES

- 2.1 In keeping with the BIDA ANG MAY DISIPLINA campaign of the province, all BIUs, TTMFs, and other quarantine facilities must be supplied with information and education materials on proper infection and prevention control materials;
- 2.2 Local chief executives through their local health officers should designate a BIDA BASTONERA/BASTONERO in their respective areas of jurisdiction specifically in community quarantine facilities.
- 2.3 The BIUs and TTMFs shall have assigned personnel in the upkeep and maintenance of these barangay isolation units and TTMFs including but not limited to the surrounding area, isolation quarters, comfort room, among others.
- 2.4 The duly assigned personnel for the overall upkeep of the facility shall also check on basic provisions inside the community quarantine facilities such as food, running water, electricity, and the like.
- 2.5 The Local Government Units shall exercise supervision over barangay isolation units and temporary treatment and monitoring facilities. These local LGUs may request logistical support and other assistance as may be deemed necessary from the Provincial Task Force on COVID 19.

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 with 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 5th day of September 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines

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Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19