



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 47
Series of 2020

REITERATING THE GUIDELINES ON BASIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED PROTOCOLS TO CURB COVID 19 TRANSMISSION IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 1021 signed on September 16, 2020, extended the state of calamity “for a period of one year”, or from September 13, 2020 to September 12, 2021, “unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant”;

WHEREAS, as provided in Section 4 of Proclamation No. 922, all citizens are urged to act within the bounds of the law and to comply with the lawful directives;

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No. 2020-023 recognizes the lead role of local government units (LGUs) in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for, and containment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak at the local level;

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

WHEREAS, there is a recent increase in the number of active COVID 19 positive cases in Davao Oriental;

WHEREAS, there is a need to impose and/or reiterate measures to reduce if not eliminate the risk of COVID-19 local transmission;

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 BASIC HEALTH PROTOCOL ESPECIALLY IN PUBLIC PLACES.

- 1.1. Face shield and face mask shall be worn properly in all public places at all times. A face mask should have no valve or vent. A cloth mask or other improvised must be at least two (2) layers.
- 1.2. There must be at least one-meter distance between all individuals.
- 1.3. Frequent handwashing with soap and water and other sanitizing agents must be instituted. All public places must designate handwashing areas and/or place alcohol and other sanitizing agents in visible areas in their respective jurisdictions.



SECTION 2. OTHER ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENTS.

2.1 All government agencies and instrumentalities both national and local, shall adopt an OAWA that will fully operationalize their office with a skeleton workforce inside the offices while others are working from home and the working hours are staggered throughout the day from 7 in the morning to 7 in the evening. This arrangement shall apply to all employees, including consultants, job orders, and contracts of service workers.

2.2 The different work arrangements that can be implemented as stipulated in Civil Service Memorandum No. 10 s., 2020 are the following:

2.2.1 Skeleton Workforce - The maximum number of individuals that can occupy an office such that there is still not less than two (2) meters distancing between people;

2.2.2 Work-From-Home - If an employee or worker's job is the performance of a specific task, they may be allowed to come in only when they are expected to work and they may be sent home immediately after completing their task, The hours at home shall be counted as worked hours provided that they are able to deliver their tasks correctly and completely. No person should be allowed to loiter in offices.

2.2.3 Staggered Working Hours

2.3 Employees who are below 21 years old and those who are 60 years old and above, as well as those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, shall be under work-from-home arrangement but can voluntarily opt to join the OAWA. Those who are serving as medical frontliners (doctors, nurses, medical technologists, and other allied frontline services) who are 65 years old and above shall not be allowed to go on frontline duty following the high risk posed on their health due to age and possible comorbidities.

2.4 The OAWA shall be applicable to all offices, including field and district offices but shall not cover those in the basic delivery of services such as but not limited to the health and disaster sectors. Notwithstanding this arrangement, the OAWA shall not be accepted as an excuse for a delay in government service. All offices should be able to deliver timely and efficient public service while in an OAWA.

2.5 All heads of offices together with the respective human resource officers are tasked to ensure that the OAWA will comply with a 40hour workweek requirement of employees and other workers.

2.6. Notwithstanding the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) orders on operational capacity, all private offices, establishments, organizations, and institutions are strongly encouraged to adopt other alternative work arrangements subject to the approval of their heads;

SECTION 3. EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER PUBLIC GATHERINGS.

3.1 All government and private offices are strongly encouraged to shift to online meetings.

3.2 All events or gathering of more than 25 people in attendance gathered for one purpose in a public setting including Christmas parties, commemoration celebration, reunions or other holiday parties shall be subject to the approval of the Local Incident



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Management Team. A letter of approval should be sought from the LGU Local IMT for this purpose. The Local IMT shall check for the free space to participant ratio, presence of safety and sanitary protocols, contact tracing measures, and the like;

3.3 Allowable gatherings can only be for personal milestones, urgent government, and business purposes. All parties for personal milestones shall only be for members of the same household.

3.4 All places of worship must increase the spaces between their members to two (2) meters. Members who are below 15 years old, 65 years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, other serious health risks, and pregnant women are prohibited from attending worship and must be provided with online, radio, or television prayer opportunities.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION OF COCK FIGHTING ACTIVITIES. The conduct of cock-fighting activities/sabong in any venue (online or remote betting/ telecast or broadcast of cockfights) in the province of Davao Oriental is prohibited until further notice.

SECTION 5. CONDUCT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES, OPERATION OF FITNESS CLUBS, AND GYMS.

5.1 All fitness clubs and gyms must be by appointment only. These places shall continue to operate at 50% maximum capacity;

5.2 Non-contact sports shall only be allowed as a form of exercise which should be limited to a maximum of two (2) hours daily with absolutely no sharing of equipment. Clubs and other establishments shall monitor the two-hour time limit for their members.

5.3 Contact sports such as basketball, boxing, among others shall be prohibited.

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 with 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 November 2020 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines

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Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19