



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14
Series of 2021

AN ORDER PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL MEASURES IN THE CONDUCT OF EVENTS AND OTHER GATHERINGS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 1021 extending the State of Calamity in the country until September 12, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the presence of new variants of SARS CoV-2 which originated from the United Kingdom and South Africa (501.V2) has been confirmed in the Philippines and are believed to be one of the major factors affecting the surge in cases of COVID-19 in the country;

WHEREAS, there is an increasing trend in COVID 19 cases with index cases at events/mass gatherings and tourism activities;

WHEREAS, to contain the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future surges, there is a need to enforce strict and continual compliance with the Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) especially in business establishments and major public places;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

The following minimum public health standards shall be observed:

- 1.1 Temperature-taking twice a day;
- 1.2 Mandatory Use of Face Mask;
- 1.3 Presence of Bastonero/ Bastonera which will be designated by the establishment and/or event organizers;
- 1.4 Mandatory Bringing of alcohol/hand sanitizers and other similar products per Participant.

SECTION 2. CAPACITY CHECK OF ALL VENUES FOR EVENTS/MASS GATHERING

2.1 In addition to the safety seal certificate, all establishments, tourism, venues, etc are now MANDATED to display the EXACT NUMBER OF 50% CAPACITY as certified by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP). Certification must be sought from the BFP and be posted in visible areas outside of their establishments.

This capacity check seal shall contain the maximum number of persons allowed at a given time within the premises.



2.2 The allowed maximum number of persons inside the venue shall include event facilitators, working committees such as but not limited to event organizers, servers, waiters, technical team, event hosts, ushers/usherettes, and the like.

2.2.1 For enclosed spaces. All enclosed spaces/venues for mass gatherings such as but not limited to meeting halls, conference rooms, function halls, and the like shall hold up to fifty percent capacity of the venue. For purposes of verification, the Bureau of Fire Protection shall issue the maximum number of occupants allowed per enclosed space. Further, the BFP will likewise furnish the PTF with the list of establishments of the inspections they have conducted.

2.2.2 For open spaces. All open spaces/venues for mass gatherings such as but not limited to covered courts, open meeting/function halls, cottages, and the like shall hold up to fifty percent capacity of the venue. Provided that the fifty percent capacity/maximum number of occupants in the venue at a given time shall not exceed one hundred persons.

2.3 Police and local tourism counterparts will inspect TWICE DAILY all events within their areas of jurisdiction to ensure compliance with health standards. Organizers will be required to have a readily available form that will be furnished by the approving task force (Local or Provincial) which will be signed by the inspecting authority after each inspection of the event. The PTF will produce a uniform format for this checklist.

Section 3. COVERAGE

3.1 This Order shall apply to all private and public (barangay, local and national government offices, agencies, and instrumentalities, including government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) sanctioned events.

3.2 The distribution of food and non-food items that are not related to a disaster or emergency event should be distributed house to house in the form of contactless delivery by the organizer or in a distribution system where no mass gathering is conducted. These activities include but are not limited to the distribution of livelihood kits, information materials, distribution of government aid, community pantry, food aid, and all other similar activities.

SECTION 4. FURTHER GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF EVENTS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL

4.1 All activities that are allowed under the Modified General Community Quarantine but are encouraging mass gathering shall be discouraged. (ie. Individual sporting activities such as tennis, golf, cycling, running, biking are allowed under MGCO but the holding of cycling, biking cups, and other sporting events related hereto that encourage mass gathering are not allowed);

4.2 For purposes of uniformity and order, All events/activities that have attendees of at least one hundred (100) or more participants shall now seek the approval of the COVID-19 Provincial Task Force at least seven (7) days prior to its conduct.



4.4 For events/activities that have attendees of less than one hundred participants, its approval shall be sought from the COVID-19 City/Municipal Task Force with copies furnished to the Provincial Task Force;

4.5 The approval must be in the form of a letter request signed by the event organizer/agency concerned or the establishment concerned. Attached in the request will be the floor plan explicitly detailing social distancing, the flow of traffic, one exit/entrance policy, among others, and pertinent risk management plan;

4.6 The COVID-19 Provincial and City/Municipal Task Force reserves the right to cancel an event whenever such event is deemed non-compliant to this order and other existing lawful orders related to COVID-19 response and prevention;

SECTION 5. COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.

All government activities related to COVID 19 response under the response, vaccination, and recovery clusters of the respective COVID-19 Task Force are exempted from the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 6. PENALTY CLAUSE.

Any violation of the provisions of this Executive Order shall be penalized according to all applicable and existing laws and ordinances.

SECTION 7. 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 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY.

This Order shall take effect on June 7, 2021.

Done on the 29th day of May in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG

Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19