



**Executive Order No. 16**  
Series of 2021

**AN ORDER DECLARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 UNTIL JULY 15, 2021 IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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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 health system capacity across Davao Region is under surge level thereby causing the bed occupancy at hospitals and other health care facilities including isolation centers and treatment facilities to be more than its carrying capacity;

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;

WHEREAS, the National Inter Agency Task Force classified the quarantine classification of the Province of Davao Oriental to be at Modified enhanced Community Quarantine until July 15, 2021;

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. DECLARATION**

The Province of Davao Oriental is hereby placed under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine starting July 01, 2021 until July 15, 2021.

**Section 2 GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**2.1 Movement of Persons by Age Group**

Persons who are aged below 15 years old and above 65 years old, pregnant women, those with comorbidities cannot leave their residence except for obtaining food, medicines and other essential supplies and for work in permitted industries.



## **2.2 Curfew**

The curfew shall be from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Within the curfew hours, people cannot go out of their houses, except in cases of emergencies or if going to work in exempted sectors/ frontline offices.

## **2.3 Prohibition of Mass gatherings/events**

Mass gatherings/ public and other celebratory events shall be prohibited except for health, humanitarian COVID-19 vaccination and other disaster response activities sanctioned by the respective LGU IMT. All events/gathering with prior permits issued are deemed cancelled for the duration of the MECQ period.

## **2.4 Religious gatherings**

All religious gatherings shall be limited to at least 10% carrying capacity of their religious venues. LGUs, however, may have the option to increase it to up to 30% of its carrying capacity. Davao Oriental residents are encouraged to pray in their homes and observe the twelve o'clock noon moments of prayer embodied in Executive Order No. 12, s. 2020.

## **2.5 Wake/Interment/Transport of Cadavers**

Wakes shall be limited to family members who are up to the second degree of consanguinity and first degree of affinity only. Family members are enjoined to cut short wakes of up to 3 days only.

## **2.6 Prohibition of Cockfighting and other forms of gambling**

Backyard cockfighting/ sabong shall be prosecuted under pertinent laws and regulations. Gambling and betting in all forms shall be strictly prohibited.

## **2.7 Liquor Ban.**

No liquor and alcoholic or intoxicating drinks shall be sold, served, or consumed in public 24 hours of the day during the MECQ period.

### **Section 3. ECONOMIC GUIDELINES AND WORK ARRANGEMENT**

#### **3.1 Work Arrangement**

**3.1.1** All government offices may adopt and implement an alternative work arrangement and leave minimal employees to continue to work in offices except those involved in security, health, social services, sanitation, and disaster, who must continue to work on full operation;

**3.1.2** All government instrumentalities must adhere to the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 18 series of 2020 issued by the Civil Service Commission to concerned agencies;



- 3.1.3** All non-government/private offices should adopt reduced working capacity aside from permitted industries under Category 1 and 2 establishments provided under DTI Memorandum Circular No. 21-19, series of 2021.

### **3.2 Guidelines for Establishments**

All establishments and offices and other venues shall operate at prescribed capacities provided under the DTI Memorandum Circular No. 21-19, series of 2021.

#### **3.2.1 Category 1 establishments**

- 3.2.1.1** General Public and private hospitals, Health, emergency and frontline services, including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, HMOs, health insurance providers, disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers and the like;

- 3.2.1.2** Logistics service providers (delivery and courier services; cargo handling; warehousing; trucking; freight forwarding; shipping, port and terminal operators;

- 3.2.1.3** Essential and priority construction projects, whether public or private, and small scale construction projects such as those for housing or residential, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) subject to strict compliance with the Revised Construction Safety Guidelines for the Implementation of Infrastructure Projects During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis in DPWH DO 30-2021 Manufacturing related to food and other essential goods such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, personal hygiene products, toilet paper and wet wipes, and disinfectants, etc.

- 3.2.1.4** Essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, office supplies, bicycle shops, laundry shops, and water-refilling stations;

- 3.2.1.5** Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs), and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying activities;

- 3.2.1.6** Dental, rehabilitation, optometry and other medical clinics for the treatment of illness or injuries. Provided, that there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. Provided, further, that the wearing of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory. Provided, finally, that home service therapy for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed;

- 3.2.1.7** Banks, money transfer services, including pawnshops only insofar as performing money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any Private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers, and such other employees required for the processing of payroll, and accounting firms;



### 3.2.1.8 Category 1 - food establishments (Separate onsite set-up)

Food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries for Take-out and delivery: 100% ; Outdoor dine-in (al fresco): 50% Indoor dine-in: 10%

Onsite capacity;

## 3.2. Category II establishments

3.2.1 Only Hotels and other accommodation establishments with valid DOT accreditation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Tourism (DOT) Administrative Order No. 2021-004.

Only **PERMITTED GUESTS IN ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS** shall be allowed:

3.2.1.1. Isolation Facilities - Confirmed COVID19 positive individuals transferred from Quarantine Hotels pursuant to the Oplan Kalinga program.; Other suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID19 positive guests undergoing mandatory Isolation.

3.2.1.2 Quarantine Hotels - Individuals who opt or are required to undergo mandatory Quarantine, such as close contacts, repatriated OFWs, Returning Overseas Filipinos, Foreign Nationals allowed entry into the Philippines, and other individuals required to undergo quarantine; and 2. Health and emergency frontline services personnel who need easy access to their place of work.

3.2.1.3 Multiple Use Hotels - Individuals who opt or are required to undergo mandatory Quarantine, such as close contacts, repatriated OFWs, Returning Overseas Filipinos, Foreign Nationals allowed entry into the Philippines, and other individuals required to undergo quarantine; Health and emergency frontline services personnel who need easy access to their place of work; Long Staying Guests; Returning Residents; and Other APORs who require accommodation pursuant to their official function or duty

3.2.1.4. Regular Hotels - Long Staying Guests; Returning Residents; and 3. APORs who require accommodation pursuant to their official function or duty, except Health and emergency frontline services personnel.

3.2.2 Non-leisure whole sale and retail establishments (mallbased or otherwise) such as: Mall-based government frontline services Clothing and accessories Bookstores and school and office supplies stores Baby or infant care supplies stores Pet shops, pet food and pet care supplies – 50 percent onsite capacity;

3.2.2.1 Indoor non-contact sports venue, court or activity Indoor contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities – not allowed to operate.



### **3.3 Category III establishments**

- 3.3.2 Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, and cultural shows and exhibits- not allowed to operate
- 3.3.3 Outdoor tourist attractions - Not allowed to operate;
- 3.3.4 Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions- Not allowed to operate;
- 3.3.5 Beauty salons, barbershops, beauty parlors, and nail spas 30% (home service not permitted)
- 3.3.6 Other personal care services which include make-up salons, medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, reflexology, aesthetics, wellness and holistic centers, and other similar establishments; acupuncture and electrocautery establishments, and massage therapy including sports therapy establishments. It also includes establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing and similar services – not allowed

### **3.4 Category IV establishments**

- 3.4.1 Cinemas - Not allowed to operate;
- 3.4.2 Amusement parks or theme parks - Not allowed to operate;
- 3.4.3 Casinos, horse racing, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments - Not allowed to operate (\*except for drawing of PCSO lotto winners);
- 3.4.4 Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues - Not allowed to operate;
- 3.4.5 Entertainment venues such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters Not allowed Fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom and kiddie rides – not allowed to operate

## **Section 4. TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES**

Mass/public transport shall be allowed subject to regulation by the Department of Transportation.

## **Section 5. PENAL CLAUSE.**

Those persons who will violate this order shall be referred to the authorities for prosecution of violations under pertinent ordinances of this Province and the provisions of Republic Act No. 11332 and Republic Act 9271 without prejudice to the provisions of Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code for resistance or disobedience to a person in authority or the agents of such person.



#### **Section 6 LOCAL ISSUANCES.**

All local chief executives and local sanggunian in the province are enjoined to immediately issue/modify and pass local orders or ordinances to adopt and implement the guidelines in the Order.

#### **SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.**

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

#### **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 Executive Order shall take effect starting July 1, 2021, and shall remain in full force until July 15, 2021.

Done on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

**NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**  
Governor/Chairperson, PTF-COVID 19