



Executive Order No. 17
Series of 2021

**AN ORDER LIFTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODIFIED ENHANCED
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND PLACING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL
UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2021 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 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, the National Inter Agency Task Force classified the quarantine classification of the Province of Davao Oriental to be at General Community Quarantine starting July 16 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry released Memorandum 21-19 series of 2021 establishing on-site operational capacity of business establishments, persons or activities allowed to operate in areas placed under general community quarantine with heightened restrictions and other community quarantine classifications;

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism released Administrative Order No. 2021-004A further updating the guideleines on the operations of hotels and other accommodation establishments under a community quarantine;

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 General Community Quarantine Classification starting July 16, 2021 until July 31, 2021.

Section 2 GENERAL GUIDELINES

2.1 Movement of Persons by Age Group

Movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed. Persons who are aged below 5 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 and selling of liquor prohibition

The curfew shall be from 10:00 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. Within the curfew hours, the sell and purchase of liquours and other alcoholic beverages shall be strictly prohibited.

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 and government response activities sanctioned by the respective LGU IMT. All events/gathering should seek permission from their respective local IMTs or the Provincial Task Force on COVID – 19 whichever is applicable.

2.4 Religious gatherings

All religious gatherings shall be limited to at least 30% carrying capacity of their religious venues. LGUs, however, may have the option to increase it to up to 50% 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

Gathering for necrological services/wakes, inurnment and for those who died of causes other than COVID-19, shall be allowed up to 30% of the venue capacity and shall not exceed more than five days. Visit to memorial parks, cemeteries shall be limited to not more than 10 persons per group and not exceeding 30% of the venue capacity.

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.

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. Under the safety seal certification program, business establishments awarded with Safety Seal Certifications shall be allowed to operate at an additional 10 percentage points beyond the prescribed onsite capacity or venue/seating capacity.

3.2.1 **Category 1 establishments** are establishments that are allowed to operate at 100% except for food establishments with separate onsite set-up, to wit:

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): 75% Indoor dine-in: 30% - 50% Onsite capacity;

3.2.2. Category II establishments - Establishments under this category have varying onsite set-up, to wit:

3.2.2.1 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-A.;

3.2.2.2 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.

3.2.2.3 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.

3.2.2.4 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, business guests, leisure guests only for accredited establishments with Certificate of Authority to Operate subject to provided restrictions; participants in essential meetings and social events.;

3.2.2.5 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, business guests, leisure guests only for accredited establishments with CAO subject to provided restrictions; participants in essential meetings and social events;

3.2.2.6 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 – 100 percent onsite capacity;

3.2.2.7 Indoor non-contact sports venue, court or activity Indoor contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities – 50% capacity.

3.2.3 Category III establishments are those establishments allowed to operate at 50% capacity, to wit:

3.2.3.1 Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, and cultural shows and exhibits.

3.2.3.2 Outdoor tourist attractions

3.2.3.3 Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions

3.2.3.4 Beauty salons, barbershops, beauty parlors, and nail spas

3.2.3.5 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

3.3 Category IV establishments are those establishments not allowed to operate under GCO status:

3.3.1 Cinemas - Not allowed to operate;

3.3.2 Amusement parks or theme parks - Not allowed to operate;

3.3.3 Casinos, horse racing, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments - Not allowed to operate (*except for drawing of PCSO lotto winners);

3.3.4 Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;

3.3.5 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 16, 2021, and shall remain in full force until July 31, 2021.

Done on the 16th day of July 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