



Executive Order No. 20
Series of 2021

AN ORDER DECLARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE WITH ADDITIONAL PROVINCE WIDE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY GUIDELINES THEREOF 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, all local chief executives of the eleven component local government units of the Province of Davao Oriental convened last September 3, 2021 for an emergency meeting relative to the COVID surge situation in the Province and unanimously voted for the entire Province to be placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine to arrest COVID-19 transmission in Davao Oriental;

WHEREAS, the request to place the entire province of Davao Oriental under Enhanced Community Quarantine was sent to the National Inter Agency Task Force through its Screening and Validation Committee last September 4, 2021. However, the IATF-EID No. 136-F was consequently released placing the entire Province of Davao Oriental to be at General Community Quarantine on September 8 to 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the bed occupancy of all hospitals including temporary treatment and monitoring facilities are in critical levels and are now operating more than its bed occupancy rate.

WHEREAS, the Davao Oriental Provincial Medical Center, the apex provincial hospital, is experiencing a shortage of oxygen supply due to varying market and production conditions. Similarly, Davao Regional Medical Center, one of the referral hospitals of the Province of Davao Oriental announced in an advisory that they are temporarily suspending the acceptance of oxygen-requiring patients due to the critical levels of their oxygen supply. Some major hospitals in Davao City are also not accepting admissions due to dwindling oxygen supply in their hospitals.

WHEREAS, without prejudice to said NIATF pronouncement, the Provincial Government deem it best to install proactive measures in response to the alarming increase in the positivity rate (286%) and case fatality ratio (368%) prior and during the surge of cases (from the periods of May to September 2021) as well as the critical state of the health care systems capacity in the province;

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 with additional province wide restrictions.

SECTION 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES

2.1 Movement of Persons by Age Group

Persons who are aged below 18 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 Regulation of Mass gatherings/events

Mass gatherings/ public and other celebratory events shall be strictly regulated. All celebratory/ social events shall be sanctioned by all respective LGU IMT. Executive Order No. 14 on Event Regulation shall be in full force and effect.

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 venue 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 and Interment 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. No transport of cadaver shall be allowed without coordination to LGU of destination and pertinent documents.

2.6 Prohibition of Cockfighting and other forms of gambling

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

2.6.2 Due to the recent protocol violations in the conduct of e-sabong, actual cock fighting for the purposes of e-sabong operations shall strictly not be allowed in the Province of Davao Oriental pursuant to DTI Advisory No. 21-16 dated 6 August 2021.



2.7 Liquor Ban.

No liquor and alcoholic or intoxicating drinks shall be sold, served, or consumed in public 24 hours of the day starting September 8, 2021 to September 30, 2021.

2.8 Outdoor Sports

Outdoor contact sports are not permitted, only outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, diving and skateboarding are allowed. However, walking, jogging and biking in groups is not permitted and such exercises must be done within their respective barangay geographical area.

Section 3. ECONOMIC AND TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES AND OTHER 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

- 3.2.1** All establishments and offices and other venues shall operate at prescribed capacities provided under the DTI No. 21-16 dated 6 August 2021.
- 3.2.2** All local Incident Management Teams, Philippine National Police and other force multipliers are directed to conduct foot patrol to ensure that those establishments with less than 100% carrying and occupational capacity will be strictly followed.;

3.3. TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

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

Section 4. DECLARATION OF ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE/HARD LOCKDOWN IN CRITICAL AREAS/ZONES

- 4.1** All eleven Local Government Units with proper consultation with its respective Local Task Force on Covid-19, may impose localized enhanced community



quarantine in critical areas following the National Task Force Memorandum Circular No. 2, s. 2020 on Operational Guidelines on the Application of the Zoning Containment Strategy dated June 15, 2020. An area will be considered as a critical area when two or more suspected, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 cases in the same area at the same time, or within the past 7 days is present.

4.2 An area can be declared a “critical zone” in and around which strict lockdowns may be imposed. Once the local government declares an area a “critical zone,” it is placed in enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) – or lockdown.

4.3 The LGU, through its barangay counterpart and/or force multipliers as may be warranted, shall ensure that the strict ECQ protocols or lockdown shall be enforced at these critical zones, including but not limited to placing of border checkpoints at barangays, placement of signage to properly inform the public of the area’s present quarantine classification, conduct of recorida, among others.

Section 5. ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING

5.1 The Davao Oriental Provincial Police Office, 701st BDE Philippine Army, Bureau of Fire Protection-Davao Oriental Provincial Office, 1104th Community Defense Center-ARESCOM and Philippine Coast Guard Station Davao Oriental in coordination with the Provincial Task force against Covid-19 will assist the City/Municipal/Barangay Government Units for the enforcement of this order.

5.2 These aforesaid agencies shall submit their respective agency accomplishment in the enforcement of this order to the Provincial Task Force on COVID-19.

Section 6. REACTIVATION OF KABARANGAY KONTRA COVID

All Punong Barangays are directed to reactivate their respective Kabarangay Kontra COVID as embodied in Executive Order No. 30 series of 2020.

Section 7. FETCHING OF RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINO

7.1 All ROFs coordinated by OWWA must be fetched by the concerned LGU. In the event that there are two or more ROFs who are bound to different LGUs, the PTF through PDRRMO-Operations Center will provide the transportation from their point of origin to the City of Mati.

7.2 Private vehicle are allowed to fetch with approval from LGU of destination Provided the driver wears a complete set of PPE. Under no circumstance, are ROFs allowed to commute using PUVs unless these PUVs are privately hired.

Section 8. 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, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and Its Implementing Rules and Regulations and Republic Act 9271, the



Quarantine Act of 2004 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY.

This Executive Order shall take effect starting September 8 2021, and shall remain in full force until September 30, 2021.

Done on the 7th day of September in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and TwentyOne.

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