



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28
Series 2021

AN ORDER EASING OTHER RESTRICTIONS IN CONSONANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALERT LEVEL SYSTEM AS MANDATED BY THE NATIONAL INTER AGENCY TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Executive Order No. 112 imposing an enhanced community quarantine in high-risk areas and a general community quarantine in other parts of the country and adopting the *Omnibus Guidelines* in the implementation thereof;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order No. (E.O.) 112, (s. 2020) provides that provincial governors shall be authorized to impose, lift or extend the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in component cities and municipalities upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF); and, that the mayors of cities and municipalities are likewise authorized to impose, lift or extend ECO in barangays, upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the IATF; *provided*, that this is without prejudice to the authority of the IATF to directly impose, lift or extend ECO in these areas should circumstances call for it;

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), since having been declared as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), has irreversibly affected millions of lives and families worldwide. Its unprecedented speed of transmission and infectivity has placed a huge burden on essential areas of governance, most importantly in vulnerable sectors such as the economy, education, and healthcare;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Units are expected to act as stewards of local health systems, primary responders to the public health emergency, and to implement calibrated and people-centered response including primary to tertiary care in an integrated and coordinated manner;

WHEREAS, the IATF issued the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (IATF Omnibus Guidelines), as amended, to harmonize and codify existing guidelines of the IATF and member-agencies pertaining to community quarantine, which shall be applied to all regions, provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays placed under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, in a numbered memorandum from the executive secretary, the President has approved the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) in its Resolution No. 148-D s. 2021 issued on 11 November 2021 on the use of face shields;

WHEREAS, the Inter Agency Task Force release IATF Resolution No. 144-D, series of 2021 dated October 18, 2021 expanding the implementation of alert level system in the Philippines including the Province of Davao Oriental and releasing guidelines relative hereto;



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. ALLOWABLE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WAKE

1.1 For areas under Level 1, 2 and 3, the allowable period of wake may be extended up to nine (9) days depending on the prerogative of the family of the dead, provided that the cause of death is not COVID-19 related. However, families must ensure the observance of minimum public health standards at all times during the whole duration of the wake.

1.2. For areas under Level 4-5 and those under granular lockdowns, the allowable period of wake will be strictly up to 5 days and will be limited to the immediate family only.

1.3 The protocols mandated by the DOH-DILG Joint Memorandum No. 1 series of 2020 in the management of the dead for those who died due to COVID-19 shall persist. Immediate burial or cremation of the human remains of those who died due to COVID-19 shall be warranted.

SECTION 2. USE OF FACE SHIELDS.

2.1 Use of face shields in Alert Level 4-5 and those under granular lockdowns - The use of face shields in community settings shall remain mandatory in areas under Alert Level 4 and 5 and those areas that will be under granular lockdowns under the containment zone strategy.

2.2 Use of face shields in Alert Level 1, 2 and 3 - The use of face shields in community settings may be voluntary in nature for their added protection.

2.3 Use of face shields in medical and quarantine facility settings- The above protocols are without prejudice to the continuing mandatory use of face shields in medical and quarantine facility settings, and the required use thereof by healthcare workers in healthcare settings. Use of face shields in medical and quarantine facility settings shall remain mandatory.

SECTION 3. CONTACT SPORTS

3.1 For areas under Level 1, 2 and 3, contact sports may be allowed provided that all players participating herein are all vaccinated. All respective city/municipal LGUs are directed to devise ways in checking vaccination cards or vaxxcert proof for this purpose.

3.2. For areas under Level 4-5 and those under granular lockdowns, no contact sports are allowed.

SECTION 4. MASS/EVENT GATHERING

3.1 For areas under Level 1, 2 and 3, mass gathering may be allowed for up to seventy percent (70%) of the venue capacity provided that the necessary permits and event preparations are undertaken.



3.2. For areas under Level 4-5 and those under granular lockdowns, non-essential mass gatherings shall not be allowed.

SECTION 5. CURFEW

5.1 For areas under Level 1, 2 and 3, the curfew shall now be lifted.

1.2. For areas under Level 4-5 and those under granular lockdowns, curfew shall be imposed from 10:00 am to 5:00 am.

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 to 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 18th day of November 2021 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, Philippines.

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