

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3

Series OF 2021

AN ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE MUNICIPALITY OF LUNA, ISABELA UNDER MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) EFFECTIVE 12:00 AM JANUARY 25, 2021 TO 12:00 AM FEBRUARY 7, 2021

WHEREAS, as early as January 2020 the IATF-EID was convened to address the growing viral outbreak in Wuhan, China and on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the entire Philippines, and prompting a whole-of-government approach in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, to unify the mobilization of government assets in addressing the COVID-19 situation, the National Inter Agency Task Force (NIATF) on COVID-19 was established and the creation of local IATF was resolutely encouraged;

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020 the National Task Force on COVID 19 issued Memorandum Circular No. 2 S. 2020 titled "Operational Guidelines on the Application of the Zoning Containment Strategy in the Localization of the National Action Plan Against COVID -19 Response";

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela through the Isabela Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 (IPTF-COVID 19) considers it necessary and urgent to enforce the Zoning Containment Strategy to contain and prevent the spread of the virus, and to protect the entire province;

WHEREAS, due to the recent increase in local cases in Luna, Isabela affecting 11 out of 19 barangays (58.9%), there is an immediate need to put the entire municipality under stricter measures and mode of quarantine to safeguard the people from the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, while admittedly the Average Daily Attack Rate (ADAR) is low, the Local Chief Executive (LCE) and Municipal Health Officer (MHO) however, reported that this is not reflective of the actual number of possible positive cases in the LGU as residents are unable/resisted to avail of COVID-19 tests despite manifesting symptoms and continue to roam around in violation of health protocols;

WHEREAS, as of January 25, 2021 the total number of active COVID-19 cases has reached 49 infections with 26 active cases and is expected to rise as swab specimen of close and direct contact are awaiting results thereby necessitating a more stringent response and measure relative to the COVID-19 outbreak in the municipality;





WHEREAS, the declaration of MECQ in the Municipality of Luna is without prejudice to the declared ECQ classification in Critical Zone Areas;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 112 issued by President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE on April 30, 2020 and in relation to IATF Resolution Nos. 29, 30, 34 and 51 authorizing the Governor to impose, lift or extend ECQ in component cities and municipalities upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the Inter Agency Task Force;

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. DECLARATION. The Municipality of Luna of this province is hereby placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) effective 12:00 AM of January 25 until 12:00 AM February 7, 2021 or unless sooner lifted or withdrawn.

SECTION 2. POLICY AND GUIDELINES. All residents are hereby directed to obey, follow and abide strictly with the minimum public health standards and protocols set under the IATF-MEID Omnibus Guidelines for Areas Placed under Modified Enhance Community Quarantine with Amendments as of January 14, 2021 including all mandates and orders specified by Executive Order No. 01 Series of 2021 dated 25 January 2021 issued by the Hon. Jaime N. Atayde, Municipal Mayor of Luna;

SECTION 3. PENALTIES. Violations of any provision of this order shall be subject to penalties pursuant to national laws and local ordinances.

SECTION 4. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued and/ or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines, particularly the IATF-MEID, pertaining to public health and COVID-19 are hereby incorporated herein and made integral part hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules and regulations including the Omnibus Guidelines as amended shall take precedence over the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 25th day of January, 2021 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

Governor and
Chairman, IPTF- COVID 19

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