



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
City of Ilagan

## *Office of the Governor*

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17**

Series of 2020

DIRECTING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA, ALL COMPONENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AGENCIES WITH OFFICES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO LIMIT THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN OUR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, section 15 of Article II of the Constitution provides that the state shall protect the right to health of the people and instil health consciousness among them and in relation thereto Section 16 of the Local Government Code provides that LGUs shall ensure the General Welfare of their constituencies;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has already been characterized by the World Health Organization as pandemic in its March 12 conference meeting;

WHEREAS, there are already 52 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines and 5 have already died of said disease. Moreover, the DOH have already confirmed local or human to human transmission of the virus;

WHEREAS, on the evening of March 12, 2020 predicated upon the strong recommendation of the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, the President of the Republic of the Philippines elevated to the COVID-19 alert status to Code RED sublevel 2 or the highest level thereby ordering a community quarantine of the whole of Metro Manila, extending the cancellation of all classes at all level up to April 12, 2020 and directing strict and intensified enforcement of social distancing;

WHEREAS, to complement Code RED sublevel 2 efforts by the national Government and in response to institute disinfection and social distancing measures, there is an urgency for the Provincial Government of Isabela to effect corresponding measures against COVID 19;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela has passed Resolution No. 2020-09-4 placing the Province of Isabela under a State of Calamity due to the spread of the African Swine Fever and 2019 Corona Virus Disease or COVID-19;

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 issue this Order directing the provincial Government of Isabela, all component Local Government Units and all National Government Offices and agencies with offices in the province of Isabela and the public as a whole to comply with the directives of the National Government to adopt and implement measures to limit the possible spread of COVID-19 in our respective areas of jurisdiction.

#### ON SOCIAL DISTANCING:

In order to put in effect the orders of the President on social distancing, the following must strictly be followed:

1. For all departments in the Provincial Government of Isabela and all government agencies with offices in the province to cancel and postpone until further notice all previously scheduled activities that involve mass gathering of people such as but not limited to meetings, conventions, seminars, workshops, awarding ceremonies, sports activities and the likes;
2. All component C/MLGUs and BLGUs are likewise ordered to cancel and postpone all LGU sponsored/initiated activities that involve mass gathering of people including but not limited to mass weddings, fiestas, harvest festivals, large meetings, general assemblies and the likes;
3. For the public, the big celebrations that involve the gathering of people are discouraged including weddings, birthdays, prolonged wake , baptism, homecomings, reunions and other celebrations that gather people together en masse;
4. For LGUs where classes have been suspended by their LCEs, pupils and students are advised to stay at their homes and not to participate in any mass activities, not to go to the malls and other public places or do anything outside their homes that exposes them to possible infection;

The matter of the suspension of classes is left to the sound discretion of the LCEs and must be founded upon valid and legitimate concerns and only after consultation with the concerned SDS.

#### FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA:

1. All previously issued and approved travel orders of all employees including department heads to attend to seminars, workshops, meetings, conventions and the likes scheduled to day and onwards until April 30, 2020 are hereby RECALLED and REVOKED;



2. All department heads during this time of health emergency are mandated to be on their post Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Application for leave for special activities will not be allowed unless the reason is for self-quarantine for suspicion of being infected with COVID-19. Absent now and file leave later will be dealt with accordingly;
3. The PGI will be implementing a four day workweek arrangement but shall not affect the following departments – all PGI owned and operated hospitals, the PDRRMO and DART rescue teams, PIO, PSG, PSO, PSWDO, PVET, OPA, Provincial Jail, PYDO and all Utility workers;
4. The Provincial Governor's Office and the PGSO are hereby directed to ensure that the whole provincial capitol and all offices including those located outside the main compound must be disinfected on Saturday and Sunday to ensure a COVID 19 free workplace. All national government offices operating within the province are likewise directed to do the same;

FOR ALL HOSPITALS:

All hospitals, RHUs and clinics, both public and private, are enjoined to designate part of their facility to be used exclusively for suspected COVID 19 cases. Initially, all hospitals and clinics must accommodate all those patients who manifest symptoms of COVID-19 but must immediately report and coordinate with the Southern Isabela Medical Center or the Cagayan Valley Medical Center for subsequent action. As a matter of protocol, they cannot refuse to admit on account of the patient being a suspected COVID-19 case.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Ilagan this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor 