



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
City of Ilagan

## Office of the Governor

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37 Series OF 2020

#### AN ORDER PLACING THE CITY OF ILAGAN UNDER ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREOF

**WHEREAS**, 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, protect the people of the capital city and the entire province as well;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 October 2020, due to the increasing number of active COVID-19 cases which has spread to 42 barangays comprising 46% of the total 91 barangays in the City of Ilagan, City Mayor Josemarie L. Diaz requested the Governor to place the City of Ilagan under stricter community quarantine, Executive Order No. 36 Series of 2020 was consequently issued placing the entire city under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, the declared MECQ in the City of Ilagan will terminate on 8:00 PM 16 October 2020 and there are still an alarming active cases numbering to 204 in 55 barangays and is expected to rise as around 500 more 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 city;

**WHEREAS**, the present scenario calls for a full and sincere cooperation of all constituents and the concerned Local Government Unit, as unilateral decisions to restrict the movement of people and cargoes compromises the collective efforts of all Ilagueños and the province as a whole;

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
10/16/2020

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to intensify all response and measures of the city government relative to the outbreak, maximize the advances achieved in the MECQ, and complement efforts to strengthen further the health systems capacity in placed and the capability of the LGU as well;

**WHEREAS**, acting on the letter of the City Mayor of Ilagan addressed to the Governor dated 16 October 2020, bearing the appeal for a much stricter mode of quarantine measures to be imposed for 14 days due to the rising number of infected cases; and

**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.** Under the "Operational Guidelines on the Application of the Zoning Containment Strategy" issued by NTF on COVID-19 the City of Ilagan have passed the epidemiological threshold and therefore declared as "Critical Zone" and consequently placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) effective 8:00 PM of October 16 until 8:00 PM October 30, 2020 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 Omnibus Guidelines for Areas Placed under Enhance Community Quarantine such as the following:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with by ALL residents for the duration of the ECQ including:
  - a. Wearing of Face Mask and Face Shield;
  - b. Social Distancing;
  - c. Washing of Hands.
2. ALL residents are advised to stay home and the movement of all residents shall be limited to accessing:
  - a. Essential goods;
  - b. Food and medicine;
  - c. Essential services;
  - d. Going to work in permitted offices or establishments;
  - e. Activities hereunder listed.

*Issuance/securing of Barangay Pass is not necessary. Limiting the allowable person to access/obtain 2.a to 2.e. to one person per household is not mandated.*

3. The following are not allowed to go out of their residences:
  - a. 20 years old and below;
  - b. 60 years old and above;
  - c. Those with immunodeficiency;
  - d. Those with comorbidity and other health risk;
  - e. Those who are pregnant;
  - f. Those who reside with a-e.

4. To enforce the foregoing guidelines on minimum health standard and mobility of residents, there shall be screening points (checkpoints) at borders to be manned by PNP personnel assisted by Brgy. Officials and BHERTS. They shall conduct extremely restrictive perimeter control and movement of all residents inbound and outbound. All screening points at ingress must have signs, notices, tarpaulins and cues indicating the following: EO NO., classification, quarantine type, major restrictions and documentary requirements for entry or exit from the zone.
5. No other screening points shall be established other than at the border. Barangay ingresses and egresses shall have stationed officials and tanod accompanied always by a PNP officer who must all be in complete uniform with ID whose function only is to ensure compliance with the movement restrictions and minimum health standards. All the required signages and notices must accompany their post;
6. LTF/LGU/BLGU shall ensure that ALL individuals within the critical zone are provided with OR have access to essential goods and services including but not limited to food and water rations, health care, for the whole duration of the ECQ;
7. Curfew shall be supported by an ordinance and must not exceed 9 hours. No inhumane or degrading penalties shall be imposed. Individuals exempted from curfew:
  - a. Frontliners and medical personnel;
  - b. Rescue and emergency personnel;
  - c. Coming from or going to duty PNP, AFP, Security Personnel;
  - d. Responding utilities personnel;
  - e. Emergency medical cases;
  - f. Other justifiable circumstances such as but not limited to workers who rendered OT subject to presentation of authorization to render OT.
8. The following establishments, persons or activities are allowed to operate, work or be undertaken of the ECQ:
  - A. FULL OPERATIONAL CAPACITY:
    1. Public and private hospitals;
    2. Health, emergency, rescue and frontline services including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy and the like;
    3. Manufacturers and distribution of medicines, medical supplies, devices and equipment, reagents, and packaging;
    4. Industries involved in:
      - a. AGRICULTURE;
      - b. FORESTRY;
      - c. LIVESTOCK;
      - d. FISHERY;
      - e. And their workers including FARMERS;
      - f. Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries;
      - g. Fisherfolks;
      - h. Agri- chain Stores;
      - i. Such other components of the food value chain;
    5. Delivery and courier services (LBC, NINJA etc.) transporting food, medicine, essential goods, clothing, accessories, hardware, housewares, school and office supplies and vet products;

B. MAXIMUM OF 50% CAPACITY:

1. Private establishments and their employees involved in provision of essential goods and services, activities in the value chain related to food, medicines and vitamins production, medical supplies and other essential products such as soap, alcohol and disinfectants including the following establishments:
  - a. Public markets;
  - b. Supermarket and grocery stores;
  - c. Convenience stores;
  - d. Laundry shops;
  - e. Food preparation establishments; insofar as take-out and delivery services;
  - f. Water refilling stations.
2. Media establishments;
3. Workers accredited by government agencies provided they can present an ID;

C. SKELETON WORKFORCE:

1. Medical, Dental, Rehab, Optometry, Pharmacies or Drug Stores;
  2. Veterinary Clinics;
  3. Banks, Money Transfer Services including pawnshops, Microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives;
  4. Water supply and sanitation services including waste disposal services and other utilities services;
  5. Energy and power companies, their contractors, telecommunication companies, internet providers, cable tv;
  6. Manufacturing companies related to construction works;
  7. The Phil. Postal Corporation;
  8. The Philippine Statistics Authority;
  9. BPOs;
  10. Essential projects whether public or private such as quarantine and isolation facilities;
  11. Funeral and embalming services;
  12. Humanitarian assistance personnel from civil society, NGOs and UN;
  13. Pastors, priests, rabbis and imams or ministers whose movement shall be related to the conduct of necrology or funeral rites. Immediate family members of the deceased who died for causes other than COVID 19 shall be allowed to move from residence to attend the wake or interment provided always that they comply with minimum health standards;
  14. Security Personnel;
  15. BIR accredited printing press;
  16. Those engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery, equipment including repair of computers and household fixtures and equipment;
  17. Real estate activities limited to leasing.
9. Government agencies including GOCCs, LGUs may operate with skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements AS APPROVED by the head of agency;
10. No hotels or accommodation establishments shall be allowed to operate except:
  - a. Foreigners with existing booking arrangements as of March 2020;
  - b. Those with long term booking;
  - c. OFWs and stranded individuals;

- d. Those required to undergo quarantine;
  - e. Health workers and other employees from exempted establishments;  
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11. No mass gathering shall be allowed other than those essential for the provision of government services or authorized humanitarian activities;
  12. Face-to-face or in-person classes are suspended;
  13. Public transportation shall be suspended except shuttle services for allowed establishments;
  14. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize only the following IDs or stickers:
    - a. Official Provincial COVID-19 Task Force stickers;
    - b. IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies;
    - c. Bona fide IDs of exempted establishments;
    - d. Rapid Pass IDs;
    - e. IBP IDs.
  15. The movement of cargo vehicles shall be unhampered and shall not be required to undergo an ID system subject only to inspection of PNP as to cargo and to check human smuggling;

**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 16th day of October, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
RODOLFO T. ALBANO III  
Governor 