



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22 -2020

AN ORDER REQUIRING PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY (PDL) TO UNDERGO COVID- 19 TESTING BEFORE COMMITMENT OR RELEASE FROM JAIL/S IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, recognizing that the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic constitutes a threat to national security, declared a State of Public Emergency throughout the Philippines through Proclamation No. 929;

Whereas, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," states that provinces shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare, health, and safety, including the provisions of services to control communicable disease;

Whereas, prisons and jails produces or reinforces a host of problems which are hygiene-related and even infectious diseases, thereby creating the need for a mandatory testing of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) to maintain the Province of Isabela as COVID-19 free;

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

Section 1. Mandatory testing of COVID- 19 for Persons Deprived of Liberty. It hereby mandatory for PDL to be tested for the COVID-19 prior to being committed into the Provincial Jail and all Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) facilities in the province and, likewise, prior to being released from the same facilities;

Section 2. Guidelines prior to the commitment of a PDL into the Provincial Jail and all BJMP Jail Facilities in the province. The following guidelines shall be observed when an order is issued by the proper court for the commitment of a PDL to the Provincial Jail and all BJMP facilities in the Province.

- a. Following the issuance of a Commitment Order by the proper court for the commitment of a PDL into the Provincial Jail and all BJMP facilities in the province, the PDL must undergo a mandatory COVID-19 testing to be conducted by the Provincial/City/Municipal Health Department, in addition to the medical examination requirement at accredited hospitals. Schedule of the test shall be agreed by the Philippine National Police(PNP), BJMP and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Provincial/City/Municipal Health Department;
- b. While the PDL is waiting for his/her COVID-19 test result, he/she shall be detained at the detention facility designated by the PNP, BJMP and NBI;
- c. Should the PDL be found positive for the COVID-19 test result, he/she shall be placed in the designated Quarantine Facility inside BJMP Jail Facility for isolation and treatment.

Only when he/she is cleared by the Provincial/City/ Municipal Health Department should he/she be permitted to be committed and enter the designated detention cells in Provincial and BJMP Jails for PDLs who have tested negative for COVID-19;

- d. Should the PDL be tested negative for the COVID-19, he/she shall immediately be committed in the designated detention cells in Provincial and BJMP Jails for PDLs who have tested negative for the COVID- 19.

Section 3. Guidelines when a PDL is due for release from the Provincial and BJMP Jails. The following guidelines shall be observed when an order is issued by the proper court for the commitment of a PDL to the Provincial and BJMP Jail.

- a. Before a PDL in Provincial and BJMP Jail can be released therefrom, the PDL must undergo a mandatory COVID-19 testing to be conducted by the Provincial/City/Municipality Health Department inside the jail facility.
- b. Should the PDL be found positive for the COVID-19, he/she shall be placed in the designated Barangay Isolation Center (BIC) of the barangay where he/she resides, as indicated in his/her records for isolation and treatment before he/she can be released to the community;
- c. If a PDL is a non- resident of the Province but a resident of another province, he/she shall be taken to the quarantine facility of the Local Government Unit where he/she resides, in coordination with the officials of the said LGU, he/she shall be taken to the Quarantine Facility designated by that Provincial/City/Municipal LGU.
- d. Should the PDL be tested negative for the COVID-19, he/she shall be immediately be released to the community, with prior notice to the Barangay Captain of the barangay where he/she resides.

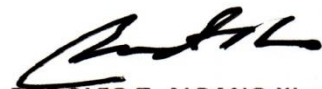
Section 4. Enforcement. The BJMP and Provincial Jail Management in cooperation with the PNP, DOH, Provincial/City/ Municipal Health Department are hereby directed to enforce the above-mentioned guidelines.

Section 5. Separability Clause. Should any provisions of this Executive Order be declared by a court of competent authority as invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise adversely affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All orders, issuances, memorandums and rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This order shall take effect immediately and let copies hereof be provided to all concerned for their information, reference, and guidance.

Issued this 19th day of MAY 2020 in City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 