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PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COVID-19 TASK FORCE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42

Series OF 2020

**AN ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF ISABELA
UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ)
FROM 12:00 NOON OF DECEMBER 14, 2020 TO 12:00 AM OF
DECEMBER 30, 2020 UNLESS FURTHER EXTENDED, MODIFIED
OR WITHDRAWN**

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 November 19, 2020, the IATF – MEID issued an Amended Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

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 urgent and necessary to enforce the Zoning Containment Strategy to contain and prevent the spread of the virus, protect the people in the entire province;

WHEREAS, in the last seven (7) days, there had been a spike of COVID-19 cases in the province of Isabela which now registers a cumulative total of 2,488 with more or less 500 active cases affecting 32 of the 37 component LGUs and unfortunately registering the 27th and the 28th COVID-19 death;

WHEREAS, the province’s COVID-19 Positivity Rate is at 30-50 cases which is relatively high and experts had included the province of Isabela together with other 7 provinces as *provinces of concern* for recording a significant increase in the number of coronavirus disease 2019 cases in the first week of this month;

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.5 of the Operating Guidelines consistent with EO No. 112, s.2020 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 Community Quarantine in component cities and municipalities upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the Inter Agency Task Force;

WHEREAS, the declaration of GCQ in the province of Isabela is without prejudice to the declared ECQ classification in Critical Zone Areas;

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 ENTIRE PROVINCE OF ISABELA IS HEREBY PLACED UNDER A STATE OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) EFFECTIVE 12:00 NOON OF DECEMBER 14 UNTIL 12:00 AM OF DECEMBER 30, 2020 OR UNLESS EXTENDED OR SOONER LIFTED OR WITHDRAWN.

I LIKEWISE ORDER THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE HERE-BELOW ENUMERATED GUIDELINES AND HEREBY TASK THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ISABELA POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE, THE ISABELA PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISABELA PROVINCIAL OFFICE, THE OTHER MEMBER AGENCIES OF THE PROVINCIAL COVID-19 TASK FORCE, ALL CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND LOCAL TASK FORCES, TO WIT:

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 General Community Quarantine such as but not limited to the following;

1. The PNP and LGUs shall ensure strict compliance at ALL times for the duration of the GCQ of the following minimum public health standards:
 - a. Mandatory wearing of face mask AND face shield in ALL public places including public transport and government office;
 - b. Social distancing in ALL places where a crowd of three or more gather;
 - c. Other public health standards provided for by provincial ordinances;
2. Strict HOME QUARANTINE for persons under 15 and above 60 years old shall be observed and their movement shall be limited to ACCESSING ESSENTIAL GOODS and services. Those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.
3. All NON-RESIDENTS of the province, such as but not limited to contract workers, temporary or transient residents or locally stranded individuals from other provinces or regions who have arrived in the province within the months of OCTOBER, NOVEMBER and DECEMBER are required to IMMEDIATELY proceed to the nearest Rural Health Units and undergo immediate RT-PCR testing and in the meantime undergo a MANDATORY 14 days quarantine in

local quarantine facilities. Those tested positive shall be brought to the Cagayan Valley Medical Center for proper treatment. The PNP-IPPO, LCEs and Punong Barangays are ordered to strictly implement this guideline under pain of appropriate penalties;

4. Re-establishment of all municipal and city boundary checkpoints to be manned by PNP Personnel and assigned local COVID -19 Task Force workers to monitor compliance with travel restrictions of non- residents.

CURFEW AND LIQUOR BAN. A Curfew is hereby imposed in the entire province from **10 PM TO 4 AM. TOTAL LIQUOR BAN IS ALSO IN EFFECT.**

The following are exempted from the curfew during their official duties:

- a. Health Workers and Hospital Personnel, both public and private;
- b. Barangay Officials of the affected Barangays and key officers of the local government units;
- c. Officers and members of Philippine National Police (PNP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP);
- d. APOR who are required to report to work during curfew hours.

PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES UNDER GCQ

5. All permitted establishments and activities under Section 2(4) of the Omnibus Guidelines shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity. In addition, the following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate at an operational capacity provided herein:

a. Category I Industries - Power, energy, water, and other utilities, agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries, food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, food delivery services, health-related establishments, the logistics sector, information technology and telecommunication companies, the media, at full operational capacity;

b. Category II Industries - Mining and other manufacturing, and electronic commerce companies, as well as other delivery, repair and maintenance, and housing and office services, at anywhere between fifty percent (50%) up to full operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements; and

c. Category III Industries - Financial services, legal and accounting, and auditing services, professional, scientific, technical, and other non-leisure services, barbershops and salons and other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments, from skeleton workforce to fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements. The foregoing lists of sectors and industries per category are illustrative. Specific industries under each category are reflected in a separate document issued by the DTI which shall contain the updated guidelines to implement gradual increase of operational and venue capacity including operating hours, without diminution of the current capacities and hours previously allowed. This is without prejudice to the authority of the DTI

to recategorize Category IV industries as may be found in Paragraph (9) herein.(As amended by Paragraph B(2)(c) of IATF Resolution No. 41, May 29, 2020, Paragraph B(1) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, Paragraph E of IATF Resolution No. 51, July 02, 2020, and Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020.)

6. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. Provided, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with Section 2(4) of the Omnibus Guidelines.

Provided, further, that operations of malls and shopping centers are subject to the guidelines of the DTI.

7. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed, but with strict compliance to the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.
8. Amusement, gaming, and fitness establishments, as well as those in the kids industries, and all Category IV industries may not operate. Industries in Category IV are reflected in the DTI issuance mentioned above. The DTI, in consultation with the Department of Finance, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and the Department of Tourism is hereby authorized to gradually recategorize industries from Category IV to Category III as may be deemed necessary. The resumption of, or gradual increase in operating capacity, and continued operations of Category III industries shall be subject to their proprietors' compliance with the proper health protocols set by the DTI. Further, their compliance shall be assessed through a post-audit mechanism which shall be led by the DTI, DOH, LGU Health Office and/or other deputized organizations. (As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020) 10.

No hotels or accommodation establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:

- a. For guests who have existing booking accommodations for foreigners as of 17 March 2020 for Luzon and 01 May 2020 for other areas;
- b. Guests who have existing long-term bookings;
- c. Distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
- d. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
- e. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
- f. Healthcare workers and other employees from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.

- g. Markets of specialized programs of the Department of Tourism Provided that accommodation establishments may operate only upon the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT; Provided further, that in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce. The operation of ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafes, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall be governed by these Omnibus Guidelines and other issuances of the relevant national agencies.(As amended by Paragraph A(2) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, Paragraph D of IATF Resolution No. 48, June 22, 2020, Paragraph B(2) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, and further amended by Paragraph C(3) of IATF Resolution No. 70, September 10, 2020)
10. Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, diving, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. Provided, further, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, shall be limited to basic operations and restaurants and cafés therein are hereby allowed to operate at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity provided that it allows for social distancing protocols and that such establishments are compliant with the proper protocols prescribed by the DTI.

In this regard, the operation of these dine-in establishments is hereby allowed up to 9:00 PM. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 4(3) does not apply. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited. (As amended by Paragraph A(3)(a) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020 and further amended by Paragraph D of IATF Resolution No. 48, June 22, 2020, Paragraph B(3) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020.)

11. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall operate at a reduced operational and vehicle capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. Provided, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.

Private transportation such as company shuttles and personal vehicles utilized by persons authorized outside their residences are allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr. The use of bikes and other non-motorized transportation is strongly encouraged.

12. Visits to open-air memorial parks and cemeteries shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group. The number of groups allowed at any given time shall be left to the discretion of the management of such memorial parks and cemeteries taking into consideration minimum public health standards and social distancing. (IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020)

INDUSTRIES, ESTABLISHMENTS AND OFFICES: SKELETAL WORKFORCE

13. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs, as well as LGUs may operate with a skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a different operational capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, border control, and other critical services. All Senior Citizens and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may no longer report to the office. All those who exhibit symptoms are required to seek immediate medical intervention and therefore need not come to office anymore.
14. Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations shall be advised to operate under a skeleton workforce, without prejudice to alternative work arrangements as the said missions or organizations may deem proper.
15. **Mass gatherings** such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be **prohibited**. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings in areas under General Community Quarantine shall be allowed up to fifty percent (50%) of the seating capacity, or up to ten (10) persons, whichever is higher. Provided that, religious gathering shall be limited to the conduct of religious worship and/or service including Misa de Gallo, Midnight, Christmas and New Year Masses. Provided further, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards, particularly the social distancing measures and non-pharmaceutical interventions such as the obligatory wearing of face masks and immediate availability of hand hygiene necessities in the premises. (As amended by Paragraph B(2) of IATF Resolution No. 51, July 02, 2020). Religious sacraments and ceremonies such as weddings, baptisms and funerals are allowed subject to minimum health standards and protocols.

16. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed, but with strict compliance to the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic

ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED

Face to face or in- person classes and other transactions involving house to house selling, face to face and house to house bet collection, carolings, reunions, Christmas parties, karaoke sessions, drinking spree and other activities where risk of transmission is high are not allowed.

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 14th day of December, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.



RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor