



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15 Series of 2021

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO EXERCISE THEIR DISCRETION IN THE IMPOSITION OF RT-PCR OR RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING AS A REQUIREMENT FOR TRAVELERS ARRIVING AT THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

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, the IATF- MEID through Resolution No. 101 Series of 2021 dated 26 February 2021 approves the imposition of a uniform travel protocols for land, air and sea of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, in coordination with Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines and the League of Cities of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, among the salient provisions of the said IATF-MEID Resolution is that testing shall not be mandatory for traveler except if LGU of destination (*province with respect to their municipalities and component cities, and highly urbanized cities and independent component cities*) will require testing as a requirement *prior* to travel, and such shall be limited to RT-PCR;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health had approved the use of Antigen test as method to detect whether a person is positive/negative of COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, the City and Municipal Mayors through their Punong Barangays have the first- hand information of all arriving travelers in their respective area of concern, thus, they are the one who can best exercise the decision whether to impose RT-PCR or Antigen testing as a requirement in entering their respective city/municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this order authorizing all local chief executives in the province of Isabela to exercise their discretion in the imposition of RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen testing as a requirement for travelers arriving at their respective jurisdiction. Provided that any issuances to effect such order shall not be in contrary with any existing IATF–MEID issued protocols particularly Resolution No. 101.

In case that the LGU decides to impose testing requirements for travelers, the following conditions must be held:

1. The imposition will cover all Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs), Travelers from Isabela who had spent the last 48 hours outside the province or in Santiago City.
2. An authentic 48-hour RT-PCR negative test result must be presented by the traveler upon entry or arrival to the LGU of destination;
3. If RT-PCR result is not available, the traveler must undergo a Rapid Antigen Test upon arrival to the City or Municipal LGU of destination, in case of positive result, the traveler shall be put in isolation facility for treatment or the LGU may deny entry of such individual. Cost of Antigen test shall be for the account of the receiving C/M LGU or the traveler him/herself;
4. All travelers exhibiting symptoms notwithstanding RT-PCR/ Rapid Antigen results must undergo quarantine upon arrival;
5. All LCEs in the province of Isabela must ensure unhampered movement by land, air or sea of all types of goods and cargoes- including their personnel and delivery vehicles- to and from their destination regardless of existing community quarantine classification including all those stated under the latest IATF- MEID Omnibus Guidelines Re: Guidelines for Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement.
6. Exempted from the requirements are government employees and those classified under Authorized Person Outside of Residence (APOR) who had **not** spent the last 48 hours outside the province or in Santiago City.

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

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

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 14th day of April, 2021 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 

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Nagkaisa para sa Isabela