



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA  
City of Ilagan

*Office of the Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 27

**AN ORDER INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF THE  
HEALTHGUARD CONTACT-TRACING AND BORDER CONTROL SYSTEM  
AGAINST COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 1218 dated September 10, 2021 of the President of the Philippines further extends the period of a state of calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022 due to Corona Virus Disease which was first declared under Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020 and extended under Proclamation No. 1021 s. 2020;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare and that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, LGUs shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code provides under Chapter 3, Article One, Section 465 (vii) thereof that:

**"CHAPTER 3 - OFFICIALS AND OFFICES COMMON TO ALL  
PROVINCES**

**Article One. The Provincial Governor**

**SEC. 465. The Chief Executive: Powers, Duties, Functions, and Compensation.**

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(vii) Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

x x x"

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela to protect the health, safety and well-being of all its constituents and all that sojourn within its territorial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of the Provincial Government of Isabela to protect all its constituents and all that sojourn within its territorial jurisdiction

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against COVID-19 by tracing all those who had close contacts with persons infected with the virus;

**WHEREAS**, to attain the above-mentioned objective, there must be an efficient method of creating a data base of close contacts within the province such that further infections may be preempted by identifying those who had close contact with persons tested to be infected with COVID-19, testing them, and if necessary, isolating and treating them before they are exposed to others;

**WHEREAS**, the Isabela State University has developed a computer application called HealthGuard for several purposes including contact tracing and border control;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, hereby order:

Section 1. **Coverage.** - This Executive Order applies to all residents, sojourners, government facilities, private business establishments, and all those who cross territorial boundaries into the Province.

Section 2. **HealthGuard registration of individuals.** - All residents of the Province, sojourners, and those who cross territorial boundaries into the Province shall register with the HealthGuard system through [www.healthguard.ph](http://www.healthguard.ph) by following instructions therein.

Section 3. **QR code scanning at boundary checkpoints.** - Boundary checkpoints shall be equipped with scanners to scan QR codes that are generated by the HealthGuard system unique to every individual. No individual shall be allowed to cross boundaries into the Province unless such QR code had been scanned. In addition, boundary checkpoint personnel shall be equipped with computers, internet access, and printers to assist individuals who do not have HealthGuard QR codes and wish to acquire one.

Section 4. **Provincial Government personnel at Cordon and San Pablo boundary checkpoints.** - Three (3) contractual workers to be deployed in three (3) eight (8)-hour shifts shall be assigned in the boundary checkpoints at Cordon and San Pablo by the concerned LGU to assist individuals who do not have HealthGuard QR codes and wish to acquire one.

Section 5. **HealthGuard registration of government facilities.** - All national and local government facilities in the Province must register with the HealthGuard system through [www.healthguard.ph](http://www.healthguard.ph) by following instructions therein.

Section 6. **QR code scanning at government facilities.** - The above-mentioned government facilities must be equipped with scanners to scan QR codes that are generated by the HealthGuard system. No individual shall be allowed into such government facilities unless his or her HealthGuard QR code had been scanned. In addition, such national and local government facilities shall be equipped with computers, internet access, and printers to assist individuals who do not have HealthGuard QR codes and wish to acquire one.

**Section 7. HealthGuard registration of private business establishments.** All cities and municipalities are enjoined to enact an ordinance:

a. institutionalizing the use of the HealthGuard system within their territorial jurisdiction requiring private business establishments therein to register with said system through [www.healthguard.ph](http://www.healthguard.ph) by following instructions therein;

b. requiring private business establishments to be equipped with scanners to scan QR codes that are generated by the HealthGuard system;

c. preventing individuals from entering private business establishments unless his or her HealthGuard QR code had been scanned; and

d. requiring private business establishments to assist individuals who do not have HealthGuard QR codes and wish to acquire one by having computers, internet access, and printers or at least a poster or leaflets on how to register with the HealthGuard system.

**Section 8. The HealthGuard Focal Group.** - A HealthGuard focal group is hereby created to oversee the use of the HealthGuard system and shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	:	Provincial Governor
Co-Chairman	:	Provincial Public Safety Officer
Co-Chairman	:	Provincial Information Officer
Members	:	
		Provincial DRRM Officer
		Provincial Director, Isabela Police Provincial Office
		Provincial Health Officer
		Provincial Treasurer
		Provincial Budget Officer
		Provincial Planning and Development Officer
		Management Information System
		Dean, College of Computing Information
		Communication Technology, Isabela State
		University

**Section 9. The HealthGuard Administration Group.** - A HealthGuard administration group composed of three (3) contractual workers from the provincial government is hereby created and assigned to the College of Computing Information Communication Technology of the Isabela State University to assist the HealthGuard developer and complement its staff in processing data collected by the HealthGuard system in the Province.

**Section 10. Effects on the S-PaSS and StaySafe systems.** HealthGuard is intended not to replace but to complement the S-PaSS and StaySafe systems required by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases to be used for border control and contact tracing.

Section 11. **Separability Clause.** Should any provision of this Order be declared invalid, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 12. **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 13. **Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 29th day of September 2021 at City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor 