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To:

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All Others Concerned

From:

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Subject:

DISSEMINATION OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-99, S. 2021 "Declaring a Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ)

in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte"

Date:

October 19, 2021

- This is in reference to the approved Executive Order signed by the Honorable Governor Roberto Y. Uy, declaring the province of Zamboanga del Norte under a Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine effective October 16 – 31, 2021.
- The Schools Division Office advises all concerned to be guided on the provisions and / or guidelines enclosed herein.
- 3. For information and reference.

Encl: As stated

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Executive Order No. 21-99 Series of 2021

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, per National IATF recommendation the province of Zamboanga del Norte will be placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) for the period October 16-31, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF-EID provides a set of guidelines for areas placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine, as amended;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine further provides guidelines for interzonal and intrazonal movement of people within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine furthermore provides for general provisions to be adhered by every Local Government Units for the implementation of their respective community quarantine as per IATF-EID classification;

WHEREAS, under the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety which is consistent with the state policy for the promotion of health under the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (p) of Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" ensures, as part of the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Intervention of the government, that all LGUs are acting within the letter and spirit of all the rules, regulations and directives issued by the national government pursuant to this Act; and implementing standards of CQ consistent with what the national government has laid down for the subject area, while allowing LGUs to continue exercising their autonomy in matters undefined by the national government or are within the parameters it has set; and are fully cooperating towards a unified, cohesive and orderly implementation of the national policy to address COVID-19: Provided, That pursuant to the constitutional right of freedom of movement of persons, the IATF-EID shall be responsible for providing guidelines on cross-border concerns, including, but not limited to, Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), OFWs, domestic travelers and residents, while the LGUs shall determine the policies and regulations within their respective jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, considering the surge of Covid19 cases in the province and a high mortality rate of unvaccinated individuals, the PIATF recommends the adoption of additional stringent measures in order to address the current situation and curtail the spread of Covid-19 in the province:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERTO Y. UY, Governor of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Code and such other laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Imposition of Community Quarantine. A Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine is imposed in the entire Province of Zamboanga del Norte which shall be for the period October 16-31, 2021.

Section 2. Compliance of Minimum Public Health Standards. Public Health protocols such as the wearing of face mask and the observance of social distancing measures of at least one (1) meter/3-feet radius between people shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ when in public places.

The use of full-face shields shall be required in addition to the aforementioned minimum public health protocols when in crowded and enclosed places. Public/private offices and all business establishments shall implement a "No face mask and face shield, no entry" policy.

Moreover, the new customary gesture of goodwill, praise and respect which is the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of the chest with a simultaneous slight head nod shall be adopted as an alternative gesture to the traditional handshake in order to reduce the chances of COVID-19 transmission.

- Section 3. Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement. Interzonal movement refers to the movement of people, goods and services across areas under different community quarantine classifications while Intrazonal movement refers to the movement of people, goods and services between localities under the same quarantine community quarantine classifications, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification.
- 3.1 Persons Allowed to Enter the Province. The following persons shall be permitted entry into the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, provided, that the following requirements are complied with and shall pass symptoms screening at the point of entry/exit, viz:

Classification

Requirements

1. PERSONNEL OF DELIVERY VEHICLES FOR GOODS, CARGO, TRUCKING, AND **COURIER SERVICES**

NOTE: (Maximum of one (1) driver and two (2) helpers shall be allowed .)

- Valid Identification Card with picture
 Proof of employment
- 3. Good's pass (whenever applicable)
- 4. Cargo manifest or delivery receipt indicating the destination, nature and quantity of loaded goods/cargoes

Quarantine: NONE

2. RETURNING OR REPATRIATED OFWS, OTHER OVERSEAS FILIPINOS RETURNING TO THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCES (ROFS), AND VISITING FOREIGN NATIONALS

See Annex "A" for green, yellow, and red list countries. Vaccinated

From Countries: 1. Valid Identification Card with 2. Negative RT-PCR result (taken within 72 hours prior to travel to

- 3. Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination.
- 4. VaxCertPH vaccination digital

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated

Countries: From

- 1. Valid Identification Card with picture
- 2. Negative RT-PCR result (taken within 72 hours prior to travel to ZDN)
- 3. Quarantine Certification issued by the DOH-Bureau of Quarantine
- 4. Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination.

certificate, BOQ/WHO-issued international certificate of vaccination (ICV), or national/state digital certificate of foreign government

Quarantinc: 10 days

Quarantine: 7 days

From

Countries:

- 1. Valid Identification Card with picture
- 2. Negative RT-PCR result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel to ZDN)
- 3. Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination.
- VaxCertPH digital vaccination certificate, BOQ/WHO-issued international certificate of vaccination (ICV), or national/state digital certificate of foreign government

From

Countries:

- 1. Valid Identification Card with picture
- 2. Negative RT-PCR result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel to ZDN)
- Quarantine Certification issued by the DOH-Bureau of Quarantine
- Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination.

Quarantine: 10 days

Quarantine: 7 days

Quarantine: 14 days

From Real Countries: Only repatriated Filipinos are allowed regardless of vaccination status

1. Valid Identification Card with picture

- 2. Negative RT-PCR result (dated at most 5 days prior to travel to ZDN)
- 3. Quarantine Certification issued by the DOH-Bureau of Quarantine
- 4. Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination.
- VaxCertPH digital vaccination certificate, BOQ/WHO-issued international certificate
 of vaccination (ICV), or national/state digital certificate of foreign government

Quarantine: 14 days facility-based quarantine

3. AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE (APORS) – TRAVELS UNDER OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Note: If an APOR travels for REST, he/she shall be considered as Non-APOR.

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Vaccinated Permanent APORs: Permanent APORs: Company 1. Valid Agency Valid Agency or Company Identification Card with picture Identification Card with picture 2. Travel Order issued by the concerned 2. Travel Order issued by the Head of Office or Schedule of concerned Head of Office or engagement issued by the concerned Schedule of engagement issued by office/agency the concerned office/agency Travel Itinerary Certificate of Coordination from 3. Travel Itinerary 4. Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination LGU of destination 5. Negative RT-PCR result (dated at 5. Vaccination Card 6. Negative Antigen Test Result most 5 days prior to travel) (dated at most 3 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: 14 days

Transient APORs (3 to 5 days travel):

- 1. Requirements 1-4 above;
- 2. Vaccination Card
- 3. Negative Antigen Test Result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: NONE

Transient APORs (3 to 5 days travel):

- 1. Requirements 1-4 above;
- 2. Negative RT-PCR result (dated at most 5 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: NONE

4.NON-APORS

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- Valid Identification Card with picture
- Letter of Acceptance/Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination
- 3. Vaccination Card
- 4. Negative Antigen Test Result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel)

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated

- Valid Identification Card with picture
- Letter of Acceptance/Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination
- 3. Negative RTPCR Test Result (dated at most 5 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: 14 days

Quarantine: 7 days

5.PASSING THROUGH INDIVIDUALS

Vaccinated

- Valid Identification Card with picture
- Vaccination Card

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated

- 1. Valid Identification Card with picture
- 2. Negative Antigen Test Result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: NONE

Quarantine: NONE

6.TRAVELS NOT EXCEEDING 48 HOURS

Vaccinated

Permanent APORs:

- Valid Agency or Company
 Identification Card with picture
- 2. Travel Order issued by the concerned Head of Office or Schedule of engagement issued by the concerned office/agency
- 3. Travel Itinerary
- Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination
- Vaccination Card

Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated APORS under official business:

- Valid Agency or Company
 Identification Card with picture
- Travel Order issued by the concerned Head of Office of Schedule of engagement issued by the concerned office/agency
- 3. Travel Itinerary
- 4. Certificate of Coordination
- 5. Negative Antigen Test Result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: NONE Quarantine: NONE

Persons travelling for indispensable travels:

- Valid Identification Card with picture
- Letter of Acceptance/Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination
- 3. Vaccination Card

Persons travelling for indispensable travels:

- 1. Valid Identification Card with picture
- Letter of Acceptance/Certificate of Coordination from LGU of destination
- 3. Negative Antigen Test Result (dated at most 3 days prior to travel)

Quarantine: NONE

Quarantine: NONE

NOTE:

- An individual shall be considered as fully vaccinated for Covid-19:
 - i. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine, or
 - ii. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson vaccine only).
- The negative RT-PCR result requirement shall not be required to children 7 years old and below. Provided, that the companion/s of the said children complies with the negative RT-PCR result requirement or vaccination card if fully vaccinated.
- All persons manifesting symptoms of COVID-19 and persons with a body temperature above 37.5 degree Celsius upon screening at any QCPs shall be DENIED ENTRY. However, if the person manifesting symptoms at the QCP is a resident of the province he/she may be permitted entry but shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine under 3.6 hereof.
- Personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking and courier services from an ECQ and MECQ areas shall be permitted entry into the province pursuant to Section 7 (1) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine.
- Travels for leisure from outside the province shall be disallowed.
 - 3.1.2 **Persons "NOT" allowed.** Those persons who are <u>transiting through</u> and/or his/her <u>place of origin is an area placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), or any form of Lockdown, and those persons whose <u>place of destination have existing travel moratoriums</u> issued by the DILG and/or declared by the respective LGU shall not be allowed to enter the province.</u>

Except, however, for <u>APORs traveling under official business and persons traveling for emergency reasons</u>, in which case, concerned city/municipal LGU shall ensure strict compliance to the requirements under Section 3.1 (3) and (4), respectively, of this Order before issuing a certificate of coordination.

- 3.2 **Movement of Persons within the Province.** Movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing "essential" goods and services, for work in office or industries permitted to operate and for other permitted activities. Local chief executives may adopt measures to ensure strict implementation of the aforesaid restrictions.
 - 3.2.1 Restrictions on the Movement of Persons. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are sixty-five (65) years old and above, those with

immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women are required to remain in their residences at all times.

Provided, that comorbid adults and senior citizens with scheduled Covid-19 vaccination shall be allowed to leave their residences for the said purpose, including persons under this Section with medical engagements/emergencies.

- 3.2.2 Permitted Activities. Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking, are allowed within the general area of their residence, e.g. within the barangay, purok, subdivision, and/or village. Provided, that the minimum public health standards and precautions such as the wearing of face masks, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.
- 3.3 **Passage of Goods.** The passage of goods, especially food, medicines, fuel and other materials needed in agriculture and manufacturing, in and out of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall not be hampered. This shall include the passage of vehicles that are passing through or in-transit to pick-up and deliver goods.

All vehicles transporting goods into the Province of Zamboanga del Norte are subject to thorough inspection and disinfection protocols at the provincial checkpoints. A Declaration of Goods, Cargoes and Supplies shall be filled up upon entry. After undergoing inspection, disinfection and other checkpoint protocols the aforesaid declaration shall be marked "cleared" by an authorized member of the PNP manning the provincial checkpoint.

All vehicles transporting goods into the Province are <u>prohibited from carrying passengers</u>. Likewise, all goods, cargoes and supplies shall be allowed into the Province, EXCEPT prohibited goods and contrabands.

- **3.4 Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs).** Movement of APORs shall only be limited to official business. APORs shall be classified into to category:
 - 1. Permanent APORs- refers to APORs whose place of work is within the province.
 - 2. Transient APORs refers to APORs whose place of work is outside the province and visits the province under official business.

Travels of APORs must be on official business. APORs travelling for rest, recreation, leisure, and such other travels not in official business shall consider him/her as non-APOR and require him/her to present the requirements provided under 3.1 (4) to be permitted entry into the province.

3.5 Non-APORs. Non-APORs shall include returning residents, and persons travelling for medical reasons, indispensable travels, leisure travels, and such other travels not related to official businesses of APORs.

Indispensable travels shall include travels for business transactions, banking transactions, renewal of license/passport and other documents, CSC/PRC/Pre-employment examinations, applications, frequent travels, funerals, medical reasons and such travels considered as indispensable on a case to case basis.

3.6 Mandatory Quarantine. All persons permitted entry into the province, **whether vaccinated or not**, shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine at a designated isolation facility of the concerned LGU or at home if qualified under DOH guidelines, **except** those personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking and courier services, APORs under official business not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours, transient APORs with a 3-5 days travel, persons with indispensable travels not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours, and such other persons specifically exempted under this Order.

However, persons manifesting symptoms at any QCPs who are residents of the province shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine of fourteen (14) days at a designated isolation

facility of the concerned LGU, thus, home quarantine shall not be allowed in this circumstance. Non-residents of the province manifesting symptoms at any QCPs shall be denied entry.

Further, residents of the province who arrive at the Provincial border checkpoints without any documentary requirements shall be denied entry **unless** they undertake to undergo a 14-day mandatory quarantine at any designated isolation facility of the concerned LGU, provided, however, that said residents do not come from areas placed under ECQ, MECQ, lockdown, or with existing travel moratoriums. Provided further, that the concerned City/Municipal LGUs will accept them. As such, proper coordination as to the entry of these persons must be made.

Local government units shall be responsible in ensuring that all their residents under the immediately preceding paragraph who were allowed to enter the province despite not having complied any documentary requirements are fetched in the border QCPs of the province, and directly isolate them.

DOH protocols shall strictly be observed and followed in every Temporary Treatment Monitoring Facility (TTMF) of cities/municipalities. LGUs shall be responsible for any breach of protocols in their respective TTMFs.

- 1.6.1 **Mandatory Quarantine of Children Seven (7) years old and below.** Children seven (7) years old and below shall also undergo mandatory quarantine for the same period as his/her adult companion/s.
- 1.6.2 Mandatory Quarantine for ROFs and Visiting Foreign Nationals. Mandatory quarantine for returning or repatriated OFWs, other overseas Filipinos and visiting foreign nationals shall depend on whether he/she came from a "green list", "yellow list", or "red list" countries.

A fully vaccinated individual coming from a "green list" country shall undergo a mandatory quarantine of 7 days in a quarantine facility or at home, if the same is qualified under DOH guidelines. If said individual is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, he/she shall undergo a mandatory quarantine of 10 days in a quarantine facility or home if qualified under DOH guidelines. Provided further, that in all circumstances said individual presents a **negative RT-PCR result taken within 72 hours prior to travel in the province** as required under 3.1, item 2 of this Order.

A fully vaccinated individual coming from a "yellow list" country shall undergo a mandatory quarantine of 10 days in a quarantine facility or at home, if the same is qualified under DOH guidelines, while an unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individual shall undergo a mandatory quarantine of 14 days in a quarantine facility or home if qualified under DOH guidelines. Facility-based quarantine undertaken upon arrival in the country shall be included in counting the aforementioned quarantine periods.

Individuals, regardless of vaccination status, coming from a "red list" country shall be required to undergo a mandatory quarantine of 14 days in a quarantine facility here in the province.

- 1.6.3 Mandatory Quarantine for APORs. Only APORs with travels under official business exceeding 5 days shall be required to undergo mandatory quarantine which shall be for a period of 7 days if said APOR is vaccinated, and 14 days if said APOR is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated. Mandatory quarantine may be undertaken in a quarantine facility or at home, if the same is qualified under DOH guidelines.
- 1.6.4 Mandatory Quarantine for Non-APORs. Non-APORs, including APORs travelling for rest, recreation, leisure, or such other travels not under official business, shall be required to undergo mandatory quarantine of 7 days if said individual is vaccinated, and 14 days if said individual is unvaccinated or partially

vaccinated. Mandatory quarantine may be undertaken in a quarantine facility or at home, if the same is qualified under DOH guidelines.

1.6.5 Mandatory Quarantine for Exposed individuals, Covid Suspect, and Covid19 patients. Fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts of probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases may undergo a 7-day quarantine period, provided that the individual remains asymptomatic for the duration of the seven-day period with the first day being the date immediately after the last exposure.

In the event that (RT-PCR) Test needs to be performed on the asymptomatic individual, it may be tested not earlier than the fifth day after the date of the last exposure.

For close contacts who may have been traced beyond the seventh day from last exposure and who have remained asymptomatic, no testing and quarantine shall be required.

Should the RT-PCR Test yield a positive result, or he/she becomes symptomatic, he/she shall follow the prescribed testing and isolation protocols.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who are close contacts of probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall undergo a 14-day quarantine period pursuant to DOH guidelines.

1.6.6 Affidavit of Undertaking. All individuals required to undergo a mandatory quarantine shall execute an Affidavit of Undertaking attesting his/her consent to the same.

Section 4. Quarantine Control Points and other Border Control. There shall be a Quarantine Control Point (QCP) established at every point of entry into the Province. All QCPs shall conduct health checks of every inbound passengers. Personnel manning the QCPs shall be responsible to collect, review and assess all Declaration Forms and submit the same to the PIATF.

A. Land Travel - All established provincial checkpoints shall remain operational. It shall be the responsibility of the Philippine National Police in coordination with the concerned city/municipal local government units to secure all major entry and exit points of the Province. City/Municipal LGUs neighboring the provincial borders may adopt rotational scheme in manning the provincial QCPs.

QCP personnel shall ensure that all individuals requesting entry complies with the requirements provided under Section 3.1 of this Order before permitted entry into the Province.

B. Seaports – The members of the Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coastguard, the PNP Maritime Group and MARINA in coordination with the concerned local government units shall be responsible to secure every entry and exit points for sea transport of the Province.

The Philippine Coastguard shall ensure that all passengers of vessels travelling to the Province of Zamboanga del Norte complies with all the requirements provided under Section 3 of this Order.

The Philippine Ports Authority shall see to it that crew members of docking vessels are only allowed to disembark within the wharves of the sea ports with strict compliance to the minimum public health standards.

C. Airports – The officers and members of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippine in coordination with the PNP Aviation Security Unit and the concerned local

government units (LGU) shall be responsible to secure every entry and exit points for air transport of the Province.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippine shall make sure that crew members of every aircraft are only allowed to disembark within tarmacs of the airports with strict compliance to the minimum public health standards.

D. Declaration Forms. All persons travelling to the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall fill up the declaration form and submit the same at the QCP in their point of entry.

The responsibility of ensuring that all passengers bound to the Province of Zamboanga will thoroughly fill up the declaration form are designated to the airline, bus line, and shipping line personnel.

It shall be mandatory for hotels, pension houses, inns, and similar establishments to keep a logbook of all their guest and to require them to fill up the declaration forms. They shall be responsible in collecting it and submit the same to the PIATF.

E. Secondary Entry and Exit Points. All secondary entry and exit points in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall be secured by the concerned local government unit. The establishment of checkpoints for this purpose shall be allowed. Further, concerned LGUs are urged to pass a resolution for the temporary closure of roads, identified as secondary entry/exit points of the province for a 30-day period.

All local chief executives (LCEs) of the eighteen (18) coastal cities and municipalities of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte are reminded to secure their coastal borders from unpermitted entry. Coastal communities are encouraged to report any violations of this Order to their respective BHERTs, for appropriate action.

F. CITY/MUNICIPAL CHECKPOINTS – Cities/municipalities with high/rising number of Covid-19 cases may, under the supervision of the PNP, establish their own checkpoints to restrict the movements of persons as may be necessary.

Section 5. Public and Private Transportation. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. **The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged.**

The airline, bus line, and shipping line companies shall be responsible in ensuring that all passengers on-board airplanes, busses, and vessels complies with the requirements provided in Section 3.1 of this Order. Hence, no passenger shall be allowed to board absent any requirements under the said section.

Inter-Regional PUV trips originating from Region IX to other regions and vice versa shall be temporarily suspended until otherwise lifted by any subsequent issuances of concerned agency/authorities. As such, all PUVS in the province of Zamboanga del Norte are only allowed to operate within Region IX.

5.2 Passenger Manifest for Buses. For every trips, buses are required to provide a passenger manifest along with the names of its driver and conductors, and the time and date of their departure and arrival. This document shall be submitted to the Provincial Tourism Office, Capitol, Estaka, Zamboanga del Norte every after trip.

Section 6. Province Wide Curfew. There shall be a province wide curfew hour to be adopted by all LGUs in the province. The province wide curfew hours shall be:

For minors - required to remain at home For adults - from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am

The PNP shall conduct regular monitoring during the curfew hours and ensure increased police visibility in the communities in order to ensure that no individual violates

the curfew hours, except frontliners and employees of establishments allowed to operate beyond the curfew hours.

Section 7. Province Wide Liquor Ban. The public consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages in the entire province shall be prohibited.

Section 8. Private/Public Places, Establishments and Regulated Activities.

- A. During the period of MECQ the following private/public places, establishments and venues shall be closed, viz:
 - a. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;
 - Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;
 - Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
 - d. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities;
 - e. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor lessure centers or facilities, and swimming pools;
 - f. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office;
 - g. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, and cultural shows and exhibits;
 - h. Outdoor tourist attractions;
 - i. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions;
 - j. Personal care services such as medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, make-up salons, reflexology, aesthetics, wellness, and holistic centers, and other similar establishments; acupuncture and electrocautery establishments, and massage therapy including sports therapy establishments. It also includes establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing, and similar services. Home service for these activities are likewise not permitted; and
- B. The following essential establishments shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity, viz;
 - a. Hospitals, pharmacies, drug stores, medical and dental clinics, and laboratories
 - Power, energy, water, IT and telecommunications supplies and facilities (including dealers of LPG and other petroleum products)
 - c. Logistic Service Providers
 - d. Banks, Money Transfer services, pawnshops and financial Service Providers
 - e. Industries involved in agriculture
 - f. Essential and priority construction projects,
 - g. Essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, office supplies, bicycle shops, laundry shops, and water-refilling stations;
 - h. Public Transport
 - Gasoline stations
 - j. Funeral parlors
 - k. Veterinary clinics

- I. Repair and maintenance shops
- m. Waste disposal services
- n. Media Establishments

C. OTHER REGULATIONS

Dine-in services. Indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries are allowed up to ten percent (10%) venue/seating capacity, while *al fresco* dine-in shall be allowed up to fifty percent (50%) venue/seating capacity.

Beauty Salons, Beauty Parlors, Barbershops and Nail Spas are allowed to operate at a maximum of thirty percent (30%) venue/seating capacity.

Hotels or Accommodation Establishments. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity. Provided, however, if they operate as a quarantine facility, they can no longer received other guests for accommodation. Further, in order to decongest the number of isolated individuals in barangay isolation units (BIUs) and extend the BIUs' capacity to hold covid-19 patients, all accommodation establishments operating as quarantine facilities shall be allowed to operate at 100% operational capacity.

Other Establishments. All other establishments not mentioned in the preceding paragraphs shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) on-site capacity while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

Minimum Health and Safety Protocols. All establishments shall strictly implement a "No face mask and face shield, no entry" policy and provide measures for social distancing within their premises.

Safety Seal Certification. Establishments with Safety Seal Certification that are permitted to open under this section are allowed to operate with an additional ten percent (10%) venue/seating capacity.

All issuances of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) following the recommendations of the IATD-EID Resolutions shall be adhered, whenever applicable, by all business establishments in the Province.

Section 9. Wok in Government Offices. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational, with a skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.

Section 10. Gatherings. <u>Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited.</u>

<u>Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one's immediate household shall likewise be prohibited.</u>

However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, 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.

In all circumstances, a prior permission from the concerned city/municipal LGU must be secured. Further, the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face

masks and face shield, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols shall be observed at times.

Furthermore, all permits issued for the conduct of gatherings not prohibited herein during the period of MECQ are automatically adjusted to conform with the maximum venue capacity as herewith imposed. On the otherhand, all permits issued for prohibited gathering are hereby withdrawn, recalled, and revoked.

- **Section 11. Classes in HEIs, Basic Education, and TVETs.** Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended. The education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of the CHED for higher education, TESDA for technical vocational education and training, DepEd for basic education.
- **Section 12. Public and Private Construction Projects.** All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Section 13. Persons Deprived of Liberty. In pursuance to DILG Memorandum dated May 13, 2020 relative to the subject "COVID-19 Testing for Persons Deprived of Liberty before Commitment to Jails and prior to Release", all Persons Deprived of Liberty must undergo Covid-19 testing before commitment to a jail facility and prior to release therefrom.
- Section 14. Regulation on the Use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits. The collection and processing of specimens shall only be conducted in a health facility accredited by the DOH. The use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits shall be in accordance with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0468. "Supplemental Guidance on the Use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits."
- Section 15. Handling of the Dead. The management of human remains for suspected or confirmed COVID 19 cases shall strictly comply with the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020 063 dated March 27, 2020 and DOH recommended guidelines and procedures. Shipment of human remains or cremains of foreign nationals and locals shall strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Bureau of Quarantine.

Private funeral parlors are directed not to take any cadavers without a death certificate indicating the cause of death as not covid related. As such, if the same is found to be covid related, funeral parlors are advised to call the proper authorities to handle the dead body.

15.1 Conduct of Necrological Services, Wakes, Inurnment, Funerals. The conduct of necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for deceased persons not identified as COVID-19 positive or suspect shall be <u>limited to immediate family members and a maximum of five (5) days</u> and with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

A prior permission from the concerned city/municipal LGU must be secured for the conduct of wakes.

Section 16. Imposition of Localized Enhance Community Quarantine and Other Strinent Measures. In the event that COVID-19 cases in the province becomes overwhelming, the Provincial Governor and/or concerned local chief executive may impose an enhanced community quarantine or additional stringent measures as may deemed necessary in the affected component cities, municipalities and barangays of the Province, in concurrence with the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force, in case if a city or municipality is affected and in concurrence with the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force, in the case of barangays. Corresponding Executive Orders shall be issued by the concerned LCE as to the matter. Likewise, Zoning Containment Strategies shall be adopted for this matter.

Section 17. Conformity to Various Issuances of the IATF-EID, Government Agencies and Instrumentalities. Subsequent issuances and directives from the IATF-EID, government agencies and instrumentalities during the effectivity of this Executive Order shall be deemed incorporated hereto in so far as it may be applicable.

Corollary, for the period October 1-8, 2021, all aspirants for the May 2022 election are encourage to strictly observe the preventive measures, health and safety rules under COMELEC Resolution 10717.

Section 18. Adherence by the City/Municipal Local Government Units. All Chief Executives of City/Municipal local government units in the Province shall adhere to the provisions of this Order and shall refrain from executing any other rules and regulations which are outside its parameters unless the same are with prior approval from the RIATF.

Section 19. Vaccination of Individuals below 18 years of age. Parents are encouraged to have their children age 17 years old and below vaccinated for flu and pneumonia as the trend of infection of the Covid-19 Delta variant is within the said age group. Further, local chief executives are encouraged to procure flu and pneumonia vaccines for indigent individuals age 17 years old and below, whenever funds are available.

Section 20. Contingency Measures during Surge. All local government units are mandated to prepare contingency measures during surge, such as to create a scheme for referral of patients, increase of number of beds in the hospitals, procurements of medicines, medical supplies and equipment, augmentation of personnel in the frontline service, ensure availability of transport vehicles, and such other measures necessary to address a surge of cases.

Moreover, local chief executives are mandated to procure medical oxygens in preparation of possible shortage of supplies due to the increasing number of Covid19 cases in Region IX and to ensure availability of oxygen units in every emergency transport vehicles and prevent mortalities.

Section 21. Covid-19 Vaccination Incentive Program. Local chief executives are urge to formulate a vaccination incentive program providing rewards/incentives to business establishments giving out discounts, freebies, promos to fully vaccinated individuals or such other schemes employed that will encourage individuals to be vaccinated. This is to address the need to fully implement Covid-19 vaccination roll-out and reached the vaccination goal percentage of the province.

Section 22. Acts of Discrimination. Acts of discrimination inflicted upon healthcare workers, repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs, COVID-19 cases, whether confirmed, recovered or undergoing treatment, as well as suspect and probable cases, and Persons under Monitoring are denounced in the strongest of terms. Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as, but not limited to, coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of lease or employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly, and/or administratively. All Chief Executives of City/Municipal local government units in the Province are enjoined to enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing these discriminatory acts.

Section 23. Sanctions and Penalties. Violations to any of the provisions of this guidelines shall be subjected to appropriate criminal, civil, and administrative liability in accordance with existing laws.

Section 24. Repealing Clause. All previous issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed amended and/or repealed.

Section 25. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall be effective on October 16, 2021 until October 31, 2021.

Let copies of this order be furnished to all local chief executives, other concerned public and private agencies and institutions, and the mass media for guidance, information, and widest dissemination.

Done this 15th day of October, 2021 in Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.

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ROBERTO Y. UY
Provincial Governor

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