



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18

Series of 2021

**AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR HEIGHTENED SURVEILLANCE AND
RESPONSE OF COVID-19 CASES IN DAVAO CITY**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 1021 extending the State of Calamity in the country until September 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, there is a surge of cases in the National Capital Region and other areas in the country and the emergence of new COVID-19 variants;

WHEREAS, there is a need to recalibrate strategies to prevent and control COVID-19 transmission in Davao City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS (ILI). The World Health Organization defines ILI as an acute respiratory infection with the following:

- A. A measured fever of more than or equal to 38 degrees Celsius;
- B. and cough;
- C. with onset within the last ten (10) days.

SECTION 2. SURVEILLANCE - FACILITY-BASED.

- A. There shall be an establishment of ILI and Swab Corner in all the District Health Centers;
- B. There shall be a referral of ILI cases for mandatory RT-PCR testing in all district swab centers or if not yet available, to other swab sites;
- C. There shall be monitoring of ILI close contacts for signs and symptoms of ILI or COVID-19;

- D. There shall be mandatory swabbing of close contacts if they develop signs and symptoms of ILI or COVID-19.

SECTION 3. SURVEILLANCE - COMMUNITY-BASED.

- A. Contact Tracers, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) shall refer for swabbing in district health centers or Sta. Ana Health Center all individuals found with ILI or COVID-19 signs and symptoms;
- B. There shall be close monitoring of ILI close contacts for signs and symptoms of ILI or COVID-19;
- C. There shall be mandatory swabbing of close contacts if they develop signs and symptoms of ILI or COVID-19.

SECTION 4. GUIDE.

- A. Children and adults with ILI symptoms shall undergo COVID-19 RT-PCR testing;
- B. All ILI cases are required to undergo mandatory home quarantine while waiting for the RT-PCR test result;
- C. Individuals with ILI symptoms who have negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result can only be released from home quarantine once they become asymptomatic, except, if they need to work or do business.

SECTION 5. SURVEILLANCE OFFICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS. The health group of the response cluster should make a regular schedule of surveillance swabbing in high-risk areas without implementing the mandatory home quarantine post-swabbing such as but not limited to the following:

- A. Business and commercial establishments (i.e. Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), Banks, Restaurants, etc.);
- B. Public places (i.e. Wet markets, Supermarkets, Stores, etc.);
- C. Government Offices;
- D. Private Offices and Agencies (i.e. Recruitment Agencies, etc.);
- E. Closed facilities (i.e. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bahay Pag-asa, Home for the Aged, Orphanage, etc.); and
- F. Other barangays and areas deemed high risk by the City Health Office.

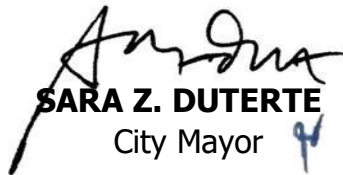
SECTION 6. PENALTIES. All existing laws and ordinances shall be pursued against those who fail to follow the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

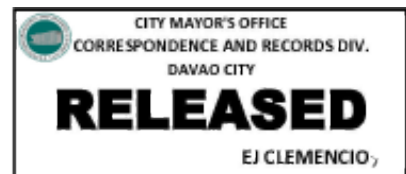
SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately until December 31, 2021.

Done this 26th day of March 2021 in Davao City, Philippines.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator



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