



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22
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AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR HEIGHTENED SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE OF COVID-19 CASES IN PUBLIC GROUND TRANSPORT AND DELIVERY SERVICES 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;

WHEREAS, public ground transport and delivery services pose a significant risk to COVID-19 transmission;

WHEREAS, public ground transport refers to a space setting, open or enclosed, where people are in close contact with one another and with high-use surfaces which can be potential sources of COVID-19 infection. The risk of infection is associated with sitting in proximity to an index case, duration of time aboard (time spent in the vehicle), inadequate ventilation, consequential recirculation of contaminated air especially in air-conditioned public transport vehicles, the widespread use of potentially contaminated barriers (plastics) to achieve social distancing and contaminated surfaces like handrails, doorknobs, seats, etc., and the countless number of possible infected passengers getting in and out of the vehicle;

WHEREAS, delivery or courier services refer to transportation of goods such as food, postal or other items from a source location to a predefined destination. The risk of infection is associated with touching objects or surfaces contaminated by persons unaware that they are infected;

WHEREAS, drivers of public ground transport and delivery or courier services are deemed high risk of exposure to COVID-19 and identified as potential sources of transmission by the City Health Office (CHO), Infectious Disease Specialists, and the Davao City COVID-19 Task Force;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in public ground transport and delivery services 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. GUIDELINES FOR SURVEILLANCE RT-PCR TESTING OF ALL DRIVERS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY SERVICES.

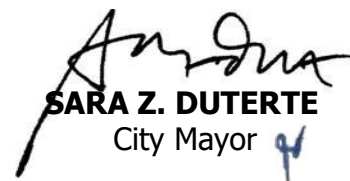
- a. There shall be free COVID-19 (RT-PCR) Swab Testing for all drivers of transportation and delivery services such as the following:
 1. Taxicab drivers
 2. Van drivers
 3. Airconditioned and non-airconditioned jeepney drivers
 4. *Habal-habal* or motorcycle drivers
 5. Tricycle drivers
 6. Bus drivers
 7. Other drivers of public ground transport vehicles
 8. Motorcycle drivers of food and online item delivery services (ie. Grab, Food Panda, Shopee, Lazada, etc.)
- b. Drivers do not need to undergo quarantine while waiting for their test results.
- c. Testing will be available starting April 26 to May 8, 2021 from Monday to Saturday at 8:30AM to 11:30AM. The testing location shall be at Davao Crocodile Park located at Gadi Road, Talomo, Davao City.
- d. The following requirements should be prepared before going to the testing location:
 1. Ballpen
 2. Driver's License (preferably); or
 3. Any Government-issued ID

SECTION 2. 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 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 22nd day of April 2021 in Davao City, Philippines.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator