



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31**

Series of 2021

**AN ORDER REGULATING ALL BARANGAY, LOCAL AND NATIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OFFICE EVENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND  
CONTROLLED CORPORATION EVENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a 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 (NCR) and other areas in the country and the emergence of new COVID-19 variants;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 113-A dated April 29, 2021 placed Davao City under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until May 31, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, contact tracing information has revealed that there are RT-PCR confirmed COVID-19 positive cases who attended government events;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to define a non-essential government activity and prohibit the holding of the same;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to temporarily suspend essential government activities in view of the increasing cases in the 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. COVERAGE.** This Order applies to all barangay, local and national government offices, agencies and instrumentalities, including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs).

**SECTION 2. NON-ESSENTIAL.** All face-to-face non-essential events are hereby prohibited until after the lifting of the State of Calamity:

- inauguration
- anniversary
- thanksgiving
- ribbon-cutting
- blessing
- turnover
- groundbreaking activity
- launching program
- press conference
- oath taking program
- photo opportunity
- retirement honors
- welcome honors
- testimonial program
- summer outing
- team building

- *salo-salo*
- birthday
- all other similar activities

The above events are all allowed on online platforms only.

**SECTION 3. NON-EMERGENCY.** All face-to-face non-emergency essential government activities including trainings and seminars are hereby suspended until August 31, 2021.

All non-emergency activities, trainings and seminars are allowed on online platforms only.

**SECTION 4. ALLOWED.** All disaster and emergency activities including the distribution of financial, food and non-food items are allowed.

The distribution of food and non-food items that are not related to a disaster or emergency event should be distributed house to house in the form of contactless delivery by the organizer or in a distribution system where no mass gathering is conducted.

These activities include but are not limited to the distribution of livelihood kits, information materials, distribution of government aid, community pantry, food aid and all other similar activities.

**SECTION 5. APPROVED EVENTS.** All approved events covered by this Order are hereby suspended or modified accordingly.

**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 on 00:01 of May 26, 2021.

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 in Davao City, Philippines.

  
**SARA Z. DUTERTE**  
 City Mayor

Attested by:

  
**ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ**  
 City Administrator