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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 47
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**AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR A MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY
QUARANTINE TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN DAVAO CITY FROM 12:01AM
AUGUST 1, 2020 TO 11:59PM AUGUST 15, 2020 UNLESS FURTHER
EXTENDED, MODIFIED OR WITHDRAWN**

WHEREAS, President Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 922 dated March 8, 2020 to put the country in a State of Public Health Emergency in relation to National Security;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 global spread of infection as a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, President Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 929 on March 16, 2020 and declared a State of Calamity in the entire country for a period of six months;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the medical experts demand for people to quarantine inside their houses to arrest the spread of infection;

WHEREAS, there is a need to keep the city open and for government, private offices and business establishments to continue operations;

WHEREAS, it is important to find a balance so people can continue to live, work and do business in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, it becomes necessary to implement a Modified General Community Quarantine and impose measures for the above purposes.

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. PERIOD. The period of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) shall be from **12:01AM AUGUST 1, 2020 to 11:59PM AUGUST 15, 2020**.

SECTION 2. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. The following are the basic health responsibilities of each Dabawenyo (*Sec. 5 (1) IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*):

- (a) **STAY HOME.** Everyone should stay home except when going to work and accessing essential goods and services. Everyone is reminded to make a schedule of when to go out to reduce the days and time of their exposure in public places (*Sec. 5 (2), IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*);
- (b) **WEAR FACE MASK.** Everyone should wear a face mask in all public places. The mask should cover both the nose and mouth at the same time. A face shield that covers the mouth area is optional to the general public but is mandatory for: a.) offices and establishments where there is a high volume of people moving inside the premises and b.) where the job of the worker puts him in close contact with other individuals;
- (c) **STAY AT LEAST ONE METER AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE.** Everyone on the streets, in transportation, offices and business establishments must stay at least one meter away from one another;
- (d) **FREQUENT HANDWASHING WITH SOAP AND WATER.** Everyone should regularly wash their hands. Offices and establishments must make handwashing facilities and alcohol available to their workers and guests. Everyone should have their own personal alcohol inside their pockets or bags.

SECTION 3. VULNERABLE SECTOR. Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks and pregnant women shall be required to stay at home all the time, except for the following reasons:

- (a) To work;
- (b) To access essential goods and services (*Sec. 4 (3), IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*);
- (c) When presence is needed in educational institution except for the purpose of face-to-face classes;
- (d) Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports (*Sec. 5 (4), IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*).

The persons enumerated under this section are prohibited from entering malls and shopping centers except for essential goods and services or work inside the establishments (*Sec. 4 (7), IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*).

SECTION 4. MASS GATHERINGS. All mass gatherings must be limited to 50% of the seating or venue capacity (*Sec. 5 (5), IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*). All venues must have the following basic health protocols:

- (a) The venue management and event organizer must keep complete contact details of all employees and guests per event. All record taking should use no-contact policy, as far as practicable. The use of applications as advised by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Memorandum Circulars (MCs) are strongly encouraged. Any reusable item should be disinfected immediately after each use (ballpen, etc.). Whenever required by the City Health Office (CHO), the management and event organizer must make the electronic database of a certain event available to contact tracers.

- (b) Masks shall be worn at all times by everyone. Face mask with face shield is mandatory for employees;
- (c) Symptom screening (check fever, cough, colds). Any person with a temperature higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius or exhibiting other symptoms should be prohibited entry and referred for medical check-up immediately;
- (d) Footbath upon entry, handwashing facilities, and alcohol must be available at all times;
- (e) Disinfection by wiping down and mopping with chlorine inside the venue should be implemented before use by guests;
- (f) All chairs must be at least one meter apart except for spouses and parents/guardians with small children;
- (g) Venue must have adequate ventilation;
- (h) Use of air purifiers and ultraviolet light is encouraged;
- (i) Management should implement all other health protocols to further lower the risk of infection of individuals inside their venue;
- (j) Sections 2 and 3 of Department of Trade and Industry Memo Circular No. 20-37 shall be applied for all venues whenever applicable.
- (k) Mass gatherings for parties and celebrations are strongly discouraged;
- (l) A guide of not more than 25 guests is advised for events to mark personal and family milestones in public places and to keep the possible positive cases low in the event that there is a spread of infection among guests. This low number will also hasten contact tracing for those who may be exposed to the positive cases.

SECTION 5. OFFICES AND ESTABLISHMENTS. The following are the guides for offices and establishments:

- (a) Joint Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) interim guidelines on workplace prevention and control of COVID-19 dated April 30, 2020;
- (b) All offices and establishments, including all government offices are advised to use online meeting platforms;
- (c) Employers are prohibited from forcing employees who are unwell to report to work. Said employees must be referred to the company-designated medical specialist for check-up and validation of their claims of illness;
- (d) Rapid testing kits should not be used as a tool to clear an employee back to work. If the doctor's opinion is to require testing, the RT-PCR test shall be used as the standard;
- (e) Whenever possible, visitors should be banned from offices and establishments;
- (f) Employers and business establishments should develop additional protocols to protect their employees and clients;

- (g) All offices and establishments should hire augmentation security personnel for their facilities to strictly implement health protocols;
- (h) Any person twenty-one (21) years old and below, sixty (60) years old and above, with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, other health risks or pregnant women are allowed alternative work arrangements (*Sec. 5 (7), IATF Omnibus Guidelines July 16, 2020*).

SECTION 6. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

- (a) All private and public educational institutions from kindergarten to post-graduate studies should prepare to implement a blended learning system until December 31, 2020 and for a possible extension until April 30, 2021.

Any three or all of the following can be implemented simultaneously to deliver education: synchronous and asynchronous platform, offline (use of electronic mail or e-mail, messaging tools, USB flash drive, etc.), modular printed materials, TV, radio broadcast, and other modes of instruction.

No face-to-face instruction shall be allowed.

- (b) Beginning September 1, 2020, higher educational institutions including post-graduate courses can conduct face-to-face examinations provided that examinees are one meter apart and not more than 50% of the area of the classroom or venue is used.
- (c) Educational institutions where the learners are housed in dormitories, are isolated from other people and have regulated access to public places are allowed face-to-face classroom instruction provided that the following health protocols are implemented:
 - (i) Masks should be used at all times in all public areas. Handwashing facilities and alcohol should be accessible to everyone;
 - (ii) A distance of at least one meter from each other shall be implemented during meals and face-to-face classes;
 - (iii) In no event can a class use more than 50% of the seating capacity of the classroom or venue. At all times, all chairs must at least be one meter apart;
 - (iv) All activities where physical distancing cannot be complied with shall not be implemented.
- (d) Technical and Vocational Education and Training centers may conduct face-to-face training and competency assessment provided that numbers (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this section are strictly implemented.

SECTION 7. OPERATING CAPACITY. Annex A of DTI MC No. 20-44 dated July 31, 2020 shall be used as the guide for operational capacity of different offices and establishments.

Cockpits, beerhouses and other establishments whose primary business is serving liquor, kids' amusement and play areas are not allowed to operate per DTI MC 20-44.

SECTION 8. LIQUOR BAN. No liquor, alcohol or any other intoxicating drink shall be sold, served or consumed in public, every day for 24 hours until ban is lifted.

SECTION 9. CURFEW AND FOOD AND MEDICINE PASS. The curfew and food and medicine pass are hereby suspended.

SECTION 10. RESTAURANTS AND ALL OTHER SIMILAR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. Restaurants and all other similar food establishments shall be guided by the following issuance except on the ban of liquor:

- (a) Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 20-39 July 17, 2020, Increasing the Operating Capacity for Dine-in Food Establishments, Amending for the Purpose DTI MC No. 20-37, Series 2020

SECTION 11. SARI-SARI STORE. Sari-sari stores shall not allow people to stay or loiter around their premises, otherwise, they will be closed by the Barangay Council indefinitely.

SECTION 12. WET MARKET. All wet markets/palengkes shall be closed every day at 5:00PM for daily clean-up.

- (a) All wet markets/palengkes must have an entrance, exit and one way direction for people to go through. People cannot turn around to go back and cannot roam around the wet market/palengke;
- (b) All public markets shall be closed on Sundays for general disinfection;
- (c) Mobile palengkes, rolling stores, groceries on wheels, or ambulant food vendors who are using different modes of transportation to sell basic food commodities in the barangays shall be allowed. Basic food commodities shall mean rice, bread, meat, poultry, fish, fruits and vegetables, cooking oil and other food condiments. There must be a maximum of 2 workers - 1 driver and 1 assistant who shall wear face masks and shall implement proper food handling. For this purpose, the vendors should comply with applicable regulation and ordinances.

SECTION 13. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION.

- (a) The truck ban is re-imposed for implementation;
- (b) All vehicles must implement physical distancing inside their units and must keep their windows halfway open to allow air to circulate inside their units;
- (c) Jeepneys must have set-up the approved distancing seating arrangement with barriers;
- (d) Tricycles must only have 1 driver and 1 passenger in front and 1 at the back, observing physical distancing;
- (e) Motorcycle pillion riding is allowed. Both driver and passenger must be wearing face masks and helmets and a barrier must be in place between them. The barrier may be made of any design and material provided that

it will cover the upper body but not to extend above the head of the driver;

- (f) Free bus rides from the government.

SECTION 14. DAVAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. All passengers taking regular commercial flights, private chartered flights or government and military flights and exiting the Davao International Airport (DIA) should present a negative RT-PCR test result taken within 24 to 72 hours of the departure date. The test may be taken at the place of origin or upon arrival in the DIA.

All passengers who are positive and are residents of Davao City shall be immediately referred to a city COVID-19 facility. For non-residents, both the passenger and the Local Government Unit (LGU) shall be informed of the result.

Passengers who are tested upon arrival in DIA shall be held in a city holding facility to wait for their results.

SECTION 15. LAND TRAVELERS. Selected land travelers passing through Task Force Davao checkpoints shall be escorted to a testing center or holding facility by motorcycle traffic enforcers for testing, assessment and clearance by the City Health Office. The selection of travelers for testing shall be at the discretion of the personnel in the checkpoint.

SECTION 16. SEA TRAVELERS. All foreign ship travelers are subject to the screening and regulations of the Bureau of Quarantine. All domestic sea travelers shall be subject to screening and inspection by the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Navy and the Task Force Davao and may be referred to the City Health Office for testing and quarantine.

SECTION 17. HOSPITALS.

- (a) Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) shall be the primary hospital for suspects and confirmed COVID-19 patients. Other public and private hospitals, including temporary treatment and monitoring facilities prepared by the City Government of Davao shall receive patients referred to them by SPMC.
- (b) Private hospitals shall ensure support to SPMC by conducting the following:
 - (i) All private hospitals in Davao City are not allowed to admit suspects and confirmed positive COVID-19 patients;
 - (ii) Private hospitals shall be on a decking order in the opening of their facilities to suspects and confirmed positive COVID-19 patients. They will be properly informed by the City Government and DOH when they shall be operationalized as a COVID-19 hospital;
 - (iii) All private hospitals must prepare for the possibility to be designated as a COVID-19 hospital;
 - (iv) Private hospitals must admit 10% or more indigent patients to decongest SPMC and allow more space therein;

- (v) Private hospitals must cease and desist from referring non-COVID-19 patients to SPMC;
- (vi) Private hospitals should not refuse admission to non-COVID-19 patients;
- (vii) Private birthing facilities must cater to indigent normal spontaneous delivery patients.

SECTION 18. WAKE AND BURIAL. Funeral parlors, private and public cemeteries are mandated to impose a "family members only" wake and burial and at all times demand compliance and observance at least of one (1) meter distance between family members, wearing of face masks and frequent hand washing with soap and water;

SECTION 19. RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES. All religious ceremonies must not be more than 50% of the seating capacity of the place of worship. Everyone must wear masks and must be at least one meter apart from each other.

SECTION 20. EXERCISE. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, swimming, horse riding, range shooting, skateboarding, playing golf, badminton and tennis are allowed provided that masks are worn and distancing is maintained. Only one player can touch or handle the sports equipment used in the game.

SECTION 21. 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 22. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 23. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 4th day of August 2020 in Davao City, Philippines.


SARA Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:


ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator