

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43

Series of 2022

AN ORDER ADOPTING PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03 ALLOWING THE VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN OUTDOOR SETTINGS AND REITERATING THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS IN DAVAO CITY DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Presidential Proclamation No. 57 series of 2022, dated September 12, 2022, extending the State of Calamity in the country until December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Davao City enacted City Ordinance No. 0307-20 Series of 2020 requiring the mandatory wearing of face masks at all times in public places during the community quarantine and/or until after the State of Public Health Emergency is lifted, duly amended thereafter by City Ordinance No. 0417-20 Series of 2020;

WHEREAS, Davao City has achieved herd immunity on the number of individuals with primary doses, with 1.3 million Dabawenyos or 100% of the target population having been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of September 16, 2022, as reported by the Davao City Task Force on COVID-19;

WHEREAS, following the decrease in the number of cases reported and the active vaccination rollout in the city, the City Government of Davao has eased restrictions against COVID-19, except for the mandatory wearing of face masks;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Presidential Executive Order No. 03, dated September 12, 2022 providing guidelines allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in outdoor settings and reiterating the continued implementation of the minimum public health standards during the state of Public Health Emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, during their meeting on September 19, 2022, the Davao City Task Force on COVID-19 issued Resolution No. 20 adopting said national guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SEBASTIAN 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. ADOPTION. The guidelines as prescribed under Presidential Executive Order No. 03 allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in outdoor



settings and reiterating the continued implementation of minimum public health standards (MPHS) is hereby adopted in Davao City.

SECTION 2. VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN OPEN SPACES. The voluntary wearing of face masks in open spaces and non-crowded outdoor areas with good ventilation, is hereby allowed, provided that not fully-vaccinated individuals, senior citizens, and immunocompromised individuals are highly encouraged to wear their masks, and physical distancing will be observed at all times.

Face masks shall continue to be worn in indoor private or public establishments, including in public transportation by land, air, or sea, and in outdoor settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

SECTION 3. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. The minimum public health standards (MPHS) intended to effectively prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the city shall continue to be implemented consistent with the principles of shared accountability, evidence-based decision-making, socioeconomic equity, and rights-based approach.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE. The wearing of face masks in *indoor* public places shall continue to be mandatory in Davao City by virtue of City Ordinance No. 0307-20 Series of 2020. The Davao City Police Office, Task Force Davao, City Health Office, as well as the barangay officials, other law enforcers, and designed city officials shall continue to ensure the mandatory wearing of face masks in said areas.

SECTION 5. 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 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 21st day of September 2022 in Davao City, Philippines.

SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:

ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG

Acting City Administrator

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