



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL**

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Office of the Schools  
Division Superintendent

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

NO. 382, s. 2021

**DISSEMINATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16, S. 2021  
“AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REINFORCING EXISTING LAWS, ORDINANCES,  
POLICIES AND GUIDELINES TO CURB THE RISING NUMBER OF  
POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE”**

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent/s  
Chiefs, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads (Public and Private)  
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office disseminates **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16, S. 2021, “AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REINFORCING EXISTING LAWS, ORDINANCES, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES TO CURB THE RISING NUMBER OF POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE”**, for information and guidance of all concerned.

2. Attention is invited to **Section 1 I on the use of DepEd facilities as quarantine and isolation facilities**, with the following reminders:

- a. The Regional Director of DepEd is the authorized official to approve the use of DepEd facilities as isolation or quarantine facilities.
- b. The use of DepEd facilities as isolation or quarantine facility shall be resorted to as a last resort when all facilities in the municipality other than DepEd facilities have been used or saturated.
- c. Request for the use of DepEd facilities as quarantine or isolation facilities shall require the following documents to be submitted to the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent for endorsement to the Office of the Regional Director of DepEd RO7, to wit:





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- Letter Request from the Local Chief Executive stating that there is no other facility in the municipality that can be used as isolation or quarantine facility or a statement that all facilities have been exhausted and saturated, thus, the use of DepEd facility
- Certification from the local DOH/local IATF that the school qualifies to be used as a quarantine or isolation facility
- Terms and Conditions (TAC) furnished by the Regional Office to be signed by the requesting Local Chief Executive
- Endorsement of the Public Schools District Supervisor (PSDS) recommending favorable action if deem proper. Endorsement without a recommendation shall not be acted upon by this Office.
- The use of DepEd facilities as isolation and quarantine arena shall be governed by **Office Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of DepEd Office Memorandum OM-OSEC-2020-004**, copy of which is hereto attached for the guidance of all concerned.

3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum and of the provisions of the Executive Order is desired.

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 16**  
Series of 2020

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER REINFORCING EXISTING LAWS, ORDINANCES,  
POLICIES and GUIDELINES TO CURB THE RISING NUMBER OF POSITIVE  
COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring the Philippines under the State of Public Health Emergency due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Proclamation No. 922, and in order to ensure the health, safety and protection of the general well-being of the Negorenses, the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental, through the Negros Oriental Inter-Agency Taskforce for Emerging Infectious Diseases (NOIATF-EID), adopted and implemented measures, policies and guidelines including the imposition of a province-wide community quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Negros Oriental started to experience local and community COVID-19 transmissions when the National Inter-Agency Taskforce (NIATF) began to relax its travel requirements long before the vaccination program commenced;

**WHEREAS**, data from the Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) show that there is a significant rise in the number of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases throughout the province, with the Local Hospitals announcing that they cannot anymore attend to COVID-19 positive patients due to the lack of facilities needed to cater to the abovementioned patients;

**WHEREAS**, the NOIATF-EID recognizes the need to lay down drastic measures in order to minimize, and then eventually prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus while waiting to achieve the required 70-80 percent herd immunity;

**WHEREAS**, the respective Local Government Units (LGUs) have expressed their concerns over the fragile leadership, logistical and human resources, among others, needed to address the problem, hence, there is a need for the national government agencies to take active roles in the implementation of COVID-19-related laws, ordinances, policies, guidelines, including the health and life to protect-most especially in the local level;

**WHEREAS**, Section 15 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10121, also known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act (DRRMA) of 2010, and Rule 11 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), provide for a assigned ordinance mechanism to be observed and adhered to by all Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) stakeholders in the occurrence of disasters;

**WHEREAS**, Section 20 of R.A. No. 10121 and Rule V of its IRR institutionalized the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), chaired by the Secretary of National Defense with the following National Agency Secretaries or Vice-Chairs and their respective Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for prevention and mitigation, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) for preparedness, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for response, and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for recovery and rehabilitation, thus resulting to the whole-of-the-nation approach;



**WHEREAS**, Section 19, of R.A. No. 10121 and Rule 16 of its IRR provide for the imposition of penalties and fines for anyone who violates these provisions by destruction of data which may lead to destruction, loss of lives, critical damage of the lives and misuse of funds.

**WHEREAS**, pertinent provisions of applicable laws such as **RA. No. 11332** (otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act), **R.A. No. 11469** (otherwise known as the Barangay to Health Act One Act) and **R.A. No. 11494** (otherwise known as the Barangay to Recover Act One Act), among others, Memorandum Circulars (MCs), JMVs and Circulars issued by national government agencies, national agencies through the NIAAF and the National Task Force (NTF), resolutions and omnibus guidelines, Local Ordinances and related issuances in the fight against COVID-19 shall be applied to the fullest in order to control the further spread of the virus,

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, states that, "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the powers vested in me as Governor of the Province of Negros Oriental and as Chairman of the Negros Oriental Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (NOIAF-EID), I do hereby order the following to address the growing concern of the rising daily attack rate in the province:

**Section 1. The strict implementation of national laws, local ordinances, health and safety protocols, and IATF-EID-issued policies and guidelines on COVID-19-related mitigation, prevention, preparedness and response by the concerned national agencies and LGUs is hereby mandated.**

- a. The Barangay officials, through their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs), are hereby directed to take the lead in the implementation of COVID-19 related laws, ordinances and IATF-EID issuances, and to ensure that their constituents will adhere to the established health and safety protocols against COVID-19.
- b. The cities, municipalities, law enforcement agencies and other concerned agencies shall provide adequate manpower, logistical, technical and legal support to the barangays for the implementation of the aforementioned laws, ordinances, guidelines, and health and safety protocols.
- c. The DIOG, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), DSWD and Department of Health (DOH), among other concerned agencies, and other components of the NOIAF-EID, shall assist in the implementation of COVID-19 related laws and guidelines to ensure the compliance of the barangays, cities and municipalities of the relevant laws and guidelines.
- d. The DIOG, in coordination with the DIOEs as the lead agency under the Executive Order shall submit a report to the NOIAF-EID Chairman and the Regional IATF of the status of its monitoring regarding the compliance of the DIOEs in the implementation of the relevant laws and guidelines.
- e. The local DIOG shall recommend to the DIOG Secretary on the imposition of sanction against public officials who continue to be remiss in their duties and responsibilities, the same recommendation shall be forwarded to the NIAAF for national government agencies which do not adhere to the provisions of the EO.



**Section 2. Application of the Zoning Containment Strategy, commonly known as the granular lockdown.**

- a. The cities, municipalities and the barangays are hereby directed to adopt and implement the Zoning Containment Strategy as provided for in the National Task Force (NTF) Against COVID-19 or NTF Memorandum Circular No. 2, series of 2020 as an enabling mechanism to stop the COVID-19 virus transmission;
- b. The DILG contact tracers shall assist the contact tracing efforts of LGUs;
- c. The DTI shall ensure the compliance of business establishments of the mandated health protocols;
- d. The LGU, Philippine National Police ("PNP"), and the DDI, among other concerned agencies, are hereby directed to monitor the compliance of the LGUs of the provisions herein as well as to impose necessary sanctions in case of disobedience and inactivity;
- e. The Local EMT of the City of Dumaguete is hereby directed to formulate measures in order to regulate the entry of people to Dumaguete City.

**Section 3. Border Control Points.** There shall be established border control points for sea, air and land-based private and public transportation system.

- a. The PNP shall take the lead in the establishment of border control points of land-based private and public transportations, specifically the entry points of the Municipality of Basag, Milbana and Valdevermose, and Cities of Bayawan and Canlaon. The PNP shall be assisted by the Armed Forces of the Philippines ("AFP"), the Bureau of Fire Protection ("BFP"), the Philippine Coast Guard ("PCG") and the barangays concerned;
- b. The Philippine Ports Authority ("PPA") and the PCG shall be responsible in manning the border for sea-based private and public transport systems. They shall create a health assessment team, quarantine and isolation facilities for symptomatic travelers and establish referral system as provided for under item E on Ports/Terminals No. 2 of the NIATF Resolution No. 101 s. of 2021;
- c. The Civil Aviation Authority ("CAA") and the Armed Forces of the Philippines Air Force Security Command ("AFSECOM") shall serve as the lead agencies in guarding the border for the air transport system. They shall create a health assessment team, quarantine and isolation facilities for symptomatic travelers and establish referral system as provided for under item E on Ports/Terminals No. 2 of the NIATF Resolution No. 101 s. of 2021;
- d. The also-mentioned Cities and Municipalities hosting the border control points shall provide the necessary support to the personnel manning the borders making use of the financial assistance from the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental;
- e. The DILG shall monitor the compliance of the aforementioned agencies and LGUs to the stipulations of this provision.

**Section 4. Regulation of mass gatherings and other activities in compliance to NIATF resolutions and Omnibus Guidelines, DILG, DTI and other government agencies issuances.** The barangays shall take the lead in monitoring and implementing pertinent laws and guidelines covering the regulation of various activities in their areas of responsibility, such as, but not limited to:



- a. Attendance in birthday parties shall be limited only to members of the family and extended family members living in the same household;
- b. Attendance in fiesta celebrations shall be limited to family members living in the same house;
- c. Attendance in wedding rites and wedding receptions shall only be limited to the family members of both parties;
- d. Attendance in funeral wakes and rites shall be limited only to the immediate members of the family;
- e. Gatherings of two (2) or more persons in waiting sheds, makeshifts and other places of convergence, except when the activity is essential and authorized by an existing guideline, shall be prohibited at all times;
- f. Swimming and picnics in beaches, rivers, pools, and resorts not in accordance with what is allowed under the omnibus guidelines or any Ordinance of the City or Municipality concerned are strictly prohibited;
- g. The PNP and other law enforcement agencies shall assist the LGUs and the barangays in the strict enforcement of this provision;
- h. The LGUs, through their local EACs, shall monitor the compliance of the provisions of this Section.

**Section 5. Prohibition of non-essential activities in accordance with the NIATF resolutions and omnibus guidelines, DILG, DTI and other government agency issuances.** The barangays shall ensure the prohibition of non-essential activities in their areas of responsibility, such as, but not limited to:

- a. *Tapsik*;
- b. Counter and team sports like basketball, volleyball, football, treesball, bulwags and the like;
- c. Drinking of liquor in public places;
- d. Videoke bars;
- e. Other forms of unregulated gambling such as *long ito, four equal, manong, bantak*, etc.;
- f. Drinking and eating in private places with non-family members.

**Section 6. Regulated activities.** Under the present circumstance, the barangays shall monitor various activities which are allowed but regulated per stipulations of the omnibus guidelines:

- a. Physical activities such as swimming, biking, hiking or walking, badminton, fitness activities, etc.;
- b. Religious activities;
- c. Meetings and conferences, among others.



- d. Buses with only fifty percent (50%) of the vehicle's maximum capacity.
- e. Any group of individuals, organizations and the like which intend to hold activities considered as mass gathering must secure clearance from the barangays.
- f. The LUCAs, through their local LACTs, shall ensure the compliance of this Order. They shall report violations to the DILG and other concerned agencies, who shall, in turn, take appropriate actions against violators of this set of guidelines.

**Section 7. Business establishments.** The barangays shall ensure that business establishments in their area of responsibility strictly adhere to NHTF resolutions, issuances and advisories guidelines.

- a. Restaurants, restobars and resorts, etc. are permitted to operate for as long as those in attendance consists of fifty percent (50%) of the vehicle's maximum capacity.
- b. Public markets, supermarkets and grocery stores, among others, are directed to adhere to the established health and safety protocols.
- c. The DFI and the DDC, with the assistance of the PNP, shall monitor the compliance of business establishments of this set of guidelines.

**Section 8. Curfew.** It is the responsibility of every barangay to ensure that the curfew ordinance is properly implemented in their respective areas of responsibility.

- a. The PNP shall provide the necessary assistance to the barangay in the implementation of the curfew ordinance.
- b. Minors aging 14 years old and below, and senior citizens aging 60 years old and above shall continue to stay at home. Therefore, the strict implementation of the 24-hour curfew as regards the mentioned age group is mandated.
- c. The DILG shall monitor the compliance of the barangays and the PNP in the implementation of the curfew ordinance. Failure or refusal to implement the same shall be dealt with accordingly.

**Section 9. Social media post with protocol violations**

- a. The PNP is hereby directed to continue the PNP national headquarters' order to monitor social media posts for violations of health and safety protocols.
- b. The DILG shall monitor the compliance of this order.

**Section 10. The bubble concept.** Government agencies, local government units and business entities are directed to adopt the bubble concept.

- a. Entities, whether public or private, shall adopt an agency protocol to prevent COVID-19 from contaminating the workplace.
- b. Entities shall monitor the activities of their employees.
- c. Those who fail to comply with all the protocols shall be charged or fined in accordance to law.

**Section 11.** The Department of Education (DepEd) shall allow for their classrooms to be used as

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quarantine and isolation facilities.

**Section 12.** Separability Clause. If any part, section, or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unenforceable, other provisions not affected hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 13.** Repealing Clause. All previous executive Orders issued that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**EFFECTIVITY.** These guidelines shall take effect immediately.

Given this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021 at Dumaguete City, Philippines.

  
ROEL R. DIGAMO

Governor