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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16
Series of 2022

"AN ORDER IMPOSING ALERT LEVEL 2 SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO STARTING APRIL 1, 2022 TO APRIL 15, 2022 EXCEPT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBANG WHERE ALERT LEVEL 1 IS BEING IMPOSED"

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1218 dated September 10, 2021 extending the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of one (1) year, effective 13 September 2021 to 12 September 2022, due to Corona Virus Disease 2019;

WHEREAS, the Province of Occidental Mindoro will be placed under Alert Level 2 starting April 1, 2022 until April 15, 2022 by virtue of Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 165-E Series of 2022 except the Municipality of Lubang which will be placed under Alert Level 1;

WHEREAS, in view of IATF Resolution No. 165-E Series of 2022, there is an imperative need to adopt the imposition of Alert Level 2 System in the entire province of Occidental Mindoro for the above-stated period except in the Municipality of Lubang where Alert Level 1 is hereby imposed, in order to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 within our area of jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor, Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. IMPOSITION OF ALERT LEVEL 2 SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO EXCEPT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBANG.

By virtue of IATF Resolution No. 165-E Series of 2022, the Province of Occidental Mindoro is hereby placed under Alert Level 2 beginning April 1, 2022 until April 15, 2022 except the Municipality of Lubang which is hereby placed under Alert Level 1 for the same period, without prejudice to their reclassification as may be warranted and the declaration of granular lockdown in critical areas.

Section 2. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2 ARE ADOPTED AND SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE PERIOD OF ITS IMPOSITION.

For the above purpose, guidelines for areas under Alert Level 2 as provided under Section 5 of IATF Guidelines on the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response as of February 27, 2022, are hereby adopted and shall be implemented during the period of its imposition in the province except in the Municipality of Lubang, to wit:

1. Intrazonal and interzonal movement shall be allowed. However, reasonable restrictions may be imposed by the LGUs, which should not be stricter as those prescribed under

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higher alert levels and subject to the oversight, monitoring, and evaluation of their respective RIATF.

2. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments shall not be allowed to operate, or be undertaken in areas classified under Alert Level 2 except as may be authorized by the IATF or the Office of the President.

In this connection, Item B (1) of IATF Resolution No. 154 Series of 2021 provides, as follows:

"1. Provided that there are no objections from the local government units where the activity may take place, operation of cockpits and traditional cockfighting shall be allowed in areas under Alert Level 2, subject to the strict observance of the following specific protocols:

- i. Maximum of fifty percent (50%) venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals only;*
- ii. All on-site workers/employees of these establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19;*
- iii. Betting shall be cashless and shall use technology-based platforms only i.e., no physical exchange of cash anywhere in the cockpit and no oral placing of bets;*
- iv. Minimum public health standards and technology-based betting shall be strictly enforced by the local government unit where such traditional cockfighting shall be conducted, and monitored by the Department of the Interior and Local Government."*

3. The following establishments, or activities, shall be allowed to operate, or be undertaken at a maximum of 50% indoor venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals and those below 18 years of age, even if unvaccinated, and 70% outdoor venue capacity. Provided, that all workers/employees of these establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and MPHS shall be strictly maintained. Provided further, that there is no objection from the LGU where these activities may take place.

- a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
- b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
- e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
- f. Cinemas and movie houses;
- g. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education subject to prior approval of the Office of the President;

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- h. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;
 - i. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
 - j. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agency, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
 - k. Dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;
 - l. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI;
 - m. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for individual non-contact exercise and sports; Provided that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and subject to DTI sector-specific protocols.
 - n. Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and the DOH;
 - o. Contact sports approved by the LGU where such games shall be held;
 - p. Funfairs/peryas or kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
 - q. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters; and
 - r. Gatherings in residences with individuals not belonging to the same household.
4. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall remain to be fully operational and shall adhere to at least 80% on-site workforce. Those assigned to work off-site shall be subject to alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). Heads of agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services shall operate at a workforce beyond the minimum as may be necessary to deliver their mandates.

Section 3. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 1 ARE ADOPTED AND SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE PERIOD OF ITS IMPOSITION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBANG.

Guidelines for areas under Alert Level 1 as provided under Section 6 of IATF Guidelines on the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response as of February 27, 2022, are hereby adopted and shall be implemented from April 1, 2022 until April 15, 2022 in the Municipality of Lubang, to wit:

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The following protocols shall be observed, except for portions thereof under granular lockdown, and without prejudice to the minimum public health standards and health and safety protocols issued by national government agencies specific to their sector:

I. PREVENT

A. All health facilities shall implement the necessary and appropriate engineering and administrative controls, and use appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the latest Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) guidelines for health facilities.

B. All public and private establishments, organizers of events, and local governments shall implement the following protocols:

1. Administrative controls.

a. All private offices and workplaces, including public and private construction sites, may operate at full 100% capacity (consistent with national issuances on vaccination requirements for on-site work). However, they may continue to provide flexible and alternative work arrangements as deemed appropriate based on function or individual risk.

b. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall adhere to 100% on-site workforce. Off-site work shall be under such work arrangements subject to relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission and the Office of the President.

c. Public transportation in areas under Alert Level 1 shall be at full seating capacity. For intrazonal and interzonal travels involving public land transportation between an area with a higher alert level classification and an area under Alert Level 1, the passenger capacity shall be that which has the lower passenger capacity rate between the point of origin and point of destination. For aviation, maritime and rail public transport operating in and out of Alert Levels 1 areas, the passenger capacity will be at 100%. The use of acrylic and/or plastic dividers shall not be required. The use of the Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) travel management system shall likewise not be required for interzonal travel to areas under Alert Level 1.

d. Designate a Safety and Health Officer/s who shall ensure, monitor, and evaluate proper implementation and strict observance of the minimum public health standards.

e. Prepare a contingency plan for the establishment which shall include coordination with the local government and health care provider networks, management of staff and visitors with COVID-19 symptoms, processes for establishment lockdown and disinfection, and alternative processes in case of escalation of Alert Level status.

f. Regularly disinfect high-risk areas such as but not limited to areas for gatherings, highly touched surfaces, and frequently visited areas such as entrance and exit points, restrooms, hallways, elevators using Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved disinfectants.

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g. National government agencies and local government units endeavor to include health and safety in routine assessments to be conducted regularly.

2. Engineering controls.

a. Ensure adequate air exchange and ventilation, consistent with Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Department Order No. 224-21 Guidelines on Ventilation for Workplaces and Public Transport to Prevent and Control the Spread of COVID-19, viz:

i. Ensure adequate air quality and ventilation, to wit:

1. If possible, windows shall be open;
 - Ensure that nearby spaces of open windows are free from toxic gases and pollutants;

Whether windows may or may not be opened, supply-only ventilation fans (i.e, floor, table top, pedestal fans) are provided and should be placed where air flow from these fans shall not be from person to person;

2. Exhaust fans should be continuously operating while there are occupants in the area;
3. Additional exhaust fans may be added to improve air exchange to achieve at least 6 air changes per hour; increasing the number of exhaust fans can increase the number of air changes per hour;
4. If possible, establishments are highly encouraged to conduct the following air quality measurements: Air Change per hour - recommend at least 6 air changes per hour; and/or
5. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Levels: recommend less than 1000 parts per million or ppm.
6. Air ducts of HVAC systems should be maintained and cleaned regularly as determined by the safety officer or technical expert.

b. All land-based transport terminals are to ensure the compliance to sanitary standards, among others, that are set in accordance with Republic Act No. 11311 otherwise known as An Act to Improve Land Transportation Terminals, Stations, Stops, Rest Areas and Roll-On/Roll-Off Terminals, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

c. Install structures enabling active transportation (e.g. bike racks).

d. Maintain smoke-free and vape-free environment.

e. Support mental, and psychosocial needs, especially of vulnerable groups.

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- f. Make available context-specific and localized health and safety education materials.
- g. Set up a mechanism for provision of care and referral for patients with symptoms or other emergency health conditions.
- h. Install/maintain hand hygiene and sanitation facilities with the following:
 - i. Adequate and safe water supply
 - ii. Hand washing station or sink
 - iii. Soap and water or 70% Isopropyl (or Ethyl) Alcohol
 - iv. Hands-free trash receptacles
- i. Install visual cues or signages on mask wearing, hand hygiene, DOH hotlines, and other health and safety reminders (resources downloadable from www.healthphilipinas.ph).
- j. Promote and incentivize use of interventions that ensure health and safety in all establishments, such as:
 - i. Using outdoor spaces or having outdoor options
 - ii. Ensure adequate air quality and ventilation, as specified for under Par. B(2)(a)(i) above.
- k. The use of foot baths, disinfection tents, misting chambers, or sanitation booths for preventing and controlling COVID-19 transmission are not recommended. Temperature checking prior to the entry in any establishment may be dispensed with.
- l. The use of plastic/acrylic barriers/dividers are optional, as appropriate.
- m. The Safety Seal Certification Program of the national government to mark their compliance with minimum public health standards is optional but all establishments are encouraged to use it as a marketing tool.

3. Wearing of Face Masks

- a. At all times, well-fitted masks shall be worn properly, whether outdoors or in indoor private or public establishments, including in public transportation by land, air, or sea, except for the following instances:
 - i. Eating and drinking;
 - ii. Participating in team and individual sports in venues where ventilation standards can be maintained;
 - iii. Practicing outdoor sports/exercise activities where physical distance can be maintained.
- b. All establishments shall ensure implementation of national protocols on the proper use, handling, and disposing of appropriate personal protective equipment.

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II. DETECT

A. Contact Tracing

1. Individuals, who have tested positive for COVID-19, shall inform their close contacts to trigger quarantine for unvaccinated close contacts and symptom monitoring for vaccinated close contacts.

2. Use of health declaration forms / paper-based contact tracing shall not be required for all the agencies and establishments.

3. Use of digital contact tracing such as the StaySafe.PH application is optional for all the agencies and establishments.

4. Establishments/employers will not have to provide a separate report to DOLE for COVID-19. Establishments/Employers should include COVID-19 cases report as part of work accident illness report form.

5. COVID-19 reporting to the local epidemiology and surveillance units and the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH will continue until 31 March 2022, After said period, COVID-19 reporting shall transition to surveillance for selected workplaces which will become sentinel sites. Guidelines for this shall follow.

B. Testing Prioritization

1. Implement testing protocols consistent with national guidelines, which may be stricter for individuals who are unvaccinated or have higher exposure risk pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 148-B and No. 149, s. 2021.

2. Testing using RT-PCR shall be recommended and prioritized for:

- a. Priority Groups A2 (persons above 60 years old) and A3 (persons with comorbidities) who are at risk for developing severe disease, especially for instances where the result of testing will affect the clinical management and use of COVID-19 therapeutics.
- b. Priority Group A1 or healthcare workers for groups at highest risk for infection such as deemed necessary.

3. Testing shall be optional for other groups not stated above, including for community level actions wherein case management of probable and confirmed cases remain the same. Specifically:

- a. Testing shall NOT be recommended for asymptomatic close contacts unless symptoms will develop, and should immediately isolate regardless of test results. Instead, symptom monitoring is recommended. Should testing still be used, testing should be done at least 5 days from the day of last exposure.

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b. Testing shall NOT be recommended for screening asymptomatic individuals.

4. Testing using antigen tests shall be recommended only for symptomatic individuals and in instances wherein RT-PCR is not available, consistent with previously issued guidelines. 5. Hospital Infection Prevention and Control Committees (HIPCC) may implement testing protocols in health facilities for health workers and patients based on their assessment of risk and benefit.

III. ISOLATE AND QUARANTINE

A. Updated quarantine protocols for incoming international travelers shall be consistent with IATF Resolution No. 160 A/B.

B. Updated isolation and quarantine protocols for general public & healthcare workers and authorized sectors shall be consistent with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2022-0013.

C. Establishments are no longer required to set-up isolation facilities within the workplace.

IV. TREAT

A. The management of COVID-19 shall be consistent with the latest recommendation from the Philippine COVID-19 Living Recommendations, which can be accessed through this link: <https://www.psmid.org/philippine-covid-19-living-recommendations/>

B. Close contacts, asymptomatic confirmed cases, and mild to moderate confirmed cases shall be managed at the primary care level (e.g. health centers, private clinics thru face to face or teleconsultation). Health facilities are encouraged to adopt / scale-up telemedicine to facilitate delivery of appropriate health services.

C. Confirmed cases with severe and critical symptoms shall be managed in the appropriate health care facility.

V. REINTEGRATE

A. Isolation can be discontinued upon completion of the recommended isolation period, provided that they do not have fever for at least 24 hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and shall have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms.

B. Repeat tests shall not be required for the safe reintegration into the community.

C. For the purpose of claiming sick leave, health benefits, or other relevant processes wherein the proofs of COVID-19 management are necessary, a medical certification may suffice provided it should include the following minimum information: name of patient, severity of symptoms, diagnosis as probable or confirmed COVID-19, and date of end of quarantine and/or isolation period.

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D. To ensure promotion of their psychosocial well-being, individuals in quarantine and isolation are recommended to maintain and continue lines of communication to family and friends. They may also download the DOH Lusog-Isip Mobile Application for free (available in both Apple store or Google play store) or access the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) Crisis Hotline or the DOH Regional Helplines for mental health and psychosocial support concerns.

VI. VACCINATE

A. Individuals eighteen (18) years old and above will be required to present proof of full vaccination before participating in mass gatherings or entry into indoor establishments, such as but not limited to:

1. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
2. All indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries. For outdoor or al fresco dining and take out channels, no proof of full vaccination is required;
3. All indoor personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options;
4. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for exercise and sports;
5. All indoor cinemas or movie houses operating at full capacity;
6. Meetings, incentives, conferences, exhibition events, and permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
7. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters;
8. Indoor ancillary establishments in hotels and other accommodation establishments; and
9. Venues for election-related events. Proof of full vaccination shall be required before entry in the list of establishments identified under the principles of 3C's (Closed, Crowded, and Close Contact) strategy against COVID-19. Children ages seventeen (17) and below shall not be required to present proof of full vaccination status.



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Section 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations issued by this province which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY.

This ORDER shall take effect from April 1, 2022 until April 15, 2022 unless earlier repealed or extended by another issuance.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 31st day of March 2022.


EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor