



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55

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"AN ORDER IMPOSING COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND OTHER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE PREVENTION OF ENTRY AND SPREAD OF THE 2019-CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO"

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020 was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte **"Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines"** enjoining all government agencies and local government units to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake clinical, urgent and appropriate responses and measures in a timely manner to curtail the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, and as provided for in the Resolution of the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases, and the nation-wide raising of this public health event to Code Red, Sublevel 2, that a Community Quarantine be imposed in the Metropolis resulting to massive Exodus of people to their provinces of origin;

WHEREAS, as of this date, there are 111 persons confirmed to have been infected by COVID-19 in the entire country, 8 of which was confirmed dead as per public statement from the Department of Health;

WHEREAS, there is an alarming increase in the transmission of the dreaded disease in the National Capital Region and in other cities and provinces in the country;

WHEREAS, while there is no confirmed case of COVID -19 infection in the Province of Occidental Mindoro, there is an imperative need to impose stricter and more stringent measures to prevent the entry and spread of the said disease in the province through regulation of movement of people to and fro of Occidental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, in the meeting held by the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, a Declaration of State of Emergency and a province-wide Community Quarantine are strongly recommended to be imposed in the entire Province of Occidental Mindoro;

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

Section 1. Restriction of Entry of People/Community Quarantine – As the main precautionary measure during this serious stage of COVID 19 transmission, entry in Occidental Mindoro through any points would be regulated and placed to certain restrictions. Only persons with legitimate purposes of entry like medical practitioners returning for work, DOH, Military Personnel and those with special assignments from competent authorities relative to COVID 19 Control and Management and those that would be granted special permissions through humanitarian considerations would be allowed to enter provided they would subject themselves to the protocols being imposed and could provide proper documents to support their valid claims.



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The Philippine Coast Guard is hereby directed to closely monitor the coastal areas which could also serve as points of entry.

Section 2. Mandatory Quarantine Policy – All persons who travelled outside the province shall subject themselves to mandatory home quarantine for fourteen (14) days upon their return. It shall be the primary duty of the Punong Barangays thru the assistance of barangay health workers or BHERT members to monitor for any signs or symptoms and to coordinate medical consult, if necessary. Transients are not exempted from the mandatory 14-day home quarantine period particularly those billeted in a hotel or dormitory in the same manner as the barangay residents who travelled outside the province.

Provision of Isolation Rooms for Patient Under Investigation (PUIs) are mandated of all Level 1 Hospitals in the province with attending personnel duly equipped with Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and other disinfecting solutions.

The prohibition in the travel of persons shall commence on March 16, 2020, 12:01 AM until 12:00 MN of April 14, 2020, unless otherwise repealed earlier or extended by another issuance.

Section 3. Continuous RORO Trips for Cargoes. Depending on the volume of cargo trucks, the Roll-On Roll-Off Vehicles to transport goods, fuel, drugs and medicines, medical and construction supplies and other logistics would be allowed. Transporting of patients on emergency status and cadavers shall likewise be permitted. Cargo drivers and helpers would be permitted to proceed to their points of destination provided they would subject themselves to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days after the travel and should cause voluntary consult once they become symptomatic. Owners and operators should ensure duly cooperation and compliance on this requisite. Same precautionary measures apply to ambulance drivers.

Section 4. Implementation of All Other Necessary Supporting Provisions to Enhance Existing Protocols.

Section 4.1. Suspension of Activities. All residents, government agencies, private entities, and all other establishments in the Province of Occidental Mindoro shall suspend from conducting the following activities:

1. flag raising ceremony/flag retreat;
2. visitation to all prison establishments/detention centers to include conjugal visits, except provincial government officials, health practitioners, and law enforcers;
3. conduct of social activities inside the jail premises;
4. all hospitals in the province shall observe one watcher policy;
5. visits and watching hospital patients by two or more relatives;
6. events that entail mass gatherings including cockfighting, barangay meetings and assemblies, festivals, fiesta celebrations, seminars, workshops and conferences are prohibited except those directly related to health, security, peace and order, and the prevention of COVID-19.

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Section 4.2 Precautionary Measures in Public Places. Local Government Units are mandated to install precautionary measures in public places including, but not limited to department stores, groceries, markets, schools, resorts, banks and hotels. The concerned LGU in cooperation with establishment owners/management shall conduct temperature screening at all building entrances. Those with body temperatures of 38°C and above are not allowed within the premises and should be advised to seek medical help. All Local Government Units are ordered to impose mandatory disinfection of all public places, workplaces and other areas of convergence.

Section 4.3. Deployment of Personnel at the Points of Entry. Component Municipal and Barangay Government Units are mandated to ensure the deployment of their respective concerned personnel at all entry points within their jurisdiction. Provincial Health Office (Preventive and Promotive), Provincial DOH Office and Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 shall likewise be deployed as augmentation measure at Matabang Port, Abra de Ilog, Barangay Nicolas, Magsaysay Caminawit Port, San Jose, Agkawayan Port, Looc and Tilik Port, Lubang, respectively.

Section 4.4. Preventive Measures to Avoid Local Transmission of COVID-19. - The public and all other stakeholders are advised to follow and comply with the prescribed guidelines and preventive measures set by the Department of Health. Should there be a confirmed COVID-19 case in a barangay, the LGU where the barangay is located shall order a barangay quarantine in said affected barangay.



Section 4.5. Mandatory Sanitation of Local Transport Facilities. There shall be mandatory daily sanitation of all shipping vessels, buses, and other public transports in the province. For this purpose, shipping vessels are required to designate an area for ambulances transporting severe cases of PUIs.

Section 4.6. Training of Safety Officers. Within five (5) days from issuance of this Executive Order, the PHO shall spearhead additional training and updating of Safety Officers who were capacitated to handle the COVID-19 cases.

Section 4.7. Directive to LGUs. Municipal and Barangay Local Government Units in the Province of Occidental Mindoro are mandated to follow the guidelines and procedures embodied in the implementation of these provisions. All scheduled public activities shall be cancelled or postponed accordingly until further notice.

Section 4.8. Mobilization of Health Units. All Local Health Units starting from the Barangay level are hereby mobilized to prepare and coordinate with the LGUs, to deliver primary health services to all citizens, and to assist in the suppression of spread of COVID-19.

Section 5. Suspension of Classes in All Levels. Classes in all levels, both public and private, are hereby suspended effective March 16, 2020 until further notice from competent authorities,

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Section 6. Monitoring and Regulations of Prices of Basic Commodities, Disinfecting Solutions and Masks. All line agencies, particularly the Department of Trade and Industry, for this concern, are hereby mandated to conduct regular monitoring and impose strict control on prices of commodities in markets, supermarkets, convenience stores and the like. Limitation on the number/volume of purchases must likewise be imposed to discourage panic buying. Those found in violation shall be dealt with accordingly under existing laws.

Section 7. Observance of Curfew Hours. In order to control/regulate unnecessary gatherings and other forms of social activities, Curfew Hours for those below 18 years old from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM is hereby enjoined. Military and PNP Personnel including Barangay Authorities are ordered to implement this provision. The Sangguniang Bayan is hereby enjoined to enact corresponding Ordinance for the above purpose.

Section 8. Notification, Referral, and Reporting. The Health Officer of the workplace/organization/company shall report the following: (a) symptomatic, (b) asymptomatic with history of travel to other countries with confirmed case of COVID-19, and (c) asymptomatic with history of exposure to a confirmed or suspected COVID cases to the Municipal Health Officer (MHO) for verification and initial investigation.

Section 9. PNP and Philippine Army Assistance. The Philippine National Police and the Philippine Army are empowered to assist the PHO and Municipal Health Officer to enforce security and health protocols in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the Province of Occidental Mindoro.

Section 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. - All orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ORDER are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity. - This ORDER shall take effect immediately or upon approval.

DONE at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 15th day of March 2020.

EDUARDO B. GADIANO
Governor