

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.<u>7-E</u> Series of 2021

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-D SERIES OF 2021

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1021 Series of 2020 on September 16, 2020 extending the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued Resolution No. 101 dated February 26, 2021 approving the uniform travel protocols for land, air and sea of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, crafted in close coordination with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, IATF Resolution No. 101 enjoins all local government units to ensure smooth implementation of these uniform travel protocols;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro issued Executive Order No. 7 Series of 2021 on March 6, 2021 entitled "An Order Adopting the Uniform Travel Protocols for Land, Air and Sea Embodied in IATF Resolution No. 101 to be Implemented in the Province of Occidental Mindoro" which was further amended by Executive Order No. 7-A Series of 2021. Another amendment was introduced through Executive Order No. 7-B by requiring Non-Occidental Mindoro truckers to present a negative RT-PCR test result upon their entry to the province;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7-D Series of 2021 was issued by the Provincial Government requiring travelers including fully vaccinated individuals to secure and present a negative RT-PCR Test Result for travel and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, by virtue of IATF Resolution No. 143-A placing the entire Occidental Mindoro under General Communicty Quarantine and IATF Resolution No. 144, 144-A and 144-B classifying countries into red, green and yellow, there is an imperative need to revise certain travel protocols and guidelines set forth under Executive Order No. 7-D Series of 2021 in order to exempt fully vaccinated individuals from the requirement of a negative RT-PCR Test Result for purposes of travel into, outside or within the province of Occidental Mindoro.

NOW THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO B. GADIANO, Governor of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7-D SERIES OF 2021, as follows:

Section 1. COVERAGE.

This Executive Order shall cover all persons traveling to and from the province of Occidental Mindoro whether by land, air or sea. These persons may be classified either as

Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) or ordinary travelers. APORs are those persons traveling on official business. On the other hand, ordinary travelers are those persons traveling for personal purposes.

Section 2. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.

Minimum public health standards, which include physical distancing, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and wearing of face masks and face shields among others, shall be strictly implemented in the province of Occidental Mindoro.

Clinical and exposure assessment shall be strictly implemented in all ports of entry and exit to ensure that only asymptomatic, non-close contact individuals are allowed to travel or enter the local government unit of destination. Health assessment of passengers, supervised by medical doctors, shall be mandatory upon entry in the port/terminal and exit at point of destination.

Section 3. FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUAL.

In accordance with IATF Resolution No. 124-B Series of 2021, an individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:

- More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2dose series, or
- ii. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received a single-dose vaccine.
- iii. The vaccines administered to the individual are included in any of the following:
 - 1. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
 - 2. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.

Section 4. PROCEDURAL AND DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS TRAVELING TO THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

a) Prior to travel

Prior to travel to the province, travelers are required to register with S-PaSS and upload the required documents specified hereunder at least seventy two (72) prior to the date of travel:

I. INBOUND TRAVELERS

Inbound travelers are required the following documents:

- 1. For Non-vaccinated and Partially-vaccinated individuals:
 - i. a negative RT-PCR Test Result;
 - ii. Valid Identification Card bearing Photo and Signature;
 - iii. Travel Coordination Permit through S-PASS.

2. For Fully-vaccinated individuals:

- i. COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign or certificate of quarantine completion showing the holder's vaccination status as may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine.
- ii. Valid Identification Card bearing Photo and Signature;
- iii. Travel Coordination Permit through S-PASS.

3. For APORS:

- i. Travel order;
- ii. Travel itinerary;
- iii. Valid Identification Card bearing Photo and Signature;
- iv. Travel Coordination Permit through S-PASS.

II. OUTBOUND TRAVELERS

Outbound travelers who will be returning to the province are required to upload to the S-PaSS the documents specified hereunder:

- 1. Authorized Persons Outside Residence (government officials and employees on official business):
 - i. Travel order issued by government agencies to its officials and employees
 - ii. Valid Identification Card bearing photo and signature;
- 2. Non-Vaccinated individuals (including government employees who are on non-official business):
 - Travel permit from their LGU of origin;
 - Negative RT-PCR Test Result if they return beyond seventy two (72) hours from the time they left the province.
 - iii. Valid Identification Card bearing photo and signature.
- 3. Partially-Vaccinated individuals (including government employees who are on non-official business):
 - Travel permit from their LGU of origin;
 - Negative Antigen Test Result if they return beyond seventy two (72) hours from the time they left the province.
 - iii. Valid Identification Card bearing photo and signature.

4. Fully Vaccinated Individuals:

- Travel permit from their LGU of origin;
- ii. COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign or certificate of quarantine completion showing the holder's vaccination status as may be issued by the Bureau of Quarantine.
- iii. Valid Identification Card bearing photo and signature.

APORs from national government agencies and their attached agencies must, prior to their travel to the province, coordinate with the local counterpart of their agency in the province or with the LGU of destination. The concerned local counterpart shall be in charge in coordinating the APOR's arrival to the LGU of destination's repatriation cluster.

b) Upon entry to the province

Travelers and APOR's shall present Travel Coordination Permit (TCP) generated from an approved S-PASS and undergo health and exposure assessment at the different entry points of the province to be conducted by the personnel of the concerned LGU.

c) Travelers found to be symptomatic after health and exposure assessment

All travelers and APORs who are found to be symptomatic, regardless of vaccination status, after health and exposure assessment shall undergo mandatory quarantine in the quarantine/isolation facility of the LGU of destination.

Section 5. COVID-19 TESTING AND QUARANTINE.

A negative RT-PCR Test Result is required for travelers prior to their entry to the province except *fully vaccinated individuals as per IATF Resolution Nos. 124-B and 125* and those travelers exempted therein as enumerated in Section 6 of this Executive Order. The RT-PCR Test Result is valid only for *seventy two (72)* hours from its release or issuance. RT-PCR may either be through swab or saliva testing.

No traveler or APOR shall be required to undergo quarantine unless he/she shall exhibit symptoms upon health and exposure assessment at the different entry points of the province.



Section 6.PERSONS EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT.

The following persons are exempted from the requirement of negative RT-PCR Test Result:

- APORs from national government agencies and their attached agencies as per IATF Resolution No. 98-A;
- ii. Local Government officials or employees, if their travel is for official business. Outbound government employees are also exempted from the requirement even if their return to the province is beyond 72 hours provided that the travel is for official business and within the duration indicated in the travel order;
- iii. Returning patients and their watchers (maximum of two (2) watchers which shall be listed in the travel permit). Those in excess of two (2) shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR Test Result. However, these returning patients and their watchers must present medical proof that the patient sought medical treatment outside the province. Also, they are encouraged to undergo voluntary homecare for 10 days with regular monitoring from the concerned Municipal Health Office personnel or BHERT members.

Accordingly, if they are amenable to undergo voluntary homecare, they shall execute an undertaking that they are willing and voluntarily submitting themselves to voluntary homecare. For this purpose, there must be a proper coordination with the receiving LGUs to ensure that regular monitoring shall be done by the concerned MHO personnel or BHERT members.

- iv. Outpatients who seek medical consult or treatment outside the province and one companion. However, if their return to the province is beyond seventy-two (72) hours, they shall also upload/present medical records justifying their return for more than seventy-two (72) hours.
- v. Outbound travelers (residents and government employees on personal travel) who returned to the province within seventy-two (72) hours from the time they left the province.
- vi. Fully Vaccinated Individuals.

Section 7. REQUIREMENTS FOR CARGO TRUCK DRIVERS AND HELPERS TRAVELING TO THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO.

- a. The requirements for cargo truck drivers and helpers intending to travel to the Province of Occidental Mindoro are, as follows:
 - For Occidental Mindoro Truckers- a negative RT-PCR Test Result, the test of which should be undertaken at least once a month;

However, Occidental Mindoro truckers who are fully vaccinated are exempted from the requirement of a negative RT-PCR Test Result. Instead, they may upload/present a COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign.

Occidental Mindoro truckers who are partially-vaccinated may upload/present a negative antigen test result, the test of which should be undertaken at least once a month.

For non-Occidental Mindoro Truckers who shall do business in the province (like buying farm produce) or shall make a delivery within the province- a negative RT-PCR Test Result which is valid for **seventy two** (72) hours from its release or issuance;

However, non-Occidental Mindoro truckers who are fully-vaccinated are only required to upload/ present a COVID-19 domestic vaccination card duly issued by a legitimate vaccinating establishment/authority whether local or foreign.

- 2. Pertinent business permit (for non-Occidental Mindoro truckers who shall do business in the province);
- Food lane conduct pass and its pertinent papers;
- 4. Travel permit from the LGU wherein the principal place of business is situated.
- b. Cargo truck and van drivers and helpers shall undergo health and exposure assessment upon their arrival at the entry points of the province;
- c. Cargo truck and van drivers and helpers cannot be subjected to quarantine as long as they are asymptomatic;
- d. Only one (1) driver and a maximum of three (3) helpers per cargo truck are allowed entry into the province. Any other persons in excess of this number shall not be allowed entry to the province. This also applies to any vehicle bearing food lane conduct pass.
- e. After unloading of cargoes at the final destination, cargo truck drivers and helpers (of Occidental Mindoreňo truckers) are required to stay in a temporary shelter provided by the employer or operator. They will be allowed to leave the temporary shelter when they are scheduled for another trip outside the province. During their stay in the shelter, the MHO and/or the concerned BHERT member shall regularly monitor them for any sign or symptom of COVID-19 infection.

Section 8. RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS.

The requirements for Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who arrived in the country and intending to travel to the province of Occidental Mindoro are, as follows:

- a. Negative RT-PCR Test Result;
- b. Quarantine Clearance issued by the Bureau of Quarantine, if applicable;

Section 9. FISHERMEN WHO DIRECTLY TRANSPORT AND SELL.

Fishermen who directly transport and sell their fish-catch to nearby provinces are required to undergo temporary home care upon their return to the province, to be monitored regularly by the MHO and/or the concerned BHERT member for any sign or symptom of COVID-19 infection. The said fishermen are required to secure a permit to travel from the LGU of origin.

Section 10. RESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF CERTAIN AGE GROUP.

Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in Section 4 of the IATF Omnibus Guidelines.

Section 11. LIMITATION ON MASS GATHERINGS AND NECROLOGICAL SERVICES.

Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited except for those permitted in GCQ. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one's immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided that, there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). Provided, further, that the same shall be with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

Section 12. RESTRICTED OPERATIONS OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

The following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work or be undertaken during GCQ:

- a. Entertainment venues such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters;
- b. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys and similar venues;
- c. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
- d. Cockfighting and operation of cockpits, except for the sole purpose of conducting e-sabong licensed and regulated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation;
- e. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games or activities.

Section 13. LGU'S DUTY WHEN A TRAVELER ARRIVES AT OUR ENTRY POINTS WITHOUT THE REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

If for whatever means, a traveler who lacks any of the required documents was able to travel and arrive at any of the entry points of the province, the Municipal LGU of destination shall bring the traveller to its designated isolation facility and subject him/her to RT-PCR testing at the expense of the concerned traveler. While waiting for the results of RT-PCR tests, the traveler shall stay at the LGU's designated isolation facility subject to regular monitoring of the concerned MHO and/or BHERT member and subject further to the protocols being implemented by the LGU, if any.

Section 14. FORGED AND/OR FALSIFIED NEGATIVE RT-PCR RESULT.

Any individual who shall present forged and/or falsified negative RT-PCR result shall be dealt with in accordance with law.

Section 15. ZONING CONTAINMENT STRATEGY.

LGUs are reminded to implement Zoning Containment Strategy or localized lockdown of a particular barangay, purok, sitio or building within their area of jurisdiction which has confirmed COVID-19 infection or transmission, upon concurrence of the Regional IATF.

Section 16. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.

The Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) shall be the one-stop-shop application/communication for travelers in Occidental Mindoro.

The StaySafe.ph System shall be utilized as the primary contract tracing system in the province. As such, all government offices, both national and local, are directed to implement and utilize the StaySafe.ph system in their respective premises. Municipalities are also enjoined to require all business establishments within their jurisdiction to utilize the said contact tracing system. Traze App for airports, and such other existing contact tracing applications must be integrated with the StaySafe.ph System following IATF Resolution No. 85 issued on November 25, 2020.



Section 17. PORTS AND TERMINALS.

All ports and terminals in the province shall put in place a referral system wherein travelers who become symptomatic shall be transferred to the quarantine/isolation facilities of their LGU of destination.

San Jose Airport and all ports in the province shall designate a quarantine/isolation facility for symptomatic travellers which shall be temporarily utilized prior to their coordination/transfer to LGU of destination's quarantine facility.

It shall be the duty of the PDRRMO to transport symptomatic travelers to the quarantine/isolation facility of their LGU of destination.

Section 18. 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 19. 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 20. EFFECTIVITY.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE at the Provincial Capitol, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro this 21 day of October 2021.

EDUARDO B. GADIANO Governor