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Governor

Executive Order No. 0015-2020-A IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE EXTREME ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, the State is mandated to protect and promote the right to health of the people under Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and LGUs are empowered to exercise necessary, appropriate and incidental powers for its efficient governance in promotion of general welfare, as provided by Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 922 s. 2020, the Philippines is in a State of Public Health Emergency with Code Alert System raised to Code Red Sublevel Two due to the nationwide spread of the 2019 Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 013-2020 was issued on March 16, 2020, implementing Community Quarantine to address the threat of COVID-19 in the Province of Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte placed the entire Luzon area under Enhanced Community Quarantine, prompting LGUs to comply and implement the same measure in their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 11 dated March 12, 2020 of the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) and in view of the four (4) confirmed Covid 19 positive cases in the municipalities of Rosales Bayambang and Malasiqui, Executive Order No. 0015-2020, was issued on March 23, 2020, placing the whole Province of Pangasinan under Extreme Enhanced Community Quarantine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AMADO I. ESPINO, III, Governor of the Province of Pangasinan, Philippines, do hereby implement the following measures:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF EXTREME ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (EECQ) IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE.

- a. The Province of Pangasinan is hereby placed under Extreme Enhanced Community Quarantine for the period of March 23, 2020 starting at 8:00 pm to March 31, 2020, 12:00 midnight.
- b. Extreme Enhanced Community Quarantine shall mean that no one shall be allowed to enter to, and exit from, the province during the entire duration of the EECQ.

- c. The movement of people within the province shall be exclusively for the purpose of accessing basic necessities and things essential to survival such as food and medicine. There will be heightened presence of uniformed personnel and quarantine officers to enforce quarantine measures.
- d. The EECQ shall immediately take effect on March 23, 2020 at 8:00 pm and is supposed to end in the midnight of March 31, 2020, but the EEHQ may be extended depending on the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19. In the event that EECQ is not extended, Enhanced Community Quarantine shall nonetheless be implemented up to April 14, 2020, or until so declared in subsequent official issuances.

SECTION 2. EXTREME ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (EECQ) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSALES, BAYAMBANG AND MALASIQUI.

- a. The Public Advisory issued by the Municipality of Bayambang on March 21, 2020, prohibiting the entry to and exit of people from the municipality for the period March 21, 2020 to March 28, 2020 is hereby extended up to March 31, 2020 at 12:00 midnight.
- b. Pursuant to Resolution No. 11 of the IATF, and following two (2) Covid 19 positive cases in the Municipality of Malasiqui, the said municipality is likewise placed under Extreme Enhanced Community Quarantine for the period of March 23, 2020 starting at 8:00 pm to March 31, 2020, 12:00 midnight.
- c. After the issuance of EO 0015-2020 on March 23, 2020, the Municipality of Rosales likewise issued an Advisory that said LGU is on Extreme Enhanced Community Quarantine for the period of March 23, 2020 up to March 31, 2020, 12:00 am.
- d. Accordingly, the residents of the towns of Rosales, Bayambang and Malasiqui are not allowed to leave their respective residences and are ordered to be on strict home quarantine. In no case shall anyone from the said municipalities be allowed to leave the territorial jurisdiction of their respective municipalities, except to buy food and medicines.
- e. The aforementioned component LGUs may further issue guidelines, rules or policies to address specific details on the implementation of the EEHQ.

SECTION 3. STRICT HOME QUARANTINE

- a. Residents are prohibited from leaving their homes except for buying essential commodities and other things necessary for survival. In such cases, only one person per household is allowed to go outside to buy said basic necessities.
- b. Barangay officials shall be in the forefront of ensuring strict home quarantine of their residents. Only those with a valid Home Quarantine Pass, limited to one per household, shall be allowed to go outside the confines of their homes to buy basic necessities.
- c. Component LGUs may formulate their own schedule in allowing their residents to secure their basic necessities, but in no case shall markets or grocery stores be allowed to operate later than 3:00 pm.

- d. The following are exempt from strict home quarantine:
 - i. Health workers;
 - ii. Security and emergency personnel;
 - iii. Uniformed personnel of the PNP and AFP;
 - iv. Authorized LGU officers;
 - v. Media reporters and personnel;
 - vi. Workers in food and medical supplies and essential commodities
- e. All persons who gained entry to the Province and were classified as PUMs are directed to report to their respective barangays/Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) upon completion of their self-quarantine of fourteen (14) days.
- f. Home quarantine and social distancing shall be strictly implemented for people who are at a high risk of being infected. Infants, elderly, those who are immunocompromised or with co-morbidities and pregnant women are strictly prohibited from leaving their homes.

SECTION 4. SUSPENSION OF MASS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

- a. Operation of mass public transport including but not limited to public utility buses, jeepneys, tricycles, pedicabs and taxis shall remain suspended, except when responding to an actual emergency and/or duly-tasked by authorized agencies of government
- b. Private transportation/vehicles allowed to operate pursuant to this Order shall still be subjected to safety measures such as thermal scanning and inspection procedures.
- c. Barangays are directed to provide transport vehicle/s to ferry their constituents in purchasing food and medicines. They shall formulate a schedule and/or scheme to ensure that social distancing is strictly observed.
- d. Component LGUs and/or their respective sanggunians are instructed to implement and/or impose the province-wide curfew of from 8pm to 5am.

SECTION 5. CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF CLASSES.

- a. Classes shall continue to be suspended up to April 14, 2020, or until such time DepEd, CHED, and/or other competent authorities so declare. Provided, that schools may employ alternative learning methods, such as online classes.
- b. No child or minor shall be allowed to loiter in the streets, buildings, or any establishments outside of his/her residence at any time of the day. It shall be the responsibility of parents and guardians to ensure that their children or wards remain in their respective residences.

SECTION 6. MODIFIED WORK ARRANGEMENTS.

- a. There shall be no regular transactions in government offices, but a minimum/skeletal workforce maybe called up in the exigency of public service. However, health, peace & order, emergency and essential personnel shall continue to report in their respective field or hospital assignment.

- b. Alternative/modified work arrangements such as, but not limited to work-from-home mechanism, skeletal workforce, shall be implemented as far as practicable, provided that monitoring scheme on the whereabouts and/or output of work will be implemented by the respective heads of offices/agencies.
- c. The above work scheme shall not be applicable to the PNP, AFP, peace and order personnel, health and emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services, as they are collectively tasked to effectively and efficiently implement the emergency measures stated herein.
- d. Workers in the private sector, who are not involved in medical care and not among those exempt under the next succeeding paragraph (Section 7b) are not allowed to go to work during the EECQ. Employers who force their employees to work may be subjected to legal sanctions, if found liable.

SECTION 7. LIMITED OPERATION OF PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS

- a. All department stores, shopping malls, and establishments drawing large number of persons shall continue to be temporarily closed during the entire quarantine period.
- b. However, establishments providing basic necessities and essential commodities shall be allowed to operate in a limited capacity, provided that safety and precautionary procedures are implemented in their workplace, to include the following:
 - i. public markets only until 12 noon; supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores only until 3:00 p.m.;
 - ii. hospitals, pharmacies, medical supplies and drug stores;
 - iii. food production, preparation, and delivery services;
 - iv. water-refilling stations;
 - v. manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products;
 - vi. banks, money transfer services;
 - vii. public utility companies on energy, water and telecommunications;
 - viii. press or mass media; and
 - ix. gasoline and fuel stations.

All private establishments allowed to operate are mandated to observe strict social distancing and other safety and precautionary measures.

SECTION 8. FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. Restaurants, eateries, and fastfood chains shall only be allowed to operate insofar as food preparation, pickup, take out, drive thru and delivery is concerned. Dine in shall not be allowed. Buffet and "eat all you can" arrangements shall be strictly prohibited.

SECTION 9. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF RECREATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS. Tourist destinations and all recreational facilities across the Province of Pangasinan shall be closed and be made unavailable to the public during the quarantine period. Operation of cockpits, bingo stations and gaming stations is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 10. PROHIBITION FROM DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. Drinking of alcoholic beverages in public places is strictly prohibited at all times to ensure the policy of social distancing.

SECTION 11. PROHIBITION ON MASS GATHERINGS. Churches and religious groups are not prevented from exercising their beliefs and worship. However, all large gatherings and mass congregations are prohibited during the quarantine period. As an alternative, religious groups may consider conducting Mass celebrations and group prayers/worship through online platforms.

SECTION 12. LIMITING HOSPITAL VISITS/ OPERATIONS

- a. Visitors of hospital patients shall be limited to one at any point time. Such visitors shall undergo thermal scans upon entry and exit of the hospital. Visitors exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 infection shall be immediately directed to proper medical facilities and/or isolation centers.
- b. Medical consultations, outpatient and non-emergency cases shall not be accepted in the tertiary hospitals and those designated by DOH as COVID-19 treatment facilities. Instead, the said medical cases shall be referred to medical clinics outside of hospital, infirmaries, RHUs and Level 1 hospitals.
- c. Subject to pertinent and/or applicable laws, the R1MC and private hospitals shall coordinate with the PHO and DOH and immediately report persons under investigation (PUI) or those with Covid-19 symptoms, to include but not limited to Acute Respiratory Infection with Diarrhea (ARI/D) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection with Diarrhea (ARI/D).
- d. For this purpose and for the duration of EECQ, the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital (PPH) shall temporarily not accept consultation, outpatient and non-emergency cases. Those with symptoms of Covid-19, shall be admitted to the isolation facility of the said hospital or to the designated isolation facility by the province.
- e. No medical facility shall refuse to treat patients in need of medical assistance. In the event that the required medical treatment or intervention is beyond or outside of the capacity of the medical facility, assistance shall be provided by making the proper/necessary referral to the proper medical facility.

SECTION 13. QUARANTINE CHECKPOINTS. The Pangasinan Provincial Police Office (PPPO), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Provincial Health Office (PHO), and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), their municipal, city and barangay counterparts and their authorized and deputized force multipliers are hereby directed to maintain quarantine checkpoints at strategic border points across Pangasinan. The following guidelines for the quarantine checkpoints shall be imposed:

- a. No person coming from outside the territorial jurisdiction of the province shall be allowed entry to the province, except those who are authorized to pass through under exceptional circumstances, as provided herein.
- b. No person who has been allowed entry to the province shall be allowed to exit, except for authorized pass through.
- c. Persons allowed passage are the following:
 - i. Health workers;
 - ii. Authorized government officials;
 - iii. Those travelling for medical reasons;

- iv. Persons providing/delivering basic services, public utilities and essential commodities; and
- d. The above exempted persons shall nonetheless be subjected to monitoring and thermal scanning by quarantine officers and are directed to observe strict social distancing.
- e. Persons who are allowed to leave their residences, whether by virtue of a Home Quarantine Pass or those who are exempt under Section 7b must be checked for symptoms of COVID-19 infection. Persons manifesting symptoms of COVID-19 infection shall be submitted to the nearest medical or quarantine facility.
- f. Transit to and from work shall only be allowed for the above-enumerated workforce, provided that there is proof of employment and shift schedule/certification from their respective employers.
- g. Cargo movement, especially of food, medicine and essential commodities within the Province shall be allowed unhampered access, subject to the guidelines released by the DTI regarding the accompanying crew and personnel.
- h. Vehicles/ dump trucks used in solid waste management shall likewise be allowed to collect segregated wastes and transport them to accredited treatment facilities and disposal areas/sanitary landfills.

SECTION 14. PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH WORKERS AND CHECKPOINT PERSONNEL.

- a. The Province hereby recalls all provincial government owned vans, utility vehicles, except those devoted to health and rescue, those being utilized by essential personnel and hereby orders their authorized custodians to immediately surrender subject vehicles for the use or transportation of health workers reporting for duty.
- b. Other government vehicles are ordered to be surrendered at the motorpool of the Provincial Engineering Office for immediate deployment to address possible emergency situation/s.
- c. The schedule, route and meeting points shall be disseminated by the Chiefs of Hospitals. The designated transport vehicles shall be exclusively used by health personnel and shall not be unnecessarily delayed at quarantine checkpoints.
- d. All medical and quarantine personnel responding to suspected COVID-19 infection shall be provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Those enforcing checkpoint quarantine, including the PNP, shall, as far as practicable, be similarly provided with PPEs.

SECTION 15. MONITORING and REPORTING. Barangay Officials, BHERTs, and/or their authorized representatives are tasked to make rounds in their respective jurisdictions using Public Address system, mounted in vehicles to relay important announcements regarding COVID-19 issues and relevant measures to be implemented by the government.

SECTION 16. PROHIBITION ON HOARDING AND RESELLING. Hoarding and/or reselling of basic commodities with price spikes is strictly prohibited. All sellers must observe the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) price freeze on essential medicines, basic medical supplies, such as face masks, rubbing alcohol, hand

sanitizers, and basic food supplies, such as but not limited to canned sardines, bread, instant noodles, coffee and bottled water.

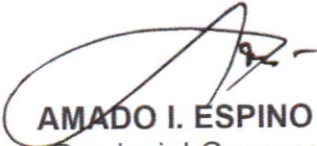
SECTION 17. PROHIBITION ON SPREADING FAKE NEWS. Spreading unverified reports regarding COVID-19, whether with malice or not, is strictly prohibited. Intentionally providing misinformation is a violation of Section 9(b) of Republic Act No. 11332 (Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act), and shall be penalized accordingly.

SECTION 18. SOCIAL ASSISTANCE. The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office shall coordinate with the DSWD, DOLE, DTI, DBM and DoF in formulating programs and measures for the social amelioration of affected workers and residents of Pangasinan, including but not limited to: moratorium on lease rentals, advancing a pro-rated thirteenth (13th) month pay, reprieve in utility bills, and assistance to micro, small and medium-scale enterprises.

SECTION 19. PENALTY CLAUSE. Persons found in violation of this Order shall be subject to administrative sanctions. In case of resistance and serious disobedience, persons may be criminally liable under Art. 151 of the Revised Penal Code and other relevant provisions thereof.

SECTION 20. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Order amends/modifies Executive Order No. 013-2020 issued on March 16, 2020 and shall take effect immediately until or unless subsequently amended/revoked/revised.

Done this 23rd day of March 2020 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.


AMADO I. ESPINO III
Provincial Governor