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**T O : All Municipal/City Mayors
PNP Provincial Director
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Chief of Offices/Hospitals and
All Others Concerned
Province of Pangasinan**

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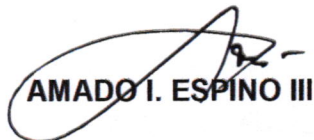
SUBJECT : EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 0059-2020

Transmitted herewith is Executive Order No. 0059-2020 regarding the Supplemental Guidelines for the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) in the Province of Pangasinan.

In view hereof, all Municipal/City Mayors and all others concerned are advised to strictly observe and implement the said Executive Order.

For their information and appropriate action.

Please be guided accordingly.


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Executive Order No. 0059-2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE
MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ)
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, due to the nationwide spread of the 2019 Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), President Rodrigo Roa Duterte placed the Philippines under State of Public Health Emergency pursuant to Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 and under State of Calamity pursuant to Proclamation No. 929, s. 2020;

WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan is placed in a Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) with strict localized action from July 1, 2020 under IATF-EID Resolution No. 50-A, and again from July 16, 2020 onwards under IATF-EID Resolution No. 55-A;

WHEREAS, in view of recent amendments to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Management of Community Quarantine in the Philippines and the issuances of competent government agencies, there is a need to supplement the guidelines for the implementation of MGCQ in Pangasinan under Executive Order No. 0033-2020;

WHEREAS, there must be a continuous effort to address and contain the spread of COVID-19 for the welfare of the residents of Pangasinan so that responses and measures done will not be put to naught;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AMADO I. ESPINO III, Governor of the Province of Pangasinan, Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me, do hereby implement the following measures:

SECTION 1. EXTENDING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) FROM JULY 16, 2020 ONWARDS.

- A. Modified general community quarantine refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal, when quarantine measures are comparatively more relaxed and become less necessary in terms of the limiting of movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

- B. The movement of all persons in Pangasinan under MGCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate, and for other activities allowed in this Order.
- C. Persons below twenty-one (21) years old or those who are sixty (60) years old and above, and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall continue to be required to remain in their residences at all times except when permitted under this Order.
- D. Quarantine passes shall no longer be required for persons leaving their residences, without prejudice to the power of component LGUs to require quarantine passes based on specific risk assessments.
- E. Minimum public health standards shall be observed at all times. Minimum public health standards, according to Department of Health Admin. Order No. 2020-015, include but are not limited to wearing facemasks and personal protective equipment, frequent hand washing, and practicing social distancing.
- F. In order to decongest COVID-19 wards in hospitals, mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 patients may be referred to facility-based quarantine in the temporary treatment facilities of the municipality/city where the patient resides. A mild or asymptomatic COVID-19 patient may also be referred to strict home quarantine, provided that the patient has his/her own separate bedroom and bathroom.

SECTION 2. ZONING CONTAINMENT STRATEGY. Local chief executives of Pangasinan are empowered, under Executive Order No. 112, s. 2020 promulgated by President Rodrigo Duterte, to impose different levels of quarantine measures within their respective territorial jurisdictions. To standardize the application of localized quarantine measures, National Task Force COVID-19 Memorandum No. 2 provides:

- A. **Zone Classifications.** There shall be four (4) zone classifications based on risk and stage of transmission within the area, which are, to wit:
 - 1. **Critical Zone (CrZ)** – Areas where initial number or clustering of COVID-19 cases are identified within the past seven (7) days;
 - 2. **Containment Zone (CZ)** – Areas without COVID-19 cases adjacent to Critical Zones;
 - 3. **Buffer Zone (BZ)** – Areas adjacent without COVID-19 cases to Containment Zones; and
 - 4. **Areas Outside Buffer Zones (OBZ)** – All remaining areas not classified as CrZ, CZ, or BZ.
- B. **Parameters.** The following geographical units may be declared as CrZ if the corresponding number of suspect, probable, or confirmed COVID-19 cases are present:
 - 1. **House** – At least one (1);
 - 2. **Residential building:**
 - i. For one floor – At least two (2);
 - ii. For entire building – At least two (2) at least two different floors;
 - 3. **Business establishment:**
 - i. Less than 1,000 resident occupants – At least one (1);
 - ii. More than 1,000 resident occupants – At least two (2) from separate buildings, floors, wings, or annexes of the business establishment;
 - 4. **Market** – At least three (3) clusters of cases in the barangay where the market is located;

5. **Street** – At least two (2) clusters of cases in different houses, buildings or establishments along a specified street;
6. **Block** – At least three (3) clusters of cases in at least two different streets surrounding the block;
7. **Purok** – At least three (3) clusters of cases in different houses or buildings within the purok;
8. **Barangay:**
 - i. Population density greater than 1,000/km² – At least five (5) clusters of cases in at least three different sitios, puroks or blocks;
 - ii. Population density below 1,000/km² – At least two (2) clusters of cases in at least two different sitios, puroks or blocks;
 - iii. Settlement areas – At least (2) clusters of cases in at least two different areas within the settlement;
9. **Municipality or Component City** – If 25% of its barangays are declared CrZ, with causal link to areas reserved and occupied as residential and/or commercial corridors, and population density is greater than 1,000/km².

C. Corresponding Community Quarantine.

1. Critical Zone – Enhanced Community Quarantine
2. Containment Zone – Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine
3. Buffer Zone – General Community Quarantine
4. Areas Outside Buffer Zone – Modified General Community Quarantine

D. Declaration of Zoning Classification.

1. Local Chief Executives, upon thorough assessment and with the concurrence of the Regional IATF, can declare a geographical unit as CrZ immediately;
 - i. Consistent with EO 112, s. 2020, Municipal and City Mayors may declare varying levels of quarantine measures on *houses, residential buildings, business establishments, markets, streets, blocks, puroks and barangays* within their territorial jurisdiction;
 - ii. However, only the Provincial Governor may declare quarantine measures on *municipalities and component cities*.
2. The adjacent units may be subsequently declared as CZ, BZ and OBZ.
3. Activities or interventions in each type of community quarantine shall be based on the Omnibus Guidelines on the Management of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF-EID.
4. Reassessment of the zoning classification shall be done every 30th/31st and 15th day of the month, while the new categorized zones shall be announced every 1st and 16th day of the month.

E. Lifting of Community Quarantine. LCEs may reclassify a geographical zone and lift the corresponding community quarantine upon completion of all surveillance, testing, and quarantine intervention activities and upon achievement of the following scenarios:

1. Negative results from testing suspected cases;
2. No new suspect, probable or confirmed cases identified;
3. Completion of 14-day quarantine measures for individuals in the geographical unit.

SECTION 3. CURFEW. The curfew from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM shall still be observed across the province, except for frontliners and public transportation.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENTS ALLOWED TO OPERATE. All Category I, II and III establishments, as classified by the Department of Trade and Industry, shall

be allowed to operate at 100% capacity. The following shall operate at the corresponding capacity provided:

- A. Hotels and other accommodation establishments, including ancillary establishments, are allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, provided that a Provisional Certificate or a Certificate of Authority to Operate from the Department of Tourism has been secured;
- B. Dine-in capacity of restaurants, food chains and other food retail establishments may operate at a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) operational capacity starting from July 21, 2020;
- C. Barbershops and salons may operate at a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) operational capacity starting from July 16, 2020;
- D. Facilities for outdoor and indoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise may operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) capacity, provided that spectators for non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited (IATF-EID Resolution No. 56, s. 2020 dated July 16, 2020).
- E. All other Category IV establishments may operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity.
- F. Establishments in the negative list issued by the DTI shall not be allowed to operate in any form of community quarantine in Pangasinan. (IATF-EID Resolution No. 56, s. 2020 dated July 16, 2020)

SECTION 5. REOPENING OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS. Tourist destinations within Pangasinan may be reopened subject to compliance with the following guidelines:

- A. Tourist destinations in the Province of Pangasinan shall be re-opened at up to fifty percent (50%) capacity.
- B. Tourist destinations located within Pangasinan shall be open only to local tourists or those hailing from Pangasinan and to Region 1 residents, subject to particular restrictions which may be imposed by the city/municipality having jurisdiction over the tourist destination.
- C. No tourist coming from ECQ, MECQ, or GCQ areas within or outside Pangasinan shall be permitted entry to tourist destinations, as leisurely travel from these areas are not allowed. Entry of tourists from MGCQ areas outside Region 1 shall likewise be denied.
- D. Entry to tourist destinations shall be denied to persons below twenty-one (21) years and old and sixty (60) years old and above, persons with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned persons.
- E. Tourists shall be required to present the following prior to gaining entry into tourist destinations and accommodation establishments in Pangasinan:
 - 1. Proof of prior booking made with a hotel or accommodation establishment, if tourist does not have private accommodations near the tourist destination;
 - 2. Travel authority secured from the local PNP office;

3. Medical clearance, obtained not more than three (3) days from arrival, issued by the RHU of origin LGU; and
 4. Valid ID reflecting proof of current residency in Pangasinan or in Region 1.
- F. All tourist destination management must strictly enforce minimum public health standards, such as but not limited to:
1. Mandatory wearing facemasks and PPEs;
 2. Filling out health forms to facilitate contact tracing;
 3. Conducting prior thermal scanning, where those with 38 degrees Celsius or higher body temperatures shall be denied entry to any tourist destination; and
 4. Strict observance of social distancing.
- G. Only those accommodation establishments which have secured a Certificate of Authority to Operate (CAO) or a Provisional Certificate of Authority to Operate (PCAO) from the DOT shall be allowed to operate. Further inspection may be done by the Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (PTCAO) and/or the local tourism office.
- H. The operations of DOT-Accredited accommodation establishments and restaurants must be compliant with the guidelines under DOT Memorandum Circular Nos. 2020-02 and 2020-04, respectively.

SECTION 6. LIFTING OF BAN ON BACK RIDING. Back riding on motorcycles shall now be allowed subject to the following conditions:

- A. Back riding shall be allowed only for married or common law couples living in the same household;
- B. In no case shall back riding be allowed for more than two persons at a time;
- C. Riding or back riding motorcycles shall not be allowed for persons under twenty-one (21) years old or sixty (60) years old and above, or those with comorbidities and chronic diseases, or pregnant women;
- D. Couples, during the back ride, must bring and be able to present proof of marriage or proof that they live in the same household, such as but not limited to marriage certificates, IDs with matching home address or surnames, or a certification from the barangay that the couple reside in the same household;
- E. Subject to safety considerations, LGUs may require additional protective barrier between driver and passenger installed in the motorcycle;
- F. Personal protective equipment (PPEs) and face masks, in addition to standard protective gear e.g. crash helmets, must be worn during the ride;
- G. Other documents ordinarily required in checkpoints, such as Official Receipt/Certificate of Registration (OR/CR) and a valid Driver's License must be carried and be readily presented upon request by quarantine officers or law enforcers; and
- H. Back riding without compliance with any of the requisites in the preceding paragraphs shall be punished under applicable laws.

SECTION 7. NON-ESSENTIAL OUTBOUND TRAVEL ALLOWED. The ban on non-essential outbound travel is likewise lifted, provided that the travelling Filipino complies with the conditions hereunder:

- A. Submission of confirmed round-trip tickets for those travelling on tourist visas;
- B. Adequate travel and health insurance to cover rebooking and accommodation expenses if stranded, and hospitalization in case of infection;
- C. Allowed entry by the destination country with their travel, health and quarantine restrictions;
- D. Execution of a Declaration acknowledging the risk of delay in the return trip, to be provided for in the check-in counters by the airlines; and
- E. Upon return, observance of the guidelines for Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs).

SECTION 8. MANDATORY TESTING FOR LSIs AND ROFs. In view of the recent increase of COVID-19 cases across the Philippines due to interzonal travels by asymptomatic carriers, the following measures are hereby directed as additions to the LSI and ROF Guidelines under Section 13 of EO No. 0033-2020:

- A. All Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs), persons travelling for work, and other persons allowed to interzonal travel are strictly required to show pertinent documents to checkpoint officers in entry points to Pangasinan, i.e. in TPLEX checkpoints. Such documents are, to wit:
 1. For LSIs (under DILG MC 2020-087):
 - i. Medical Clearance Certificate issued by LGU of origin;
 - ii. Travel Authority issued by JTF CV Shield; and
 - iii. Identification;
 2. For ROFs (under DILG MC 2020-087):
 - i. Negative RT-PCR test result and Quarantine Certification issued by DOH;
 - ii. Travel Authority issued by JTF CV Shield; and
 - iii. Identification;
 3. For persons travelling for work (according to DILG Sec. Eduardo M. Año):
 - i. Company ID or any other proof of employment; and
 - ii. Identification
 4. For persons allowed to interzonal travel:
 - i. Any pertinent ID or certificate evidencing that person is allowed to interzonal travel under Executive Order No. 0033-2020, the Omnibus Guidelines for the Management of the Community Quarantine in the Philippines, and other relevant issuances.
- B. Lack of required documents, particularly the MCC for LSIs, and RT-PCR test result and Quarantine Certification for ROFs, may be ground for denying entry to Pangasinan.
- C. LSIs, upon entry in the territory of the destination LGU, shall be made to undergo an RT-PCR test and a 14-day quarantine in the LGU's designated quarantine facility (Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 Resolution. No. 03, s. 2020).
- D. ROFs, upon entry in the territory of the destination LGU, shall:
 1. Undergo a 14-day home quarantine, if a quarantine certification and negative RT-PCR test result are presented;

- E. If any test under paragraph C and D of this Section yields a positive result, the LSI or ROF concerned shall be admitted for COVID-19 treatment in the nearest available facility.
- F. If any test under paragraph C and D of this Section yields a negative result, the LSI or ROF shall be cleared to go home after completion of the 14-day quarantine.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONFINED WITHIN PROVINCIAL BORDERS AND REGION 1. Public utility vehicles must secure special permit from LTFRB prior to resumption of operation.

- A. The LTFRB shall determine the number of transportation units to be allowed to operate for each route. The LTFRB is requested to give priority to operators who are residents of or are based in Pangasinan;
- B. Inter-provincial mass transportation shall be limited to Public utility vehicles (PUBs and UV express) from Region 1 only, provided that the point of origin/destination does not have a higher quarantine classification than MGCQ;
- C. There shall be no new routes entering Pangasinan, without prior consultation with the LGU (province and the concerned city/municipality);
- D. The updated fare matrix duly approved by the LTFRB must be posted in the front portion of the vehicles, in print size easily seen by the commuting public;
- E. Minimum health standards, such as but not limited to use of face masks, physical distancing, provision of alcohol and/or sanitizers, use of thermal scanners shall be observed both for the drivers & conductors and the commuting public;
- F. The passenger load must not exceed 50% of the vehicle's capacity;
- G. There must be a scheme adopted by the PUB to facilitate contact tracing, should anyone of its passengers turn out to be COVID-19 positive;
- H. The PUBs shall strictly follow point-to-point operation;
- I. Vehicles shall be regularly disinfected every day, and if possible, before and after each trip.

SECTION 10. OPERATION OF TRICYCLES. Subject to guidelines of component LGUS, only tricycles with existing franchise from the city or municipality are allowed to resume operation as vehicles for hire.

- A. The concerned city or municipality may opt to further limit the operation of tricycles for hire by imposing a coding scheme, to be made applicable in their respective territorial jurisdiction, by enacting the appropriate ordinance for the matter;
- B. Component cities and municipalities are encouraged to enact ordinances setting the limit on tricycle fares. The updated fare matrix duly approved by the

LGU must be posted in the front portion of the tricycle in print size easily seen by the commuting public;

SECTION 11. RELAXING ANTI-HOARDING LIMITS. Pursuant to DTI MC No. 20-36, quantity limits set for the sale and purchase of products in the Anti-Hoarding measures are now lifted, except for the following:

- A. Disinfecting alcohol, hand sanitizers, disinfecting liquids - maximum of 5 bottles for sizes one liter and below; maximum of 3 bottles for sizes more than one liter;
- B. N95 and N88 face masks - maximum of 1 box of 50 pieces.

SECTION 12. MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOL FOR ESTABLISHMENTS. In view of the expanded operational capacities of establishments, particularly of food retail establishments and barbershops and salons, the said establishments are enjoined to observe the following minimum health standards issued by the Department of Trade and Industry, which are reproduced summarily as follows:

- A. Posting of information materials at the entrance or prominent areas of the establishment on the following:
 - 1. Enforcement of a No Mask, No Entry Policy;
 - 2. Social distancing protocols of the establishment, and other measures to be observed therein;
 - 3. Maximum number of allowable persons.
- B. Requiring the placing of the following at the entrance:
 - 1. Foot bath with disinfectant, unless provided for by entrances of malls or other buildings;
 - 2. Thermal scanners, where customers with a temperature of more than 37.5 degrees Celsius are politely declined entry;
 - 3. Rubbing alcohol and hand sanitizers;
 - 4. Health checklists for customers to fill up, for contact tracing purposes.
- C. Installing the following equipment at the establishment:
 - 1. Sanitized tables and chairs, with observance of least one (1) meter distancing;
 - 2. Visible floor markings for queues;
 - 3. Proper ventilation;
 - 4. Minimized interactions between staff and customers, such as in order-taking and serving food;
 - 5. Buffets, self-service areas, and play areas are not allowed.
- D. Ensuring proper health and safety for all personnel:
 - 1. No work for personnel with COVID-19 symptoms, or with exposure to COVID-19 patients;
 - 2. Checking of personnel's temperature before and after work;
 - 3. Reporting of whereabouts before work, in case necessary for contract tracing; and
 - 4. Mandatory wearing of PPEs.

Non-observance of the above minimum public health standards may be ground for temporary closure of a business establishment until compliance is made.

SECTION 13. PROPER HANDLING OF CUSTOMER OR VISITOR INFORMATION. In view of contract tracing measures required for operation of customer-based establishments which requires collection of personal data of customers, business owners are enjoined to observe the guidelines for proper handling of customer information, which are essentially, to wit:

- A. Collect only such information as required under government issuances;
- B. Inform customers that their data are collected for contact tracing purposes;
- C. Use customer data only for the purpose of contact tracing;
- D. Implement security measures to protect customer/visitor information from unauthorized access or from unlawful processing; and
- E. Retain data only for a period allowed by existing government issuances and dispose such data in a secure manner.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Order be declared by a court of competent authority as invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not adversely affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Order shall take effect immediately until or unless subsequently amended/revoked/revised. Provisions of EO No. 0033-2020 not inconsistent with the present Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until revoked. All orders, rules, regulations, promulgations, circulars, and/or issuances by the IATF and/or concerned national government offices/agencies are hereby adopted. All previous issuances of the undersigned and/or by component LGUs, which are not in contravention of the IATF Resolutions and/or its member agencies shall be made applicable in a suppletory manner.

Done this 17th day of July 2020 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.


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