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HON. AMADO I. ESPINO III Governor

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TO

Vice Governor and All Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members

All Municipal/City Mayors DILG Provincial Director PNP Provincial Director Provincial Health Officer

Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer

Provincial Information Officer and

All Others Concerned Province of Pangasinan

FROM

GOVERNOR AMADO I. ESPINO III

SUBJECT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 0081-2021

Transmitted herewith is Executive Order No. 0081-2021 regarding *Intensifying COVID-*19 Measures and Travel Restrictions to Prevent the Transmission of the DELTA (B.1.617) Variant.

In view thereof, all concerned are hereby enjoined to strictly observe and to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of the attached Executive Order in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For your information and appropriate action.

Please be guided accordingly.

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Executive Order No. 0081-2021

INTENSIFYING COVID-19 MEASURES AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF THE DELTA (B.1.617) VARIANT

WHEREAS, the State is mandated to protect and promote the right to health of the people under Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, and local government units 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, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) on September 16, 2020, extending the period of the State of Calamity through-out the Philippines until September 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center, and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health biosurveillance have detected and confirmed the presence of B.1.617 otherwise known as the Covid-19 Delta variant;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enforce strict border control measures and intensify present Covid-19 responses in Pangasinan to prevent the community transmission of the highly infectious Delta variant;

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

SECTION 1. INBOUND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

- A. Essential travels or travels by Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) as designated by the IATF-EID or the PNP, coming from any zones, shall continue to be allowed in the Province of Pangasinan. Such APORs shall include but not be limited to frontline services, government personnel with travel order, emergency medical cases, public transportation, and movement of cargo.
 - APORs from the government shall be required to present a valid or governmentissued ID, a travel order or itinerary, and to pass symptom-screening.
 - Other APORs may present their employment certificates, travel order, hospital referrals, and other proof of authority to travel.
- B. Non-APORs and tourists from areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) shall not be allowed entry into Pangasinan. This prohibition shall include those coming from Gingoog City of Misamis Oriental, Iloilo Province, Iloilo City, Cagayan de Oro City, the NCR plus bubble (National Capital Region, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal) until further notice from the IATF-EID.





C. For non-APORs, non-essential and tourist travel from other provinces, a negative RT-PCR or rapid antigen test shall be required. The LGU of destination may impose additional regulations in their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 2. UNIFORM TRAVEL PROTOCOLS. For all interzonal travels, the following protocols apply:

- A. Except for APORs, those coming from areas under ECQ and MECQ shall not be allowed entry to Pangasinan.
- B. All persons, except APORs travelling to Pangasinan must secure their corresponding permits from the S-PASS Travel Management System at https://s-pass.ph, and present negative RT PCR or rapid antigen test at the border checkpoints, and when required by the LGU of destination.
- C. Any person who is using or is attempting to use a forged, fake, fraudulent Travel Coordination Permit (TCP) or submitted fraudulent requirements in the S-PASS shall not be allowed entry to Pangasinan, and shall be prosecuted under existing laws or ordinances.
- D. Only tourists from areas under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) and regular General Community Quarantine (GCQ) shall be allowed to travel to Pangasinan for leisure purposes. All tourists are required to register with Pangasinan Tara Na at https://pangasinan.tarana.ph/. All tourists from outside of Pangasinan shall be required to present negative RT PCR or rapid antigen test at their chosen accommodation facility.
- E. Minimum public health standards are strictly observed at all times.

SECTION 3. PROTOCOLS FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.

- A. An individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for Covid-19"
 - After the lapse of more than or equal to 2 weeks after having received a singledose vaccine or the second dose in a 2-dose series; and
 - ii. The vaccine administered to the individual is included in the Emergency Use Authorization List, or Compassionate Special Permit issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration, or the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
- B. For interzonal movement allowed under the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines subject to local travel restrictions in Pangasinan, a Covid-19 domestic vaccination card shall serve as sufficient alternative to any testing required by the LGU. Provided, that the traveler shall undergo health and exposure screening upon arrival at the destination LGU.
- C. The intrazonal movement of fully vaccinated senior citizens within Pangasinan shall be allowed subject to the presentation of a Covid-19 domestic vaccination card, with strict observance of minimum public health standards.
- D. Any person who is using or is attempting to use a forged, fake, fraudulent Covid-19 domestic vaccination card shall not be allowed entry to Pangasinan, and shall be prosecuted under existing laws or ordinances.

SECTION 4. HOME QUARANTINE.

- A. Children of tender years below the age of five years old and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when allowed under the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF-EID.
- B. Non-APOR travel of Pangasinenses to destinations outside Pangasinan shall be allowed, provided that their return shall be subject to the same travel restrictions imposed herein.
- C. LSIs, ROFs, and OFWs shall still be required to report to BHERTs upon arrival at their respective residences. Except for OFWs or those required by the IATF-EID, travelers shall not be required to undergo quarantine unless he/she exhibits symptoms upon arrival at the LGU of destination.
- D. Fully vaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic close contacts of probable or confirmed Covid-19 cases may undergo a shortened seven (7)-day quarantine period starting from the day after the last exposure:
 - If an RT-PCR test needs to be performed, it may be done not earlier than the fifth day from the last exposure.
 - If the close contact was traced beyond the seventh day from last exposure and has remained asymptomatic, no testing and quarantine shall be required.

SECTION 5. CURFEW. The province-wide curfew shall be from 9:00 PM to 4:00 AM, except for APORs and in emergency cases.

SECTION 6. RESTRICTIONS ON GENERAL MOVEMENT.

- A. Public gatherings are extremely discouraged. If important gatherings are to be conducted, the number of participants shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) venue or seating capacity.
- B. Strict implementation of minimum public health standards, including but not limited to wearing of facemasks and face shields, practicing social distancing, filling out contact-tracing forms, and proper hygiene shall be observed at all times.
- C. To minimize risk of transmission, all persons are advised against going to places that tend to be crowded, such as bars, dining establishments, malls, and the likes.
- D. Cities and municipalities may impose restrictions on the selling and consumption of liquor. For this purpose, drinking liquor in public places, or outside the confines of residence, to include open terraces or front and backyard shall be discouraged.
- E. Operation of videoke or karaoke shall not be allowed in public places or outside the confines of their respective residences.
- F. Wakes and funerals for those who passed away for causes other than Covid-19 shall be held for at most three (3) days. Attendees in funeral processions shall be limited to close friends and family members only.

SECTION 7. STRENGTHENING THE PDITR STRATEGY. To prevent the local transmission of the Covid-19 Delta variant, the implementation of the Prevent – Detect – Isolate – Treat – Reintegrate Strategy shall be continuous and strengthened, as follows:

- A. Active case finding;
- B. Intensify contact tracing;
- C. Immediate quarantine/isolation, preferably be in a facility;
- D. Declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine down to the zone or barangay levels;
- E. Stricter implementation and observance of minimum public health standards; and
- F. Fast-track deployment of Covid-19 vaccine.

SECTION 8. ACTIVE CASE FINDING.

- A. All component LGUs and their corresponding Barangay Health and Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) shall conduct active case finding in their respective territorial jurisdictions. Upon detection of a Covid-19 positive case, the interval from detection to isolation/quarantine shall be less than five (5) days. Close contacts of suspect, probable, and confirmed cases must be traced within twenty-four (24) hours of detection and immediately isolated/quarantined or tested.
- B. Rapid antigen tests may be used for confirmation of suspect/probable cases and close contacts. Those who turn positive on the rapid antigen test must undergo RT-PCR test for confirmation.
- C. Facility-based isolation and quarantine shall be prioritized to prevent household transmission. Health facilities are directed to anticipate any surge in the Covid-19 cases by preparing/increasing health care capacities.

SECTION 9. ROLE OF COMPONENT LGUs. Component LGUs are directed to strictly implement the guidelines provided herein. They are further encouraged to enact corresponding ordinances to implement guidelines herein and impose appropriate penalties for the violations of the same.

SECTION 10. 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 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Order shall be effective immediately and shall be coterminous with the quarantine classification and/orders of the IATF-EID and/or the local IATF of Pangasinan. Restriction applicable to the ECQ status of NCR+ shall be applicable from August 6-20, 2021 or until so declared by the IATF-EID. All orders, rules, regulations, promulgations, circulars, and/or issuances by the IATF and/or concerned national government agencies are hereby adopted. All previous issuances of the undersigned and/or by component LGUs, which are not in contravention of the IATF-EID Resolutions and/or its member agencies shall be made applicable in a suppletory manner.

Done this 4th day of August, 2021 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.