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HON. AMADO I. ESPINO III Governor

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TO : All Municipal/City Mayors

DILG Provincial Director PNP Provincial Director Provincial Fire Director Provincial Health Officer Provincial Information Officer

Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer and

All Others Concerned Province of Pangasinan

FROM : GOVERNOR AMADO I. ESPINO III

SUBJECT : AS STATED

Transmitted herewith is a copy of Executive Order No 0125-2021 relative to the "Strict Implementation of COVID-19 Measures and Guidelines for the Observance of UNDAS 2021 in Pangasinan."

In view hereof, all concerned are hereby directed to observe and to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of the attached executive order in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

For their information and appropriate action.

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HON. AMADO I. ESPINO III Governor

Executive Order No. 0125-2021

STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 MEASURES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF UNDAS 2021 IN PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provide that Local Government Units within their territorial jurisdiction shall promote health and safety of the people;

WHEREAS, due to the nationwide spread of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19), the Philippines is declared to be under State of Public Health Emergency and continues to be under State of Calamity pursuant to Proclamation No. 1218, S. 2021 promulgated by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte;

WHEREAS, through Executive Order No. 112, s. 2020 signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the Omnibus Guidelines for the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (Omnibus Guidelines) issued and periodically updated by the IATF-EID is adopted for the implementation of health and quarantine protocols for different quarantine classifications in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Province of Pangasinan was placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with heightened restrictions from October 1 to 31, 2021 pursuant to IATF-EID Resolution No. 141-A, S. 2021;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to promulgate Covid-19 measures and health protocols for the observance of the traditions and practices during All Saints' Day (November 1, 2021) and All Souls' Day (November 2, 2021) in the Province of Pangasinan in view of the risk classification of Pangasinan and its corresponding restrictions in the Omnibus Guidelines and relevant IATF-EID issuances;

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. CLOSURE OF CEMETERIES, MEMORIAL PARKS, AND COLUMBARIA FROM OCTOBER 30, 2021 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2021.

- A. All private and public cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbaria in Pangasinan shall be closed to visitors from October 30, 2021 to November 2, 2021.
- B. For the observation of *Undas* practices, cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbaria shall be open to visitors on weeks before and after October 30, 2021 to November 2, 2021, to be determined by the component LGU concerned.
- C. Burials and cremation activities on Oct. 30 Nov. 2, 2021 are exempted from this Section, provided that the applicable capacity limit is observed.





SECTION 2. LOCAL SCHEDULING OF VISITS.

- A. Component cities and municipalities shall formulate and implement a schedule of cemetery visits for their barangays and for non-residents.
- B. For this visitation schedule, component LGUs may issue special passes for every household. Such special pass shall be presented for entry to the cemetery, columbarium, and memorial park. The special pass shall contain the names of the visitors, the barangay of residence, and the corresponding date and time of the scheduled visit.

SECTION 3. RESTRICTIONS ON PREMISES.

- A. Visits to memorial parks, cemeteries, and columbaria shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group and not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that the LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). (Sec. 4[11], Omnibus Guidelines).
- B. As much as possible, one-entry, one-exit policy shall be implemented in cemeteries, columbaria, and memorial parks.
- C. Designated in the entrances shall be at least one gate checker, to whom the special passes shall be presented. The gate checker shall have the authority to deny entry to those who do not have special passes, or those special passes are not within schedule, or those with fraudulent special passes.
- D. Conduct of picnics and similar activities that tend to unnecessarily lengthen visits are prohibited.

SECTION 4. 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, emergency medical cases, public transportation, and movement of cargo.
 - APORs from the government shall be required to present a valid or government-issued ID, a travel order or itinerary, and to pass symptomscreening;
 - 2. Other APORs may present their employment certificates, travel order, hospital referrals, and other proof of authority to travel.
- B. Non-APORs and tourists coming from areas under the following quarantine classifications shall not be allowed into the borders of Pangasinan:
 - 1. Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ);
 - Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ);
 - 3. Granular lockdown;
 - 4. Alert Level 5;
 - Alert Level 4 for persons below 18 years old, above 65 years old, those with immunodeficiencies and comorbidities, and pregnant women.
- C. For non-APORs and tourists from provinces under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), and from places under Alert Levels 1-4, travel shall be allowed subject to securing a negative RT-PCR or rapid antigen test before travel as requirement to be presented at border checkpoints. The LGU of destination may impose additional regulations in their respective jurisdictions.

- D. 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.
- E. All persons, except APORs travelling to Pangasinan, must secure their corresponding permits from the S-PASS Travel Management System at https://s-pass.ph, which shall be presented at the border checkpoints along with the aforementioned negative Covid-19 tests or Covid-19 vaccination cards, and when required by the LGU of destination.
- F. Any person who is using or is attempting to use a forged, fake, fraudulent vaccination card and S-PASS permit, or who submitted fraudulent requirements in the S-PASS shall be denied entry to Pangasinan without prejudice to prosecution under existing laws or ordinances.

SECTION 5. TOURIST TRAVEL AND ATTRACTIONS.

- A. All tourists are required to register with Pangasinan Tara Na at https://pangasinan.tarana.ph/.
- B. Outdoor tourist attractions, as may defined by the Department of Tourism, are allowed at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity with strict adherence to minimum public health standards. Indoor tourist attractions shall not be allowed to operate. (IATF-EID Resolution No. 141-A, S. 2021)
- C. Tourist travel must be point-to-point, i.e., pit stops and stopovers for eating and personal necessities are allowed, but no side trips to other destinations shall be permitted. (DOT Advisory No. 13, series of 2021)
- D. Multiple-Use Hotels and Regular Hotels, with capacity dependent on whether or not a Certificate of Authority to Operate was secured from DOT, may admit Leisure Guests. (DOT Admin. Order No. 2021-004)

SECTION 6. EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVITY OF E.O. 102-2021. In view of continued classification of Pangasinan under GCQ with heightened restrictions pursuant to IATF-EID Resolution No. 141-A, series of 2021, the implementing guidelines in Pangasinan Executive Order No, 102-2021 shall remain effective insofar as they are not inconsistent with the present Executive Order.

SECTION 7. 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 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Order shall take effect immediately until or unless subsequently amended/revoked/revised. 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 7th day of October 2021 in Lingayen, Pangasinan.

AMADO I. ESPINO III