



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39
Series of 2020

**"AN ORDER SETTING GUIDELINES ON BORDER CONTROL
IN TUGUEGARAO CITY"**

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State under Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness in them;"

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code authorizes local government units to exercise its express and implied powers, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is now a Public Health Emergency of national and international concern;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-062 dated March 21, 2020, entitled: "*Suppletory LGU Guidelines on the Implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon, and State of Public Health Emergency in Other Parts of the Country due to the COVID-19 Threat;*"

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Department of Health-RO2 confirmed one (1) positive case of COVID-19 in Tuguegarao City. PH275 arrived in the city from Manila on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, to prevent further entry and spread of the disease in the city, it is imperative to set stricter guidelines to be observed at border checkpoints as our first line of defense against COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO, City Mayor of Tuguegarao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, do hereby set the following stricter guidelines on border control in Tuguegarao City.

Section 1. Location of Checkpoints - The following are the locations of existing border checkpoints in Tuguegarao City:

- a. Barangay Buntun;
- b. Barangay Namabbalan; and
- c. Barangay Carig;

Section 2. Checkpoint Officers - Each border checkpoint in Tuguegarao City shall be manned by **at least**:

- a. Two (2) employees from the City Health Office (CHO) to conduct thermal scanning and check for symptoms of all travelers, using the Algorithm for Triage of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Infection in Ports of Entry issued by the Department of Health (DOH);
- b. Two (2) TMG employees to accompany PUIs to either the city's designated quarantine facility or to the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC), whichever is appropriate;
- c. Two (2) from the Philippine National Police-Tuguegarao City and two (2) from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to ensure the peaceful and orderly conduct of checkpoints.

Section 3. Quarantine Facility - The Sunshine Drive Inn located at Barangay Pengue-Ruyu shall serve as the quarantine facility for Tuguegarao City. The City Government may designate additional quarantine facilities if the circumstances so warrant.

Section 4. Schedule - The checkpoints shall operate 24/7. The CHO staff shall report from 8 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the afternoon daily. The AFP, PNP and TMG shall report 24/7 on rotation basis.

Section 5. Guidelines - The following guidelines shall be strictly observed at every border checkpoint:

- a) All persons manning the checkpoints must wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and must use alcohol/sanitizer as often as necessary;
- b) Priority to pass shall be given to doctors and other health workers and food deliveries in every border checkpoint;
- c) Appropriate signage shall be displayed at every border checkpoint for the guidance of every traveler;
- d) Every traveler shall be required to fill out the Health Information Form (hereto attached as Annex "A") to be handed out by the TMG at least fifty (50) meters before the checkpoint;
- e) All travelers shall undergo thermal scanning at border checkpoints. Travelers with a temperature of at least 38.0°C shall be automatically be isolated and checked for further symptoms;
- f) Said Health Information Form shall be submitted to the City Health Office employee at the checkpoint who will take the temperature of the traveler and shall evaluate the filled-out form using the Algorithm for Triage of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Infection in Ports of Entry issued by the DOH hereto attached as Annex "B";
- g) Travelers coming from areas without COVID cases and not exhibiting symptoms shall be directed to undergo strict home quarantine for fourteen (14) days;
- h) Travelers coming from areas with COVID cases with sustained community transmission but not exhibiting symptoms and are non-elderly and with no

co-morbidity, shall be directed to undergo strict home quarantine for fourteen (14) days;

- i) Travelers coming from areas with COVID cases with sustained community transmission exhibiting mild symptoms but are elderly and with co-morbidity shall be directed to the quarantine facility at Sunshine Hotel, Pengue-Ruyu and shall be reported by the CHO employee to our City Health Officer for appropriate action;
- j) Travelers coming from areas with COVID cases with sustained community transmission exhibiting mild symptoms but are non-elderly and without co-morbidity shall be directed to undergo strict home quarantine;
- k) Travelers coming from areas with COVID cases with sustained community transmission exhibiting severe symptoms whether elderly or not, and with/without co-morbidity shall be directed to CVMC for evaluation/confinement;
- l) Travelers (aside from those exempted) beyond the curfew time shall be held at the checkpoint area until the curfew ceases; and
- m) It shall be unlawful for the PNP, AFP and TMG to use undue force in the implementation of these guidelines.

Section 6. Coordinating Instructions. For clarifications and proper disposition, all PUIs/ suspected COVID cases at the checkpoints shall be referred to the following CHO hotlines and consult lines:

- **Dr. James Guzman**, *City Health Officer*
(0917) 578 1029
- **Dr. Josephine Chua**
(0965) 847 5103
- **Dr. Rocel Fabro**
(0965) 847 5110
- **Erlynn Tabarrejo, RN**
(0965) 847 5113
- **CHO Office Hotline**
0916 887 2897

Section 7. Repealing Clause. All prior issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be valid until the duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon.

DONE in Tuguegarao City, this 26th day of March, in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor

HEALTH INFORMATION FORM

ANNEX "A"

All persons entering Tuguegarao City are required to fill-up this form TRUTHFULLY:

I. Personal Information:

Name/Name of Passengers:	
Driver's License No.:	
Point of origin:	
Destination:	
Permanent/Home Address:	
• House Number:	
• Street:	
• Barangay:	
• City/Municipality:	
Mobile Number:	

II. Details of the Cities/Municipalities/Countries visited in the last fourteen (14) days:

Cities/Municipalities/Countries visited:	Date:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

III. Are you suffering from any of the following symptoms (Please check the box.)

- Fever YES NO
- Cough YES NO
- Colds YES NO
- Sore Throat YES NO
- Difficulty in Breathing YES NO

Others:

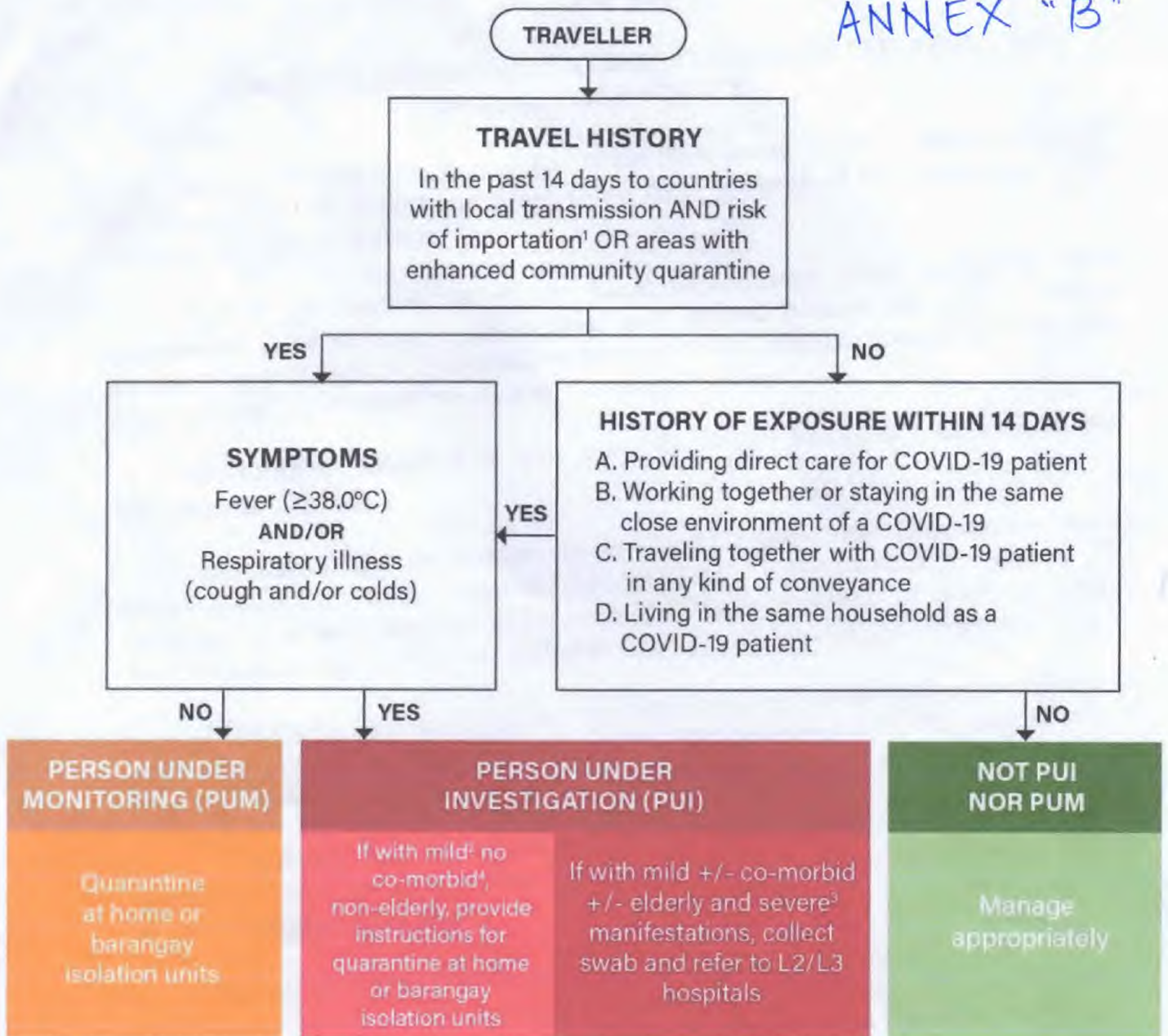


ALGORITHM FOR TRIAGE OF PATIENTS WITH POSSIBLE COVID-19 INFECTION IN PORTS OF ENTRY

FOR USE BY:
QUARANTINE OFFICERS

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ANNEX "B"



1 To be evaluated weekly by the ASEAN Biodiaspora Virtual Center. Separate advisory will be issued every Wednesday to determine countries to be included.

2 Mild manifestations include fever, dry cough, fatigue, sputum production, sore throat, headache, myalgia or arthralgia, chills, nausea or vomiting, nasal congestion, diarrhea

3 Severe manifestations include difficulty of breathing and/or respiratory rate ≥ 30 /minute

4 Persons with underlying medical problems, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, chronic lung disease, and immunosuppression