

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Cagayan Tuguegarao City



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"AN ORDER MANDATING ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE QUARANTINE AREAS FOR THEIR DELIVERY STAFF FREQUENTLY TRAVELLING TO OUTSIDE TUGUEGARAO CITY"

WHEREAS, the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State under Article II, 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 powers, as well as those necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President has placed Tuguegarao City under General Community Quarantine effective May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, certain businesses are allowed to operate during the General Community Quarantine, particularly those engaged in the sale/delivery of essential needs such as food and medicines, and their delivery staff continue to travel to and fro Tuguegarao City;

WHEREAS, this Office issued Executive Order No. 37-2020 which mandates all individuals entering Tuguegarao City to undergo quarantine for fourteen (14) days;

WHEREAS, the Tuguegarao City Government has established City Quarantine Facilities which mainly accommodate healthworkers and frontliners;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for business establishments to provide their own quarantine areas for their delivery staff travelling to and fro Tuguegarao City to limit the number of quarantined individuals in the city quarantine facilities;

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 order the following:

**Section 1**. *Coverage*. This Order applies to ALL business establishments allowed to operate during this quarantine period whose supply of goods or products regularly come from outside Tuguegarao City or which regularly deliver the same to outside the city, such as, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Rice/Palay Trading;
- 2. Corn Trading;
- 3. Vegetable Wholesale;
- 4. Hog and Large Cattle Dealers;
- 5. Grocery Stores;
- 6. Pharmacies;
- 7. Agricultural Products and Machineries; and
- Other businesses allowed to operate during the General Community Quarantine.

**Section 2.** Business Establishments to Provide Quarantine Areas. All business establishments described above are hereby required to provide quarantine areas for their respective drivers and other delivery staff who travel to and fro Tuguegarao City, within five (5) days from the effectivity of this Executive Order or until May 6, 2020.

All TRAVEL PASS previously issued shall automatically be revoked after the lapse of the five (5) days or on May 7, 2020. Business establishments shall be required to show proof of compliance with this Order to the City Administrator's Office (such as photos of the quarantine area and its specific location) before a new Travel Pass shall be issued.

Full names, complete addresses, and contact numbers of the drivers and delivery staff, including the schedule and location of every delivery/transport shall likewise be submitted to the City Administrator's Office.

**Section 3.** *Guidelines.* The establishment or provision of quarantine area shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- a) All drivers and delivery staff must wear face masks and must use alcohol/sanitizer as often as necessary;
- Only one (1) driver and one (1) helper shall be allowed for every delivery or transport;
- The TRAVEL PASS issued to the business establishment must visibly be posted on the delivery vehicles used so as to be given priority to pass in all checkpoints;
- d) All drivers and delivery staff who are residents of Tuguegarao City arriving from outside Tuguegarao City shall immediately proceed to their respective quarantine areas with no possible contact with other individuals, and shall remain there until their next travel/delivery;

- The quarantine area shall likewise serve as the holding area for nonresident drivers and delivery staff before they leave the city. At no time are they allowed to leave the premises until their departure;
- f) The Quarantine Area should be within the premises of the business establishments or in their respective warehouses or adjacent thereto but should be so isolated from their goods or products to avoid contamination;
- g) All drivers and delivery staff must undergo a fourteen (14)-day quarantine at the quarantine area counted from the first day immediately following the last day of their delivery/travel;
- Food and other essential needs such as water and electricity, must be provided for by the employer free of charge and non-deductible from the salaries of the drivers and delivery staff;
- i) The quarantine area must be properly disinfected on a daily basis; and
- j) The quarantine area shall be subject to inspection by the City Health Office within reasonable hours of any day of the week without prior notice.

Section 4. Coordinating Instructions. It is the duty of the employer to regularly check the health status of his/her quarantined staff. Should any of the quarantined individuals develop any COVID-19 symptom during the quarantine period, the employer shall immediately refer the same to any of the following CHO hotlines and consult lines, for guidance and proper disposition:

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

**Section 5**. *Enforcement/Implementation*. This Order shall be implemented by the City Joint Inspectorate Team/Business Permits and Licensing Office, with the assistance of the Philippine National Police.

Non-compliant establishments shall not be issued TRAVEL PASS and cannot engage in the delivery or transport of goods and products outside Tuguegarao City.

Business establishments which were issued TRAVEL PASS through fraudulent means shall be subject to temporary closure until the community quarantine is lifted.

**Section 6.** Repealing Clause. All prior issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly.

Section 7. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect on May 1, 2020 and shall remain so until the end of the General Community Quarantine.

DONE in Tuguegarao City, this  $28^{th}$  day of April, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor