



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78**  
Series of 2020

**"AN ORDER PLACING TUGUEGARAO CITY UNDER MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE FOR TEN (10) DAYS AND SETTING GUIDELINES THEREOF"**

**WHEREAS**, under Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, "states that the Local Government Units are authorized to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;"

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared Corona Virus Disease (COVID - 19) as a pandemic and in response thereto, President Rodrigo R. Duterte through Proclamation No. 922, declared the Philippines under State of Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Tuguegarao City calls for the enforcement of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine in Tuguegarao City for ten (10) days;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to place Tuguegarao City under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine to foster discipline among the people, to restrict movement within the City and to arrest the spread of the virus;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned sought the approval of Governor Manuel N. Mamba for the imposition of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in Tuguegarao City on August 24, 2020 which was concurred by the Cagayan Valley Inter-Agency Task Force (CVRIATF) on August 25, 2020.

**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. Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ).** Tuguegarao City is hereby placed under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) starting August 26, 2020 (Wednesday) and shall be enforced for ten (10) days.

**Section 2. Guidelines to be Observed Under the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine.** The following guidelines and protocols shall be observed during the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ.
2. Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households, and the movement of all residents shall still be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in permitted offices or establishments or such other activities listed hereunder.
3. Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and



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pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.

4. The following shall be allowed to operate at full operational capacity:
  - a. Public and private hospitals;
  - b. Health, emergency and frontline services, including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, and the like;
  - c. Manufacturers of medicines, medical supplies, devices and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution;
  - d. Industries involved in agriculture, forestry, and fishery and their workers, including farmers, Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), fisherfolk, and agri fishery stores, and such other components of the food value chain;
  - e. Delivery and courier services, whether in-house or outsourced, transporting food, medicine, or other essential goods, including clothing, accessories, hardware, housewares, school and office supplies, as well as pet food and other veterinary products;
  - f. Media establishments, without need of PCOO accreditation;
  - g. BPOs and export-oriented establishments, without need to set up onsite or near-site accommodation arrangements;
  - h. E-commerce companies;
  - i. Other postal and courier services, as well as delivery services for articles or products not mentioned under Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines;
  - j. Rental and leasing, other than real estate, such as vehicles and equipment for permitted sectors;
  - k. Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors; and
  - l. Housing services activities, such as but not limited to plumbing, roofing, and electrical works.
  
5. The following offices, establishments or individuals conducting or providing the following activities or services are allowed to operate at fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable:
  - a. Other manufacturing industries classified as beverages, including alcoholic drinks; electrical machinery; wood products and furniture; non-metallic products; textiles and clothing/wearing apparels; tobacco products; paper and paper products; rubber and plastic products; coke and refined petroleum products; other non-metallic mineral products; computers, electronic and optical products; electrical equipment; machinery and equipment; motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers; other transport equipment; and others;
  - b. Other real estate activities;
  - c. Administrative and office support such as, but not limited to, providing photocopying and billing services;
  - d. Other financial services not mentioned in Section 2 of these Omnibus Guidelines, such as, money exchange, insurance, reinsurance and non-compulsory pension funding;
  - e. Legal and accounting services;
  - f. Management consultancy services or activities;



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- g. Architectural and engineering activities, including technical testing and analysis;
  - h. Science and technology, and research and development;
  - i. Recruitment and placement agencies for overseas employment.
  - j. Advertising and market research;
  - k. Computer programming and information management services;
  - l. Publishing and printing services;
  - m. Film, music and television production;
  - n. Photography, fashion, and industrial, graphic and interior design;
  - o. Wholesale and retail trade of vehicles and their parts and components;
  - p. Repair and maintenance of vehicles as well as its parts or components, including car wash services;
  - q. Malls and commercial centers, subject to the guidelines issued by the DTI;
  - r. Dining establishments and restaurants, but for delivery and take-out only;
  - s. Hardware stores;
  - t. Clothing and accessories;
  - u. Bookstore and school and office supplies;
  - v. Baby or infant care supplies;
  - w. Pet food and pet care supplies;
  - x. Information technology, communications and electronic equipment;
  - y. Flower, jewelry, novelty, antique and perfume shops; and
  - z. Toy stores, *Provided*, that their playgrounds and amusement areas, if any, shall remain closed;
  - aa. Firearms and ammunition trading establishments, subject to strict regulation of the PNP-Firearms and Explosives Office; and
  - bb. Pastors, priests, rabbi, imams, and other religious ministers insofar as providing home religious services to households. *Provided* that proper protocols shall be observed, such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and the like.
6. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including GOCCs, as well as LGUs may operate with a skeleton workforce in combination with other alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a different operational capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, border control, and other critical services.
  7. Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations shall be advised to operate under a skeleton workforce, without prejudice to alternative work arrangements as the said missions or organizations may deem proper.
  8. Hotels or accommodation establishments shall not be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:
    - a. For guests who have existing booking accommodations before August 25, 2020;
    - b. Guests who have existing long-term bookings before August 25, 2020;
    - c. Distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
    - d. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
    - e. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
    - f. Health care workers and other employees, whether private or public, from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.



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*Provided* that accommodation establishments may operate only upon the issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT; *Provided further*, that in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic accommodation services to guests through an in-house skeleton workforce Ancillary establishments within the premises, such as restaurants, cafés, bars, gyms, spas, and the like, shall not be allowed to operate or to provide room service; *Provided finally*, that accommodation establishments may prepare: (a) packed meals for distribution to guests who opt for the same; and (b) food orders for take-out and delivery only. (As amended by Paragraph A(2) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020)

*Provided further* that hotel and inns providing accommodation services to returning Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and those which are used as Quarantine Facility shall continue to operate as Quarantine Facilities.

9. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings shall be limited to not more than five (5) persons until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.
10. Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall be suspended.
11. Public transportation shall be suspended. This notwithstanding, commissioned shuttle services for employees of permitted offices or establishments, as well as point-to-point transport services provided by the government shall be allowed to operate, giving priority to healthcare workers.
12. Private transportation such as company shuttles and personal vehicles utilized by persons authorized outside their residences are allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr. The use of bikes and other non-motorized transportation is strongly encouraged.
13. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. *Provided*, that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with items (4) and (5) of this Section. *Provided further*, those below twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may not enter malls and shopping centers except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein. *Provided finally*, that such operations must comply with the guidelines of the DTI until otherwise modified through subsequent issuances of the IATF.
14. In addition to those allowed and enumerated construction projects under Section 2 of these Guidelines, other essential and priority public and private construction projects shall be allowed, subject to compliance with the DPWH construction safety



guidelines: *Provided*, however, that small scale-projects as defined by the DPWH shall not be allowed.

15. The following shall not be allowed to operate within an area under MECQ:
  - a. Tourist destinations such as water parks, reservation service and related services;
  - b. Entertainment industries such as cinemas, theaters, and karaoke bars;
  - c. Kid amusement industries such as playroom and kiddy rides;
  - d. Libraries, archives, museums and cultural centers;
  - e. Gyms, fitness studios and sports facilities; and
  - f. Personal care services such as massage parlors, sauna, facial care and waxing.
16. The provisions relative to processing of payrolls, the RapidPass system, use of government owned or hired vehicles and identification cards for humanitarian assistance actors and public and private employees in areas under ECQ shall likewise apply in areas under MECQ.
17. Individual outdoor exercise such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking are allowed within MECQ areas. *Provided*, that the minimum health standards and precautions such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.
18. Other exemptions from the ECQ through previous IATF resolutions or issuances by the Office of the President shall also be applied in MECQ.

**Section 3. Liquor Ban.** A Citywide Liquor Ban shall be imposed while Tuguegarao City is under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ). Sale of alcoholic beverages in business establishments and drinking of alcoholic beverages in public shall be strictly prohibited.

**Section 4. Entry of Non-Residents.** Non-Residents of Tuguegarao City coming from any towns or municipalities of Cagayan except Enrile may enter the City without the need of any travel documents.

Non-Residents coming from Provinces outside Cagayan Province and Enrile shall be allowed entry in the City provided that they shall present their valid company ID and or valid travel documents (i.e. Travel Pass and Health Declaration) and Travel Authority for persons coming from other Regions.

Other private individuals coming in the City for their basic necessities and other commercial and banking needs, may enter only upon presenting the abovementioned requirements. *Provided* further that the return of Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) is hereby suspended for the time being.

**Section 5. Curfew Hours.** There shall be a curfew from 9 o'clock in the evening to 4 o'clock in the morning in Tuguegarao City during the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ). The following are hereby exempted:

- a. Health workers and hospital personnel;
- b. Authorized government officials and employees, like peace officers and elected government officials in the performance of their duties;



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- c. Members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police Bureau of Fire Protection, and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology;
- d. Barangay Officials and Tanods **on duty**;
- e. Those persons involved in **emergency medical cases**;
- f. Those involved in the delivery of **basic necessities** like food and medicine;
- g. Drivers and helpers of delivery trucks when loading and unloading of **fruits and vegetables and agricultural products e.g. live hogs, cattle, broilers, eggs and the like**;
- h. Funeral parlors when retrieving/servicing of cadavers;
- i. Priests and religious personnel administering religious rites at night; and
- j. Street sweepers, garbage collectors, slaughterhouse workers on night shift duty and meat delivery personnel.
- k. **ALL food establishments and those providing basic medical necessities and online delivery services delivering food and basic necessities may operate 24/7.**

**Section 6. Violations.** Any person violating any provisions of this Order shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent provisions of law.

**Section 7. Enforcement / Implementation.** The Philippine National Police - Tuguegarao City, Public Safety and Security Office, Punong Barangays and Barangay Tanods in their respective jurisdictions shall ensure the strict observance of these guidelines.

**Section 8. Repealing Clause.** All prior issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly, except those orders placing certain portions of the City under Zoning Containment or Enhanced Community Quarantine.

**Section 9. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect upon the concurrence of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force against COVID-19 and shall remain in effect for ten (10) days.

**DONE** in Tuguegarao City, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO  
*City Mayor*