

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42
Series of 2020

AN ORDER IMPOSING GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2020 (11:59 A.M.) TO APRIL 2, 2020 (12:00 NOON)

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has already raised the COVID-19 alert to Code Red Level 2 due to the increased number of individuals afflicted with COVID-19 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units are empowered, through Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, "to exercise powers which are expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, 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" and are mandated "to ensure and support the promotion of health and safety of its inhabitants";

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has already reported a total of 140, more or less, confirmed cases and 9 deaths due to the COVID-19 in the country as of March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, in the province of Misamis Occidental, we have 159 persons under monitoring (PUMs) and 5 patients under investigation (PUI) as of March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the provincial Government of Misamis Occidental sees the need to put the entire province under General Community Quarantine in order to further protect the inhabitants and intensify the precautionary and safety measures of the province against COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, the oft-repeated saying, "**AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE**", is very apt under these circumstances;

NOW, WHEREFORE, I, **PHILIP T. TAN**, the governor of the province of Misamis Occidental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. A state of General Community Quarantine is hereby declared and will be implemented for the entire province of Misamis Occidental from **March 18, 2020** (11:59 A.M.) to **April 2, 2020** (12:00 NOON);

SECTION 2. COMMUNITY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES. For the period of **March 18, 2020** (11:59 A.M.) to **April 2, 2020** (12:00 NOON), the following guidelines shall be observed in the province of Misamis Occidental:

1. Entry of people will not be allowed from all boundaries of the Province of Misamis Occidental from all sea ports and airport, except for duly-authorized medical practitioners and health care providers, government officials and employees working in the province of Misamis Occidental, military and police personnel as well as ships, airplanes and trucks transporting and/or delivering life support products and other materials for trade and consumption. For those who are allowed entry, they shall be required to present identification cards, fill-up declaration forms, subjected to mandatory temperature check and COVID-19 symptoms assessment as well as to other relevant DOH COVID-19 protocols;
2. Public Utility Buses, Vans and Jeepneys, and its passengers, coming from outside the province of Misamis Occidental shall not be allowed entry for the entire duration of the Community Quarantine;
3. Public transportation within the province is still allowed subject to the condition that the operation shall only commence from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. and that the Department of Transportation Guidelines on Social Distancing and Community Quarantine- one (1) seat apart and passenger occupancy should not be more than half of the capacity of the vehicle including the driver- shall be strictly observed;
4. There being absence of public transportation after 6 P.M., all persons requiring medical assistance or in cases of emergency, are directed to call the provincial COVID-19 hotline (0956-763-6079) or your local PNP Hotlines;
5. Public transportation owners/operators/drivers are mandated to ensure that their vehicles are properly sanitized before and after every trip;

6. Tourists and visitors coming to the province of Misamis Occidental, or even returning residents who went outside of the province prior to the effectivity of the General Community Quarantine, shall not be allowed entry for its entire duration;
7. Transients, or people who are just passing through and whose intended and/or final destination is not the province of Misamis Occidental, may be allowed entry after strict and stringent scrutiny and upon determination that their entry will not pose a risk to the inhabitants of the province of Misamis Occidental. Provided, however, that they will not make any unnecessary stop-overs and they will leave the jurisdiction of Misamis Occidental as soon as possible;
8. Non-essential exit of people out of the Province of Misamis Occidental shall not be allowed, except: (1) health workers, (2) authorized government officials, (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (4) and those who were allowed entry based on Paragraphs 1 and 7 of this Executive Order;
9. Residents of the province of Misamis Occidental are strongly advised to stay in their homes, and may only come out for work, to buy food, medicines and necessary supplies, and go to medical centers. No one should be in the malls, community centers, commercial areas and other public areas if they do not have any important transactions, business or otherwise;
10. Government work shall not be disrupted. However, government agencies within the province are encouraged to provide alternative work arrangements pursuant to Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No 07, Series of 2020;
11. All malls, recreational centers, community centers, and such other commercial areas are directed to limit their daily operational hours to 8:00 in the evening except grocery and convenience stores, medical centers and pharmacies, and other health care establishments;
12. Sale of alcoholic drinks is temporarily prohibited in order to avoid social gathering;
13. All private establishments are strongly encouraged to adopt flexible work arrangements pursuant to DOLE Labor Advisory No. 9, Series of 2020 dated March 4, 2020;
14. The Philippine National Police and the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall provide enough personnel to man check points in all entry points of the entire province of Misamis Occidental;
15. All classes in both public and private educational institutions, in all levels, within the territorial jurisdiction of the province of Misamis Occidental shall remain suspended until further notice. Educational institutions, however, are encouraged to avail of the distance learning, e-learning, and other alternative learning activities in lieu of regular classes during this period to enable students to complete the required practicum/on the job training hours and other requirements;

16. Residents of the province of Misamis Occidental are to expect temporary closure of roads as the necessity and conditions require.

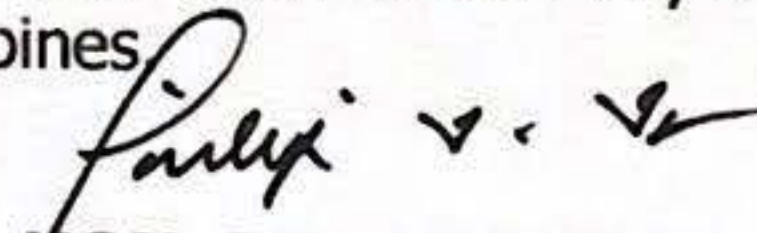
SECTION 3. PENAL CLAUSE. Any person or entity who refuses to heed or implement this Executive Order shall be dealt with in accordance with Sections 9 and 10 of Republic Act No. 11332 otherwise known as "The Public Health Concern Act of 2018".

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or word of this Executive Order is declared invalid by a competent court for any reason, other operational provisions thereof shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect on **MARCH 18, 2020 (12:01 A.M.)**.

Given this 16th day of March 2020 in the City of Oroquieta, Province of Misamis Occidental Philippines


HON. PHILIP T. TAN
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