



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

AGREEMENTS DURING THE JOINT INTER-AGENCY, INTER-LEAGUE AND LOCAL COUNCILS MEETING OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA CONDUCTED ON MARCH 17, 2020

In the light of the imposition of the LUZON-WIDE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE in order to minimize localized transmission of COVID-19, the joint Local Councils of the Province of Isabela including the Mayors league, Liga ng mga Barangay, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the Department Heads of the PGI, the following were agreed upon to serve as guidelines to the Mayors for the issuance of Executive Orders implementing the Memorandum from the Office of the President thru the Office of the Executive Secretary, to wit:

1. ON SUSPENSION OF CLASSES:

For uniformity, classes for all levels both private and public are to be suspended effective today, March 18, 2020 up to April 14, 2020 but all pupils and students are required to be quarantined at their homes and advice to study at home. None of them are allowed to be on the streets or any other public places;

2. ON MASS GATHERING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Mass gathering shall be defined as the coming together of at least five (5) people in public or private places other than their own residences.

Mass gatherings are prohibited as a general rule. Prolonged wake is discouraged and there shall be no funeral march to be done from the place of wake to the cemetery. Gambling during the wake, pursuant to the law, is now illegal and local authorities are within their power to stop the conduct of the same. The celebration of mass for the dead or final blessing shall be dependent on the decision or discretion of the priest or pastor or religious sect concerned. The mass gathering of people after the internment or burial for a reception is discouraged. The LGUs however are encouraged to extend financial assistance and support to the bereaved families so as to urge them to shorten wakes in lieu of sponsoring gambling during the wake.

The celebration of weddings, baptisms, reunions and the likes, while allowed, are discouraged. The mayors are given the discretion whether to impose a ban for the celebrations but even if allowed, celebrants must take all necessary measures to insure that social distancing and avoidance of possible human to human transmission is avoided, i.e. no more “gala” or “boda” dance, handshaking, and “beso-beso” or cheek-to-cheek greetings.

The Mayors are also encouraged to impose a local liquor ban for the duration of the enhanced community quarantine.

In cases where there are places and circumstances where people are necessary to be present like meetings to address the COVID-19 pandemic i.e. meeting of inter-agency task forces, BHERTs and checkpoint orientations briefing, social distancing must be observed;

3. ON HOME QUARANTINE:

The PNP and the Phil. Army and barangay tanods will be very visible in the localities as the directive of the Office of the President is for heightened presence of uniformed personnel especially in borders and checkpoints as well as barangay monitoring teams. The Rules for the Conduct of Checkpoints as well as the Case Operational Plan (COPLAN) of the PNP and the Philippine Army are to be submitted to the PGI and the LCE for inclusion in the Executive Order to be issued by them.

During the period of the enhanced community quarantine, all are required to be inside their houses/compound and must not be on the streets and or in other places within the barangay. Travel shall be strictly to procure food and medicines and other necessities. Those going out of their residences must always carry with them any document to identify them as a resident of a particular place and ensure that the purpose of their travel is merely to procure essential items.

The LGUs thru their respective LCEs shall impose a curfew from 8:00 pm to 4:00 am to be jointly implemented by the LGU and the local PNP. The imposition of curfew shall contain a penal provision which will require the violators to render community service, the period of which shall depend upon the directive of the LCEs. The imposition of a curfew must be widely disseminated to the public informing them of the imposition, the period of curfew as well as the effectivity date of the curfew.

4. ON WORK SUSPENSION:

Work in all government and private sector shall be suspended effective immediately. However, as far as government offices are concerned, those involved in the delivery of front line services including but not limited to hospitals, rescue, public safety, public order, security, social works, logistics and public

information are still required to come to work. All local government employees who shall be unable to attend work in view of the suspension of mass transport operation are required to work at home or may volunteer to assist their LGUs in the implementation of this enhanced community quarantine.

Government vehicles doing public service must bear stickers and/or red plates to enable them to be a priority passer in cases of boundary checkpoint.

As far as private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e. markets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical facilities, pharmacies, drug stores, food preparations n delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing of basic foods products and medicines, banks, money transfer service, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities shall be open.

All dine-in restaurants, malls, coffee shops, billiard halls, videoke bars and the like shall be closed for business in the duration of the enhanced community quarantine. Food preparation and delivery services shall be allowed to open and conduct business.

All media practitioners are encouraged to secure their PCOO IDs as required by the enhanced community quarantine memorandum. However, in the meantime, the company issued IDs will suffice pending issuance of their PCOO IDs. They must however present a copy of their application for the PCOO ID for them to be able to perform their job.

5. ON FARMER EXEMPTION:

Farmers shall be exempted from all mobility restrictions and who shall be allowed to pass through and use their farm implements as their mode of transportation (but not as mass transport equipment for the community) as they fall under the category of conducting activities related to food production.

6. ON MASS PUBLIC TRANSPORT SUSPENSION:

All mass public transport is suspended including buses, PUJ, Vans and the likes. Tricycle while allowed must accommodate only 1 passenger. Rate may be adjusted pursuant to a fare matrix to be issued by the LCE but overcharging will be dealt with appropriately.

As suggested, to avoid tricycles crossing borders of another LGU, tricycles must be available at boundary checkpoints in a manner that when a passenger is bound to a place beyond the origin LGU, the passenger must be transferred to another tricycle that is allowed to ply the route of the planned destination. However, the metro LGUs may agree to allow cross borders tricycles provided

that they log their particulars in the checkpoint, names, addresses and purpose with IDs must be recorded.

7. ON LAND, AIR and SEA TRAVEL:

Travel to and from the coastal area of the province of Isabela is allowed provide the travel is essential to the performance of public function and for resident going home to the coastal municipalities.

Air travel to land at Cauayan Airport shall be covered by the guidelines to be issued by the City of Government of Cauayan. Special travels to and from the province via the Cauayan airport shall be governed by the CAAP guidelines subject to the approval of the Governor.

8. ON IPHO AND TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Isabela Provincial Health Officer in coordination with the Provincial Health Board and the Provincial COVID-19 Task Force shall prepare a daily report on the COVID-19 status of the province and to implement the prepared Isabela Plan of Action to combat local transmission, ensuring an hourly monitoring of report from the MOH and updates to be provided to the undersigned, the PIO and the PA;

9. ON COHs, CHOs AND MHOs; RESPONSIBILITIES:

The COHs, CHOs and MHOs are directed to ensure that all hospital and RHU personnel are to report for duty. COHs, CHOs and MHOs are also required to intensify surveillance thru the BHERTS and monitor implementation of home quarantine for PUIs and PUMs.

10. ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE PUNONG BARANGAYS:

The active participation of the Liga ng mga Barangays and the Punong Barangays in the activation of BHERTs and in the monitoring of PUIs and PUMs is highly encouraged. However, inter LGU coordination and cooperation is encouraged for facilitated and smooth implementation of the enhanced community quarantine protocols.

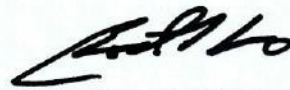
11. ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PIO:

The PIO, as the Task Force's official spoke-person, is requested to be active in information dissemination especially in social media and be at the forefront in our appeal for responsible sharing of information and to exercise utmost prudence in sharing sensitive information especially about suspected or confirmed cases. Only those advisories coming from the WHO, DOH, PDRRMC and the COVID-19 Task Force should be shared;

12. ON MONITORING BY THE PLGU:

The Provincial Safety Office has been designated to oversee the implementation of the agreed protocols and in coordination with the PDRRMO, IPHO and the PSWDO shall submit a daily monitoring report. The ISMART riders shall be tasked to assist in the monitoring in view of their mobility.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT, March 17, 2020 at City of Ilagan, Isabela.



RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor

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