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EXTENDING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULAKAN FROM 01 UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER 2020 AND IMPLEMENTING THE IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES AND OTHER RELATED ISSUANCES THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, on 08 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 922* declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and enjoined all local government units (LGU) to render full assistance and cooperation to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects and impact to the community, and prevent serious disruption of the functioning of the government and the community;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Duterte issued *Proclamation No. 929* declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the entire province including Municipality of Bulakan has been placed under different quarantine classifications and, on 26 October 2020, its current Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) status was extended until 30 November 2020, under guidelines set by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging and Infectious Diseases (IATF), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and other agencies.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Section 465, Par. (b)* of the *Local Government Code*, the Municipal Mayor, as the chief executive of the municipal government, is authorized to adopt such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities, issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VERGEL C. MENESES, Municipal Mayor of Bulakan, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. IMPLEMENTING THE IATF OMNIBUS GUIDELINES AND OTHER RELATED ISSUANCES. The *IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (with Amendments as of October 22, 2020)*, IATF Resolution No. 79 dated 15 October 2020, DILG *Memorandum Circular No. 2020-140* dated 23 October 2020, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) *Memorandum Circular 20-52* dated 02 October 2020, and other related issuances from other national and authorized government agencies for the strict implementation of the guidelines on the enforcement of a Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) in the Municipality of Bulakan from 01 until 30 November 2020, are hereby adopted, more particularly:

1. The strict observance of the minimum public health standards below shall be mandatory and indispensable and must be complied with at all times for the

duration of the quarantine and in all of the permitted activities, industries, or venues mentioned in this *Executive Order*.

I. Masks

- a. Face masks without vents must be worn at all times in all public places. Medical grade masks are highly recommended.
- b. Cloth masks, with additional filter such as tissue paper or similar material, may be used as long as they are regularly washed and the filters changed daily or after every sneezing or coughing episode. Hands must be disinfected before replacing the filters.
- c. Frequent mask handling and manipulation must be avoided.

II. Face shields

- a. Face shields must completely cover the whole length and both sides of the face, extending to the ears and below the chin, if possible.
- b. Visor type face shields shall not be allowed.
- c. Face shields and face mask must always be worn together at all times.
- d. They may be removed if required by the nature of one's occupation or when the safety and health of the employees so requires.

III. Physical Distancing

- a. Physical distancing of at least one (1) meter, or two (2) meters when possible, shall be observed at all times.
- b. This must be observed in combination with the wearing of face masks and face shields.

IV. Frequent Disinfection

- a. Frequent hand washing with soap and water or the application of alcohol-based disinfectants shall be mandatory in all workplaces, schools, and other venues where people are required, expected, or customarily assemble or congregate, to be done before and after interactions.
- b. The following disinfecting/washing resources and supplies/materials must be made available in the places mentioned above:
 - i. Hand-washing stations
 - ii. Soap and sanitizers, and
 - iii. Hand-drying equipment or supplies (e.g. single use paper towels)
- c. Those mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph must be placed in the following strategic locations:
 - i. Corridors or hallways
 - ii. Conference areas
 - iii. Elevators
 - iv. Stairways
 - v. Points of entry
 - vi. Locker rooms
 - vii. Lounges
 - viii. Pantries
 - ix. Bathrooms
 - x. Canteens
 - xi. Personal workspaces
 - xii. Company vehicles and shuttle services
 - xiii. All other similar locations

- d. Signages and visual cues and reminders to practice proper hand washing, sanitizing, and other hygiene behaviors must be displayed in the places mentioned in Paragraph IV (c) above is mandatory.
 - e. Employees must be reminded to conduct surface disinfection in their work stations before, during and at the end of their shifts.
 - f. Sharing of personal items among employees is strongly discouraged.
 - g. Sharing of pens and similar personal materials is prohibited in any transaction and they must be disinfected with alcohol after each transaction. If possible, one-time clean gloves must be used during interactions.
 - h. Persons inside shuttles and public utility vehicles (PUV) shall be required to avoid talking with each other, taking phone calls, eating and removing their face masks and face shields for the entire duration of their trip. Signages of "No Talking," "No Eating," "No Taking Phone Calls," and the like must likewise be displayed or posted in conspicuous areas inside the vehicle.
2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder, and for other permitted activities as appearing in this *Executive Order*.
 3. Persons below fifteen (15) years old, those who are over sixty-five (65) years old, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times except when outside travel is indispensable for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in permitted offices and industries, or for activities and movements allowed under this *Executive Order*.
 4. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise, such as, but not limited to, walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, and skateboarding are allowed: *provided*, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. For this purpose, the prohibition mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph does not apply. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited.
 5. Mass gatherings, such as, but not limited to, movie screening, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, religious services, and work conferences shall be allowed; *provided*, that the number of participants shall not be more than fifty percent (50%) of the total seating or venue capacity.
 6. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes may be conducted in higher educational institutions (HEI); *provided*, that there is strict implementation of the minimum public health standards, the concerned LGUs are consulted, and the guidelines set by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) are complied with.

7. Face-to-face technical-vocational education trainings (TVET) and competency assessment may be conducted at not more than fifty percent (50%) of the total training and assessment site capacity; provided, there is strict compliance with the minimum public health standards, guidelines set by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and consultation with the Office of the Mayor. For K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall be adopted. For this purpose, the prohibition in Paragraph 3 hereof does not apply.
8. Work in Municipal Government of Bulakan and private offices may be allowed to resume at full operating capacity.

All employees shall make sure that their communication lines (email, landline, cellphone, etc.) are always open for possible inquiries and immediate concerns.

Those who are in quarantine or on a work-from-home duty are required to submit a daily report of their accomplished tasks.

9. All forms of public and private transportation shall be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation (DOTr); provided, that for public transportation a one (1) meter distance between and among passengers and crew or staff shall be strictly implemented with appropriate engineering controls put in place inside the vehicle.
10. All drivers, conductors and passengers of PUVs and Tricycle shall wear face masks and face shields at all times while operating or riding the PUV and Tricycle in public places. Passengers shall not be allowed to board unless they are compliant with these health standards. All terminal operators and their staff shall ensure that these minimum public health standards are observed and met in their premises, with the provision of free disinfectants or sanitizers for all passengers and PUV and Tricycle drivers.

Tricycle. The color coding stickers (red and white) and its implementation are continuously observed.

11. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and Municipal Engineering Office for the implementation of infrastructure projects.
12. Establishment and activities under *Categories I, II, and III of Memorandum Circular No. 20-44* of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity, except for barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments which are allowed to operate at a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) of venue capacity.
 - 12.a. Restaurants, fast food and food retail establishments, and their dine-in, take-out, and delivery services are allowed to operate for twenty-four (24) hours a day at a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) of operating capacity.

MARKET DAY. The BULAKAN PUBLIC MARKET is open from Monday to Saturday, 5:00 am to 5:00 pm. Except Sunday to be dedicated as DISINFECTION DAY from 12:00nn to 5:00pm.

QUARANTINE PASS. Quarantine passes (red and white/MWF-TTHS) are continuously observed.

- 12.b. *Category IV* establishments and activities are permitted to operate or be undertaken at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity. However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited and permitted by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and DILG may be allowed to operate, and only upon issuance of a *Certificate of Authority* (CA) by the DOT. For this purpose, the DOT and DILG shall work with Municipal Licensing Office to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments.
- 12.c. In all cases, beerhouses and similar establishments whose primary business is serving of alcoholic drinks (*e.g.* nightclubs), and children amusement centers or industries (*e.g.*, playrooms, rides) shall remain prohibited.
- 12.d. Pursuant to DILG *Memorandum Circular No. 2020-140, Sec. 447 (a) (3) (v)* of the Local Government Code, and IATF *Resolution No. 79, series of 2020*, the operation of cockpits/cockfighting may be allowed by the concerned Sangguniang Bayan, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The health and safety protocols required in the circular and by the IATF are strictly observed inside the cockpits and by all persons found therein;
 - b. There is no in-person audience, online or remote betting, and live broadcasting/telecasting of the cockfight;
 - c. The mayors concerned, with the assistance of their Chiefs of Police, shall be responsible for the monitoring of the re-opening and operation of the cockpits;
 - d. The concerned cities and municipalities shall submit monthly reports to the DILG Regional Office on all matters pertaining to the operation of cockpits.
13. Visit to open-air memorial parks and cemeteries shall be limited to a maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity, with strict compliance with the minimum public health standards. For this purpose, the prohibition mentioned in Paragraph 3 hereof does not apply. However, all private and public cemeteries and memorial parks, including columbariums and the like, throughout the province shall be closed to visitors 01 until 04 November 2020.
14. As mandated by Republic Act 11322, all public and private physicians, allied medical personnel, professional societies, hospitals, clinics, health facilities, laboratories, institutions, workplaces, schools, prisons, ports, airports, establishments, communities, other government agencies, and non-government organizations in the municipality are required to accurately and, within twenty-four (24) hours from discovery, report probable, suspected, or confirmed cases of COVID-19 within their areas of operation or jurisdiction to the appropriate

Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERT) and municipal health units, as is necessary or appropriate.

15. Considering the high incidence of COVID-19 transmission in workplaces, all employers, companies, and establishments engaging employees, workers, staff, or personnel in the municipality under whatever contract or working status are strictly enjoined to report such cases as directed above and to comply with the conditions set by the DTI.
16. All persons who are probable suspected, or confirmed COVID-19 cases shall not be allowed to leave the premises where they are found nor allowed to return to their homes. Instead, they will be immediately turned over to the concerned BHERT and the municipal health office for isolation and confinement at the facilities dedicated for such cases, where available.
17. The movement of returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence, and other persons transported through the efforts of the national government shall be permitted upon observance of the necessary quarantine protocols and with the concurrence of the receiving barangays.
18. The interzonal movement of persons between areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ for any purpose shall be permitted.
19. The Municipal Price Coordinating Council (MPCC) shall establish linkages with DTI and shall regularly release advisories regarding prices for basic necessities and prime commodities.
20. The curfew hours in the municipality shall be from 11 p.m until 4 a.m. of the next day, during which period no person shall be allowed outside of residence, except those in need of emergency services and those allowed to work in permitted industries; *provided*, that the latter must provide the authorities sufficient proof of their identification and work schedules.

Section 2. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the authorized officials and agencies of the national government in relation to COVID-19 and the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) are hereby incorporated and shall form integral parts hereof.

Section 3. EFFECTIVITY. This *Executive Order* shall take effect from 01 November 2020 and shall remain valid and in effect until 30 November 2020, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed by a subsequent *Executive Order*, or laws, or issuances by duly constituted authorities.

Issued this 30th day of October, 2020 at the Municipality of Bulakan, Province of Bulacan.


VERGEL C. MENESES
Municipal Mayor