



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28 Series of 2020

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULAKAN FROM 01 UNTIL 15 JULY 2020.

WHEREAS, on 30 June 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) placed the entire province including Municipality of Bulakan under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) from July 1, 2020 until July 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide clear guidelines for this reclassification in consonance with the policies of the national government and the IATF to safeguard the health and safety of the people and to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the municipality;

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:

SECTION 1. MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS. All persons in the municipality, whether residents, transients, tourists, or visitors, APORs enumerated in the immediately succeeding section, public and private establishments, companies, associations, and entities, shall, to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and other communicable diseases, continue to observe the following protocols:

- a) *Use of face masks.* Regardless of age or health condition, all persons shall at all times use clean face masks before leaving and while outside of their respective residences. Such facemasks may be surgical masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, handkerchiefs, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof which can effectively lessen the transmission of Covid-19.
- b) *Physical distancing.* All persons shall observe physical distancing of at least one (1) meter from each other outside of their residences, in workplaces, establishments, offices, markets, groceries, public and private transportation, and all other public areas.
- c) *Thermal Scanning.* Body temperature shall be checked with a non-contact thermal scanner in all established quarantine control point, and all entry and exit points of private and public establishments and offices.
- d) *Regular sanitation.* Regular sanitation shall be undertaken in homes, inns, hotels, clinics, hospitals, restaurants, malls, workplaces, markets, vehicles, and other public areas by their owners, occupants, proprietors, or operators.

- e) *No Spitting.* Spitting in public places shall be strictly prohibited.
- f) *Proper hygiene.* All persons shall regularly wash hands with water and soap and use alcohol or alcohol-based sanitizers, whenever practicable and necessary, whether in public or in private areas.

SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT UNDER MGCQ. The movement of all persons in the municipality shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder, and for other activities permitted under MGCQ.

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 pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times; *Provided* that all activities and movements allowed under other form of community quarantine for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ. Persons below eighteen (18) shall not be allowed to go out except when accompanied by a parent or guardian is to seek medical attention or has to attend to a similar emergency.

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 in this Section does not apply.

SECTION 3. AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE (APOR). The following are allowed to go outside of their residences and are considered, per *Joint Task Force COVID Shield APOR List*:

- a) Employees, workers, and professionals in permitted industries and their owners or proprietors;
- b) Official and employees of all agencies and instrumentalities of the government, including government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCC) and local government units (LGU);
- c) Health and emergency frontliners;
- d) Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations;
- e) Members of civil society organizations (CSO), non-government organizations (NGO), and United Nations-Humanitarian Country Teams, and individuals performing relief operations authorized by appropriate government agency or LGU;
- f) Higher education school employees who will facilitate students credentials;
- g) Outbound and inbound international passengers and drivers;
- h) Delivery personnel up to a maximum of five (5) per cargo vehicle, with or without load;
- i) Employees of critical transportation facilities;
- j) Employees/drivers of authorized public transport vehicles;
- k) Construction workers accredited by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to work in quarantine related facilities and government infra projects;
- l) Workers in public or private construction projects which are essential (e.g., sewerage, water services facilities, digital works, health facilities, etc., and priority (e.g., food production, agriculture, energy, housing, communication, water utilities, manufacturing, business process outsourcing (BPO), including Department of Transportation (DOTr) accredited projects;
- m) Those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons;

- n) Pastors, priests, imams, or such other religious ministers whose movements are related to the conduct of necrological or funeral rites or wakes;
- o) Those engaged in limited outdoor exercise (e.g., outdoor walking, jogging, running, biking);
- p) Those involved in limited contact sports (e.g., golf, tennis);
- q) Individuals preferably between twenty-one (21) and fifty-nine (59) years old availing of essential goods and services within their respective localities;

In any case, APORs must have professional, office, or company identification cards, certificates of employment, or other competent proofs allowing them outside of their residences, unless their ground for exemption is obvious from their physical appearance or condition.

SECTION 4. MASS GATHERINGS. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, religious services, and work conferences shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.

SECTION 5. QUARANTINE PASS. Quarantine passes (red and white/MWF-TTHS) are continuously observed.

SECTION 6. BORDER CONTROL CHECKPOINTS. The Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) shall continue manning checkpoints in strategic areas of the municipality. For incoming travels, a *Travel Authority* (TA) issued by the concerned PNP official shall be required before entry; *provided*, that this requirement shall not apply to allowed persons outside of residence (APOR) and other exempted persons mentioned in Section 2 of EO No. 19, Series of 2020; *provided further*, that a TA shall not be required for intra-province travel, per *PNP Guidelines on the Movement of People under GCQ and MGCQ dated 1 June 2020*.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION. The public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. *Provided*, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.

Private transportation shall be allowed subject to the guidelines provided by the DOTr.

SECTION 8. WORK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES. Work in all government offices may be at full operational capacity or under such alternative work arrangements as the agencies may deem proper in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

Municipal Government of Bulakan departments rendering vital services shall continue their optimum operation, and at all times observing the minimum safety protocols under Section 1 hereof and the "No Mask, No Entry" policy in all establishments and offices.

SECTION 9. FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes may be conducted in HEIs provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, consultation with local government units, and compliance with guidelines set by CHED.

Face-to-face TVET training and competency assessment may be conducted at up to 50% training and assessment site capacity, provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, TESDA Guidelines and Consultation with Department of Education.

For K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the DepEd shall be adopted.

For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 2 does not apply.

SECTION 10. ALLOWED ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESSES. By category, the following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate:

- a) **Category I Industries.** Power, energy, water, and other utilities, agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries, food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, food delivery services, health-related establishments, the logistics sector, information technology and telecommunication companies, the media;
- b) **Category II Industries.** Mining and other manufacturing, and electronic commerce companies, as well as other delivery, repair maintenance, and housing and office services; and
- c) **Category III Industries.** Financial services, legal and accounting, and auditing services, professional, scientific, technical, and other non-leisure services, barbershops and salons limited to basic hair cutting services, and other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments.

Except as otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Categories I, II, III shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at full operational capacity:

- a) Barber shops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity;
- b) Dine-in restaurants, fast food and food retail establishments, including those in supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of seating capacity;
- c) **Category IV Industries** such as: 1) Gyms/fitness studios and sports facilities; 2) Entertainment industries such as, but not limited to, cinemas and theaters, karaoke bars, comedy bars, pubs, bars, nightclubs, beerhouses, etc.; 3) Kids amusement industries such as, but not limited to, toy stores, playgrounds, playrooms, and rides; 4) Libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural centers art galleries, botanical and zoological gardens; 5) Tourist destinations such as, but not limited to, water parks, beaches, and resorts, except those used as quarantine facility; 6) Travel agencies, tour operators, reservation service, and related activities; 7) Gambling and betting such as, but not limited to, cockfighting, casinos, etc.; 8) Personal care services such as massage parlors, sauna bath establishments, facial care, foot spa, and waxing salons; and all other establishments not permitted to operate under previous guidelines, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity.

However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited as provided by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances may operate, and only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT. For this purpose, DOT and DILG shall work with LGUs to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments.

SECTION 11. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction

safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 12. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS AND LOCALLY STRANDED BULAKENYOS. Per National Task Force Against COVID-19 Order No. 2020-02, Series of 2020, prior to accepting into the municipality all returning students and locally stranded Bulakenyos (RSLSB), the receiving LGU shall require the following:

- a) *Medical Clearance Certification (MCC)* issued by the appropriate local health officer stating that the RSLSB:
 1. Is not a contact of a Covid-19 case
 2. Neither a suspect, probable, nor confirmed Covid-19 case
 3. Has completed a 14-day quarantine based on the standards set by the DOH
- b) *Travel Authority (TA)* with the following details provided by the RSLSB, including but not limited to:
 1. Name of RSLSB
 2. Point of origin and its designation
 3. Travel date
 4. Name of driver/s, vehicle to be used with plate number
- c) Assessment by the Municipal Health Office (MHO) of the condition of the RSLSB. The Municipal Health Office shall assess the RSLSBs for any fever and other respiratory symptoms. If an RSLSB presents any Covid-19 symptom, he/she shall be immediately isolated based on the clinical judgement of the MHO, and shall be subjected to established health protocols and procedures for suspected Covid-19 patients. If without any symptoms, the RSLSB may be transported to her/his place of residence by the receiving LGU. She/he is required to stay at home and self-monitor for any symptoms for the next fourteen (14) days.
- d) The Local Covid-19 Task Force (LTF), through the MHO, in coordination with the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHRT), shall monitor the status of all RSLSBs for the next 14 days. If the RSLSB manifests any symptoms within 14-day observation period, the LTF shall immediately report the name of the symptomatic RSLSB to the concerned Regional Task Force (RTF) for coordinated response. The RSLSB shall be immediately isolated or referred to an appropriate facility by the MHO. The LTF, through the Local Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (LESU) and the local contact tracing team, shall immediately conduct the contact tracing procedures.

All receiving LGUs shall not deny the entry of RSLSB with complete requirements, provided that prior coordination was made through the appropriate agencies.

A certificate of Acceptance by the receiving LGU is not a requirement on the management of RSLSB. Only the Medical Clearance Certification issued by the Municipal Health Officer and Travel Authority issued by the JTF CV Shield are required to be presented upon arrival to the concerned receiving LGU.

SECTION 13. ABSOLUTE PROHIBITION IN HOLDING FUNERAL WAKES FOR COVID-19 CASUALTIES. Pursuant to IATF guidelines, it shall be unlawful for any person within the municipality to hold any funeral wake for any person who died: (a) As confirmed (b) As a probable or (c) As a suspect of Covid-19.

Any deceased person who died under the category of a probable case, suspect case, or confirmed case of Covid-19 must be buried within twelve (12) hours after death. Only the adult immediate family members of the family of the deceased may be permitted to attend the burial provided that in no case the number of the attendees will exceed ten (10) individuals.

The remains shall be placed in a durable, air tight, and sealed casket and shall be buried at least six (6) feet beneath the ground. This is without prejudice to any contrary religious practice, provided that in any case, the remains shall be buried in the same manner stated here to ensure no contamination of another.

In the case of violation of the preceding paragraph, the spouse, or in his/her absence, the parent or any other competent person responsible for the custody of the deceased shall be held liable. Provided that, no person shall be held responsible if it is shown that he/she has no participation nor had given the consent in the holding of the funeral wake for the deceased so prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any funeral home or parlor to refuse to provide logistics and transport of the remains of any deceased falling within the categories of Covid-19 cases stated above.

The government shall provide Php 30,000.00 burial assistance to the family who desires to bury or cremate the remains of their relative who died due to Covid-19. A Family who had received financial aid from the DSWD, where they are resident may still be entitled to this burial assistance provided that no family shall receive more than Php 30,000.00.

Under all cases, the management of all human remains must comply with the provisions of *DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-63* and *DILG-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular No. 01, Series of 2020*.

SECTION 14. PRICE RANGE AND COMMODITY PURCHASE MONITORING AND CONTROL. The Local Price Coordinating Council (LPCC) shall establish linkages between municipal LPCC and shall regularly release advisories regarding prices for basic necessities and prime commodities.

SECTION 15. CURFEW HOURS. Except for APORs, no person shall be allowed outside of his/her residence from 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM of the next day. All punong barangay are mandated to strictly implement curfew hours in their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 16. 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.

16.A. Establishment like Puregold, Mercury Drug, Fred & Del, Alfamart, Seven Eleven (7/11) and the likes are allowed to open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm as declares by the owner/employer, seven days a week. Provided, they observed proper sanitation.

16.B. Barangay Sari-Sari Store and the likes are allowed to open from 5:00 am to 3:00 pm. Strictly no bystander at the front of the store. Provided, they observed proper hygiene, sanitation, wearing face mask and social distancing.

SECTION 17. SUNDAY AS FRONTLINER AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS DAY. Sunday is dedicated for Frontliners and Essential Worker's Day in buying basic necessities in the establishment allows opening in GCQ.

SECTION 18. LIQUOR BAN. Transport, delivery, buying, selling and drinking of intoxicating beverages and the likes shall be allowed. Provided that the following guidelines shall be observed:

18.1. Selling, buying, transport and delivery of liquor is from 12:00nn to 3:00pm only;

- 18.2. Drinking in public is prohibited. Strictly no bystander drinking in front of the store;
- 18.3. Drinking in their own house or perimeter therein will be allowed from 12:00nn to 3:00pm only. The social distancing will be observed.

SECTION 19. ANTI-COVID-19 DISCRIMINATION. Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as, but not limited to, coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries, and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of lease or employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly, and administratively, in accordance with national laws and regulations.

SECTION 20. ADOPTION OF IATF GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- a) Municipality of Bulakan is enjoined to enact the necessary ordinances to enforce curfew only for non-workers in jurisdictions placed under MECQ, GCQ and MGCQ to penalize, in a fair and humane manner, violations of the restrictions on the movement of people as provided under these Omnibus Guidelines. Law enforcement agencies, in implementing and enforcing said curfew ordinances, are likewise strongly enjoined to observe fair and humane treatment of curfew violators. Public transportation, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew ordinances.

- b) As a matter of declared national policy, all banks, quasi-banks, financing companies, lending companies, and other financial institutions, public and private, including the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System and Pag-ibig Fund, are directed to implement a minimum of a thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the ECQ or MECQ is lifted, whichever is later, for the payment of all loans, including but not limited to salary, personal, housing, and motor vehicle loans, as well as credit card payments, falling due within the period of ECQ and MECQ, and without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges. Persons with multiple loans shall likewise be given a minimum thirty (30)-day grace period from due date or until such time that the ECQ or MECQ is lifted, whichever is later, for every loan.

For residential and commercial rents falling due within the duration of the ECQ, MECQ, and GCQ, on residential lessees and micro-, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and sectors not permitted to operate during said period, a grace period of thirty (30) days from the last due date or until such that the community quarantine is lifted, shall be observed, whichever is longer, without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges.

The foregoing rules on grace periods shall have retroactive effect starting 17 March 2020 in areas where the applicable community quarantine had been declared.

- c) The operation of industries and establishments identified in preceding sections are subject to the visitatorial and enforcement powers of the Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, and other appropriate agencies to ensure compliance with these Omnibus Guidelines, especially the compliance with the provisions on maximum allowable operational capacity in establishments, as well as minimum public health standards and protocols.
- d) National government agencies and instrumentalities GOCCs and LGUs shall adopt measures lawful and necessary to implement and enforce the minimum public health standards as defined herein. Such measures shall be in accordance with the minimum health standards set by DOH and other relevant national agencies, and shall not be unreasonable or unduly burdensome. However, the private sector is encouraged to adopt stricter health standards

concerning their own operations. Compliance of private sector establishments with the Joint DTI-DOLE Return-to-Work Guidelines, DOH Return-to-Work Guidelines, and guidelines issued by the aforementioned appropriate sector-relevant national government agency, including their future amendments shall be considered sufficient compliance with minimum public health standards. In accordance with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0220, the testing of all returning employees of a private sector entity shall not be required as a condition precedent for their operation. In no case shall the testing of all returning workers be construed as a condition precedent for his/her return.

- e) All persons are mandated to wear face masks, ear loop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, handkerchief, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof, which can effectively lessen the transmission of COVID-19, whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government subject to fair and humane penalties or punishments that may be imposed by LGUs or implemented by law enforcement agencies, respectively. LGUs are hereby enjoined to use IATF-endorsed contact tracing and contact monitoring applications (StaySafe.ph and TanodCOVID) where they use available, or use community-based contact tracing and contact monitoring. Concerned LGUs are hereby enjoined to issue the necessary executive order or ordinance to this effect. The operation of industries and establishments identified in preceding sections are subject to the visitorial and enforcement powers of the DOLE, DTI, and other appropriate agencies to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations, especially the provisions on maximum allowable operational capacity in establishments, as well as minimum health standards and protocols.
- f) Supermarkets, public and private wet markets, grocery stores, agri-fishery supply stores, veterinary supply stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and other retail establishments engaged in the business of selling essential goods are strongly encouraged to extend their store operations to a maximum of twelve (12) hours. LGUs are directed to allow such establishments to operate pursuant to the foregoing, provided that in the operation of wet markets, LGUs are encouraged to adopt reasonable schemes to ensure compliance with strict social distancing measures, such as, but not limited to, providing for specific daily schedules per sector, barangay, or purok, as they case may be. In no case shall such schemes involve narrowing the hours of operation of the foregoing establishments.
- g) Acts of discrimination inflicted upon healthcare workers, repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs, COVID-19 cases, whether confirmed, recovered or undergoing treatment, as well as suspect and probable cases, and Persons under Monitoring are denounced in the strongest of terms. Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as, but not limited to, coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of lease or employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly, and/or administratively. LGUs are enjoined to issue the necessary executive orders and/or enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing these discriminatory acts.
- h) No LGU within the province can declare a lockdown of any municipality or barangay without the favourable recommendation of the Provincial Task Force on Covid-19 and approval of the Regional IATF.

SECTION 21. PENAL PROVISIONS. Any person who commits an act in violation of the laws, rules, and regulations promulgated by the national government, the IATF, and all concerned agencies in relation to Covid-19 control and prevention, as covered by this Executive Order, shall be proceeded against in accordance with the applicable provisions of RA No. 11469, RA 11332, and other pertinent laws and/or ordinances.

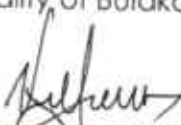
SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid by the appropriate courts, the other provisions unaffected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous executive orders and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 24. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines in relation to Covid-19 and the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) are hereby incorporated and shall form integral parts hereof.

SECTION 25. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00 AM of 01 July 2020 and shall remain valid and in effect until 11:59 PM of 15 July 2020, unless otherwise amended, modified, or repealed.

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


VERGEL C. MENESES
Municipal Mayor