



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19-A, SERIES OF 2020

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19, SERIES OF 2020 IN IMPLEMENTING MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, this Office issued Executive Order (EO) No. 19, series of 2020 based on the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 40, Series of 2020 recommending the implementation of guidelines for Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) in the Province of La Union, among other low-risk provinces, until June 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the IATF issued Resolution No. 43, Series of 2020 (dated June 3, 2020) amending some provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines in the implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (Omnibus Guidelines), as amended by IATF Resolution No. 38; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend EO 19, Series of 2020, to conform to the amendments made by the IATF for uniformity and alignment with the policies set by the National Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCISCO EMMANUEL “PACOY” R. ORTEGA III, Governor of the Province of La Union, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend the following provisions of EO No. 19, Series of 2020:

SECTION 1. Section 3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The movement of all persons in the Province of La Union shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate, as well as for other activities mentioned in EO 19.

Any person below 21 years old, those who are 60 years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risk, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times. Provided that all activities and movements allowed in EO 19 for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ.

B. Indoor and Outdoor Activities. 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.

C. Mass Gathering. Mass gathering 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 50% of the venue or seating capacity.

Component LGUs are hereby mandated to strictly monitor mass gatherings, as enumerated above, conducted in their respective jurisdictions subject to related local Ordinances, the IATF Omnibus Guidelines, DOH, DTI, and DILG issuances.

D. Curfew. Component LGUs are advised to enact an ordinance, or amend an existing ordinance, imposing curfew for non-workers in their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 2. Section 4 is amended to read:

Conduct of Classes. Limited face-to-face classes may be conducted in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) provided there is strict compliance with minimum health standards, consultation with local government units, and compliance with guidelines set by CHED. HEI activities that involve mass gathering of students shall continue to be prohibited.

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

SECTION 3. Section 8 (4) is amended to read:

4. Category IV and all other establishments not permitted to operate (such as leisure, amusement, gaming and fitness, “kid” industry, tourism), at a maximum of 50% operational capacity.

However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited as provided by law and relevant Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of the Interior and Local Government (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 component LGUs of the Province to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments.

Accommodation establishments refer to those operating primarily for accommodation purposes including, but not limited to, hotels, resorts, apartment hotels, tourist inns, motels, pension houses, private homes used for homestay, ecolodges, serviced apartments, condotels, and bed and breakfast facilities.

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 the case may be. In no case shall such schemes involve narrowing the hours of operation of the foregoing establishments.

The Guidelines on Operations of Hotels and Other Accommodation Establishments issued by the DOT in its Administrative Order No. 2020-002, in relation to applicable provisions of DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2020-002 (Health and Safety Guidelines Governing the Operations of Accommodation Establishments under the New Normal), as well as related issuances of the Department of Health and DILG are hereby adopted and localized under Executive Order No. 20, Series of 2020.

SECTION 4. Section 9, on Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement, must be understood to mean that travel for tourism purposes between areas under MGCQ to areas where no community quarantine is in place, while allowed, are still subject to regulations.

Hence, paragraph (d) is hereby added to Section 9 of EO 19 to be read thus:

d. The movement of persons for any purpose across areas placed under MGCQ and areas where no community quarantine is in place shall be permitted, For tourism travel purpose, only the following will be allowed subject to regulations of the Department of Tourism and local government units:

- **La Union Residents from Component LGUs under MGCQ or No Community Quarantine**
- **Guests from Region 1 Provinces under MGCQ or No Community Quarantine with Hotel and Other Accommodation Bookings. Provided that the following are presented upon entry to the Province and Check-in to Hotel or Other Accommodation Establishments: (1) Travel Authority, (2) Medical Clearance Certificate issued at most 3 days before date of booking and (3) Booking Confirmation from Hotel and Other Accommodation.**

In the event, that the guest's place of origin is placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) or General Community Quarantine (GCQ), before entry to the Province, the guests booking shall temporarily be cancelled and be rebooked only when the place of origin is placed under MGCQ or No Community Quarantine.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. The above enumerated Sections of EO 19, Series of 2020, advisories, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, are hereby revoked, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Reservation Clause. The guidelines contained herein shall be subject to amendments which may be issued by the National Government, the IATF-EID, and/or other concerned government agencies.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 5th day of June, 2020 in the City of San Fernando, La Union.



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