



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2, SERIES OF 2021

STRENGTHENING THE BORDER CONTROL POLICIES FOR TRAVELERS COMING FROM BENGUET, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, KALINGA AND BAGUIO CITY

WHEREAS, the provinces of Benguet, Mountain Province, Kalinga and Baguio City have recorded increasing cases of the UK Strain of SARS Cov2 or UK Corona Virus, and based on their Epidemic Risk Level are projected to raise their zoning classification due to their daily attack rate and two-week growth rate;

WHEREAS, under Provincial Executive Order No. 35, S. 2020, a Negative Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) result is a requirement at control borders of La Union covering only travelers coming from areas implementing MECQ and ECQ;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (with amendments as of January 21, 2021) issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases provides that inter zonal and intrazonal movement of individuals for any purpose "shall be subject to the reasonable regulations imposed by the LGU concerned, if any, and which should be submitted to the DILG";

WHEREAS, Sections 16 and 465(b)(1)(vii) of the Local Government Code provides that Local Government Units (LGUs), through the Local Chief Executives, shall "carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities", including the CoViD-19 health emergency in order to promote and protect the health and safety of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen quarantine control points and border control policies for travelers coming from Benguet, Mountain Province, Kalinga and Baguio City in order to prevent the spread of the UK Corona Virus variant in the Province of La Union.

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 order the Strengthening of the Border Control Policies of the Province for travelers coming from Benguet, Mountain Province, Kalinga and Baguio City, with the following guidelines:

SECTION 1. Coverage. This Executive Order shall cover all travelers coming from the Provinces of Benguet, Mountain Province, Kalinga and Baguio City.

SECTION 2. Requirements on Border Entries for individuals entering La Union. Individuals entering from the aforementioned areas in any of the established borders shall be required to present the following:

2.1. Health Workers and Government Employees

- 2.1.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.1.2. Company ID or Certificate of Employment
- 2.1.3. Travel Order/Mission Order from company/government agency or any proof of official business with inclusive date of travel.

2.2. Returning Residents of La Union

For purposes of this section, residents shall refer to those with permanent residence in the Province, or those who are from other areas outside La Union but own or lease a real property as a place of their abode, whether temporarily or permanently.

2.2.1. From Work or Business

- 2.2.1.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.2.1.2. Company ID or Certificate of Employment
- 2.2.1.3. Travel Order/Mission Order from company/government agency or any proof of official business with inclusive date of travel. For delivery cargoes, Delivery Manifests should be presented in border checkpoints.
- 2.2.1.4. **A Negative RT-PCR Test Result valid within 30 days before arrival in La Union shall be presented.** If none, the resident shall be confined at the LGU isolation facility for testing and isolation until the results of the test are released.

2.2.2. From Non-Official Travel

- 2.2.2.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.2.2.2. Company ID or Certificate of Employment
- 2.2.2.3. Travel Authority from PNP
- 2.2.2.4. Health Certificate from Local Health Office
- 2.2.2.5. **A Negative RT-PCR Test Result valid within 7 days before arrival in La Union shall be presented.** If none, the resident shall be confined at the LGU isolation facility for testing and isolation until the results of the test are released.

2.3. Non-Residents Entering the Province

2.3.1 For Work or Business

- 2.3.1.1 LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.3.1.2 Company ID or Certificate of Employment
- 2.3.1.3. Travel Order/Mission Order from company/government agency or any proof of official business with inclusive date of travel. In the case of delivery cargoes Delivery Manifests should be presented in border checkpoints.
- 2.3.1.4. **A Negative RT-PCR Test Result valid within 7 days before arrival in La Union shall be presented.** If none, he/she will not be allowed to enter the Province.

2.3.2 For Non-Official Travel

- 2.3.2.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.3.2.2. Government Issued ID
- 2.3.2.3. Travel Authority from PNP
- 2.3.2.4 Health Certificate from Local Health Office
- 2.3.2.5 **A Negative RT-PCR Test Result valid within 7 days before arrival in La Union shall be presented.** If none, he/she will not be allowed to enter the Province.

2.4. Humanitarian Assistance Actors

- 2.4.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.4.2. Company ID or Certificate of Employment
- 2.4.3. Travel Authority from PNP
- 2.4.4. Certification from Local Government Unit of Destination or Any Equivalent Document
- 2.4.5. **A Negative RT-PCR Test Result valid within 7 days before arrival in La Union shall be presented.** If none, he/she will not be allowed to enter the Province.

The guidelines in the conduct of humanitarian assistance activities enumerated in Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2020 issued by the National Task Force on CoViD-19, shall be observed.

2.5. Returning Overseas Filipino (ROF) Resident of La Union

Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 94, S. 2021, incoming passengers shall be tested upon arrival and shall be quarantined until the result of a subsequent test administered on the fifth day is released. After which said persons who yield a negative result from both COVID-19 tests shall be endorsed to their local government units of destination which shall then strictly monitor the remainder of the 14-day quarantine through their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs). Thus, ROFs shall be required to present the following:

- 2.5.1 LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.5.2. Passport
- 2.5.3. Bureau of Quarantine Certificate
- 2.5.4. Negative RT-PCR results (issued within 3 days before actual arrival in La Union). If more than 3 days, ROF/OFW is considered LSI and shall present other necessary documents according to the preceding section.
- 2.5.5. If ROF presented the BOQ Certificate of Recovery in lieu of Negative RT-PCR results, ROF must be isolated in the LGU isolation facility for testing until ROF gets a Negative RT-PCR test result.

2.6. Persons traveling for medical reasons

- 2.6.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.6.2. Government issued ID
- 2.6.3. Proof of Appointment from Hospital of Destination or Any Equivalent Document

2.7 Tourists

- 2.7.1. LU Health Declaration Form or any pass that may be required by the Department of Tourism (DOT)
- 2.7.2. Government Issued ID
- 2.7.3 Travel Authority from PNP
- 2.7.4 **Negative RT-PCR within 3 days before arrival in La Union.** If none, visiting tourists will not be allowed to enter the Province.
- 2.7.5. Booking Confirmation

2.8 Travelers passing through the province.

- 2.9.1. LU Health Declaration Form or NAPANAM QR Code
- 2.9.2. Government issued ID
- 2.9.3. Travel Authority from PNP or Travel Order if Government employee on Official Business
- 2.9.4. **Other Documents Required by Place of Destination**

Persons passing through La Union will be given a maximum of three (3) hours to cross border QCPs

SECTION 3. Alternative Working Arrangements. Government and Private establishments whose employees come from the aforementioned provinces and City are encouraged to implement alternative working schemes within their respective offices.



SECTION 4. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts of provisions which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. Any executive order and rules and regulations inconsistent with this executive order are hereby repealed, modified or amended 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 on February 6, 2021 and shall be automatically lifted when all these areas are re-classified under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) or New Normal, whichever comes first.

DONE this 1st day of February in the City of San Fernando, La Union.


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