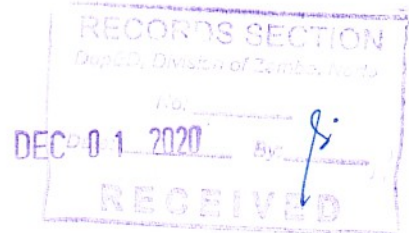




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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE UNTIL DECEMBER 15, 2020 UNDER A MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, with its twenty-five (25) municipalities and two (2) cities was placed under a General Community Quarantine from March 17, 2020 until May 31, 2020 and from June 1, 2020 the Province has been placed under a Modified General Community Quarantine as it has been reclassified into a low-risk area;

WHEREAS, the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall be further placed under a Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF-EID provides a set of guidelines for areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine, as amended;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine further provides guidelines for interzonal and intrazonal movement of people within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine;

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine further provides for general provisions to be adhered by every Local Government Units for the implementation of their respective community quarantine as per IATF-EID classification;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (p) of Republic Act No. 11494, otherwise known as the "Bayanihan to Recover as One Act" ensures, as part of the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Intervention of the government, that all LGUs are acting within the letter and spirit of all the rules, regulations and directives issued by the national government pursuant to this Act; and implementing standards of CQ consistent with what the national government has laid down for the subject area, while allowing LGUs to continue exercising their autonomy in matters undefined by the national government or are within the parameters it has set; and are fully cooperating towards a unified, cohesive and orderly implementation of the national policy to address COVID-19: Provided, That pursuant to the constitutional right of freedom of movement of persons, the IATF-EID shall be responsible for providing guidance on cross-border concerns, including, but not limited to, Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), OFWs, domestic travelers and residents, while the LGUs shall determine the policies and regulations within their respective jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, the PIATF recommends to continue the implementation of stringent measures in fully and effectively containing the spread of COVID-19 in the province;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERTO Y. UY, Governor of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Code and such other laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Imposition of Community Quarantine. The imposition of community quarantine in the entire Province of Zamboanga del Norte is hereby extended until December 15, 2020 under a Modified General Community Quarantine.

Section 2. Compliance of Minimum Public Health Standards. Public Health protocols such as the wearing of face mask and the observance of social distancing measures of at least one (1) meter/3-feet radius between people shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MGCQ when in public places.

The use of full-face shields shall be required in addition to the aforementioned minimum public health protocols. Public/private offices and all business establishments shall implement a "No face mask and face shield, no entry" policy.

Moreover, the new customary gesture of goodwill, praise and respect which is the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of the chest with a simultaneous slight head nod shall be adopted as an alternative gesture to the traditional handshake in order to reduce the chances of COVID-19 transmission.

Section 3. Interzonal and Intrazonal Movement. *Interzonal movement* refers to the movement of people, goods and services across areas under different community quarantine classifications while *Intrazonal movement* refers to the movement of people, goods and services between localities under the same quarantine community quarantine classifications, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification.

3.1 Persons Allowed to Enter the Province. The following persons shall be permitted entry into the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, provided, that the following requirements are complied with, (**EXCEPT** those persons who are transiting through and/or his/her place of origin is an area placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), or any form of Lockdown and those persons whose place of destination have existing travel moratoriums issued by the DILG and/or declared by the respective LGU), *viz*:

	Classification	Requirements
1	Personnel of Delivery Vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking, and courier services <i>(Maximum of five (5) personnel, provided that strict social distancing measures are observed.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proof of identification ➤ Proof of employment ➤ Good's pass <i>(whenever applicable)</i> ➤ Cargo manifest or delivery receipt indicating the destination, nature and quantity of loaded goods/cargoes
2	Returning or Repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos returning to their place of residences (ROFs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Travel Authority issued by the JTF CV Shield (PNP) ➤ Negative RT-PCR result ➤ Quarantine Certification issued by the DOH-Bureau of Quarantine ➤ Certificate of Acceptance from the concerned LGUs

3	<p>Non-APORs (LSIs/Persons with Indispensable Travels) – Persons whose travels are not work or business related.</p> <p>Note: If an APOR travels for REST or matters other than for work/business, such travel shall be considered as an indispensable travel under this item.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Medical Certification issued by the City/Municipal Health Office (<i>issued at most seven (7) days prior to travel</i>) ➤ Travel Authority issued by the JTF CV Shield (PNP) ➤ Certificate of Acceptance from the concerned LGUs ➤ Referral from the concerned PHO/hospital <p>Note: Must be duly coordinated with the receiving hospital</p> <p><i>(Exclusive to travels for medical reasons)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Negative RT-PCR result (<i>dated at most 5 days prior to travel</i>)
4	<p>Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) – Persons whose travels are for work and business.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agency or company ID ➤ Certificate of Employment ➤ Deployment/travel order issued by the concerned Head of Office/Manager/Owner or his duly authorized representative (<i>for employees</i>) ➤ Medical Certification issued by the City/Municipal Health Office (<i>issued at most seven (7) days prior to travel</i>) ➤ APOR Undertaking (to be filled up upon entry at the Provincial QCPs) ➤ Notice of Coordination from the LGU of destination specifying the date of entry and exit ➤ Negative RT-PCR result for official travels/businesses exceeding 48 hours (<i>dated at most 5 days prior to travel</i>)

NOTE:

- Travels **into** the Province for leisure purposes shall NOT be allowed. However, leisure travels **within** the Province shall be permitted.
- Travel permits shall only be issued for any purpose other than for leisure.
- Personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking and courier services from an ECQ and MECQ areas shall be permitted entry into the province pursuant to Section 7 (1) of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine.
- All persons who are only passing through the Province shall be provided with a "NO STOPPING" sticker which shall be placed in the windshield or any conspicuous space in the vehicle as an indication that the said vehicle is not authorized to make any stopovers in the Province.
- **All persons passing through the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall be allowed passage upon compliance with the above-enumerated requirements depending on his/her classification.**

3.2 Movement of Persons within the Province. Movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in office or industries permitted to operate and for other permitted activities. For this purpose, the prohibition in 3.2.3 hereof does

not apply. Local chief executives may adopt measures to ensure strict implementation of the aforesaid restrictions.

3.2.2. Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs). Movement of APORs shall only be limited to work-related official businesses and travels. APORs shall be classified into to category:

1. APORs within (APORW) – refers to resident APORs whose place of work is within the province.
2. APORs outside (APORO) – refers to resident APORs whose place of work is outside the province and non-resident APORs whose place of work is within the province.

Travels of APOR for rest shall be classified into indispensable travels and shall subject the concerned APOR to comply with the requirement under Section 3.1. (3) of this Order to be permitted entry into the province and shall be required to undergo the mandatory quarantine. The same applies to APORs who travel for matters other than for business or work.

APORs who travel inside or outside the province, regardless of the nature of travel, exceeding 48 hours shall be subjected to the required mandatory quarantine. However, when it is inevitable that *travel inside the province by APORO for official business and work* will exceed forty-eight (48) hours, concerned APORO shall be required a *Negative RT-PCR result*, prior to entry to exempt him/her from the required mandatory quarantine.

APORW whose travels remain inside the province shall only be required to present their agency/company IDs or certificate of employment, if the former is not available.

3.2.3 Restrictions on the Movement of Persons. Any person below fifteen (15) years old, those who are sixty-five (65) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women are encouraged to remain in their residences at all times; Provided that all activities and movements herein allowed for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted.

3.2.4 Permitted 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. For this purpose, the prohibition in 3.2.3 hereof does not apply. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall not be allowed.

3.3 Passage of Goods. The passage of goods, especially food, medicines, fuel and other materials needed in agriculture and manufacturing, in and out of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall not be hampered. This shall include the passage of vehicles that are passing through or in-transit to pick-up and deliver goods.

All vehicles transporting goods into the Province of Zamboanga del Norte are subject to thorough inspection and disinfection protocols at the provincial checkpoints. A Declaration of Goods, Cargoes and Supplies shall be filled up upon entry. After undergoing inspection, disinfection and other checkpoint protocols the aforesaid declaration shall be marked "cleared" by an authorized member of the PNP manning the provincial checkpoint.

All vehicles transporting goods into the Province are prohibited from carrying passengers. Only those persons allowed under Section 3.1 hereof shall be permitted entry into the Province.

All goods, cargoes and supplies shall be allowed into the Province, EXCEPT prohibited goods and contrabands.

3.4 Mandatory Quarantine. All persons permitted entry into the Province shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine, **except** those personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking and courier services, APORs whose official businesses and work travels do not exceed forty-eight (48) hours, and Persons with Indispensable Travels not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.

The duration of the quarantine shall be fourteen (14) days at either in a designated isolation facility of the concerned LGU or at home.

All APORs whose travels, inside/outside the province, exceeds forty-eight (48) hours, regardless of the nature travel, shall be required to undergo a mandatory quarantine. However, when it is inevitable that *travel inside the province by APORO for official business and work* will exceed forty-eight (48) hours, concerned APORO shall be required a *Negative RT-PCR result*, prior to entry to exempt him/her from the required mandatory quarantine.

ROFs, and Non-APORs may opt, at his/her own expense, to secure a *Negative Rapid Antigen Test Result*, upon arrival, to qualify him/her to go on quarantine at home instead of an isolation facility. Provided, that the DOH guidelines on home quarantine (separate room with CR) shall be observed. Provided, further, that if one of his/her household member ~~is a Covid-19 suspect~~ or a direct/2nd degree/3rd degree contact of a positive patient, the aforesaid option shall not be available. This said option is however subject to the discretion of the concerned city/municipal LGU.

Mandatory quarantine shall NOT be imposed on residents whose travels are only within the province.

Local government units are responsible in ensuring that residents of their respective cities/municipalities who are permitted entry into the Province are fetched in the ports, airports or in the holding facility of the Province, and are directly isolated.

DOH protocols shall strictly be observed and followed in every Temporary Treatment Monitoring Facility (TTMF) of cities/municipalities. LGUs shall be responsible for any breach of protocols in their respective TTMFs.

Section 4. Quarantine Control Points and other Border Control. There shall be a Quarantine Control Point (QCP) established at every point of entry into the Province. All QCPs shall conduct health checks of every inbound passengers. Personnel manning the QCPs shall be responsible to collect, review and assess all Declaration Forms and submit the same to the PIATF.

A. Land Travel - All established provincial checkpoints shall remain operational. It shall be the responsibility of the Philippine National Police in coordination with the concerned local government units to secure all major entry and exit points of the Province.

QCP personnel shall ensure that all individuals requesting entry complies with the requirements provided under Section 3.1 of this Order before permitted entry into the Province.

B. Seaports – The members of the Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coastguard, the PNP Maritime Group and MARINA in coordination with the concerned local government units shall be responsible to secure every entry and exit points for sea transport of the Province.

The Philippine Coastguard shall ensure that all passengers of vessels travelling to the Province of Zamboanga del Norte complies with all the requirements provided under Section 3 of this Order.

The Philippine Ports Authority shall see to it that crew members of docking vessels are only allowed to disembark within the wharves of the sea ports with strict compliance ~~to the minimum public health standards.~~

- C. Airports – The officers and members of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippine in coordination with the PNP Aviation Security Unit and the concerned local government units (LGU) shall be responsible to secure every entry and exit points for air transport of the Province.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippine shall make sure that crew members of every aircraft are only allowed to disembark within tarmacs of the airports with strict compliance to the minimum public health standards.

- D. **Declaration Forms.** All persons travelling to the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall fill up the declaration form and submit the same at the QCP in their point of entry.

The responsibility of ensuring that all passengers bound to the Province of Zamboanga will thoroughly fill up the declaration form are designated to the airline, bus line, and shipping line personnel.

It shall be mandatory for hotels, pension houses, inns, and similar establishments to ~~keep a logbook~~ of all their guest and to require them to fill up the declaration forms. They shall be responsible in collecting it and submit the same to the PIATF.

- E. **Secondary Entry and Exit Points.** All secondary entry and exit points in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall be secured by the concerned local government unit. The establishment of checkpoints for this purpose shall be allowed.

All local chief executives (LCEs) of the eighteen (18) coastal cities and municipalities of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte are reminded to secure their coastal borders from unpermitted entry. Coastal communities are encouraged to report any violations of this Order to their respective BHERTs, for appropriate action.

- F. **CITY/MUNICIPAL CHECKPOINTS** – The establishment of city/municipal checkpoints shall only be allowed for peace and order purposes, and for securing secondary entry and exit points of the province. City/municipal checkpoints established in national highways for community quarantine purposes shall be disallowed.

Section 5. Public and Private Transportation. The road, maritime and aviation sectors in the public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with the guidelines set by the DOTr. *Provided,* that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls in place.

The airline, bus line, and shipping line companies shall be responsible to ensure that all passengers on-board airplanes, busses, and vessels complies with the requirements provided in Section 3.1 of this Order. Travel for the purpose of leisure shall not be allowed into the Province.

5.2 Mandatory Wearing of PPEs. Crew members of airplanes and vessels including drivers and conductors of public buses catering passengers outside the Province, who are directly in close contact with passengers, are mandated to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the whole duration of their trips.

Airlines, shipping lines, and bus lines who fails to comply with the said mandate shall be refused landing, docking, and/or entry into the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

The determination of compliance to the mandatory wearing of PPEs as aforementioned above shall be designated to the CAAP, Coastguard, PPA, and PNP. The conduct of investigation and the imposition of sanctions in the event of non-compliance are directed to the aforesaid government agencies.

Section 6. Province Wide Curfew and Liquor Ban. There shall be a province wide curfew hour and liquor ban to be adopted by all LGUs in the province.

6.1 Provincial Curfew Hours. The province wide curfew hours shall be:

For minors	-from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am
For adults	-from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am

The PNP shall conduct regular monitoring during the curfew hours and ensure increased police visibility in the communities in order to ensure that no individual violates the curfew hours, except frontliners and employees of establishments allowed to operate beyond the curfew hours.

6.2 Province Wide Liquor Ban. The *public consumption* of liquor and alcoholic beverages in the entire province is prohibited.

Section 7. Business Establishments and Regulated Activities. The following establishments shall be temporarily closed, viz;

- Casinos, and other gambling places
- Beerhouses, nightclubs, and similar establishments whose primary business is the serving of alcoholic drinks
- Kids Amusement
- Swimming pools
- Such other public places as identified by the LGUs

Resorts may still be allowed to open for other non-restricted purposes except for its swimming pools, subject to strict observance of public health protocols.

Dine-in in restaurants, fast food, and other food retail establishments shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational/seating capacity. *APORO are not allowed to dine-in in any restaurants, fast food, and other food retail establishments.*

Accommodations establishments issued with a Certificate of Authority to Operate by the DOT shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational/seating capacity. Provided, however, that if they operate as a quarantine facility, they can no longer receive other guests for accommodation.

The operation of cockpits shall be allowed, subject to the observance of DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-140, "Guidelines on the Resumption of Cockpit Operations or Cockfighting in Areas under Modified General Community Quarantine or Lower."

All other business establishments not mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs shall be allowed to operate in accordance with the operational/seating capacity set by DTI and with strict compliance to the public health protocols and those defined under DTI-DOLE Joint Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of Covid19.

All issuances of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) following the recommendations of the IATD-EID Resolutions shall be adhered, whenever applicable, by all business establishments in the Province.

Section 8. Public and Private Offices. Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work at full operating capacity, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those immunodeficiency, comorbidity or other health risks, and pregnant women.

Section 9. 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 at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the venue or seating capacity. **Provided, a prior permission from the concerned city/municipal LGU must be secured.** Provided, further, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face masks and face shield, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols shall be observed.

Section 10. Classes in HEIs, Basic Education, and TVETs. For Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) they shall observe the guidelines set by CHED for the resumption of classes, for K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the DepEd shall be adopted, and technical vocational education and trainings (TVETs) may be conducted by Technical Vocational Institutions and TESDA Technological Institutions, in accordance with TESDA guidelines. Provided that minimum public health standards shall be observed.

Section 11. Public and Private Construction Projects. 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. Regulation on the Use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits. The collection and processing of specimens shall only be conducted in a health facility accredited by the DOH. The use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits shall be in accordance with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0468. "Supplemental Guidance on the Use of Rapid Antigen Test Kits."

Section 13. Handling of the Dead. The management of human remains for suspected or confirmed COVID 19 cases shall strictly comply with the DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020 - 063 dated March 27, 2020 and DOH recommended guidelines and procedures. Shipment of human remains or cremains of foreign nationals and locals shall strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Bureau of Quarantine.

Section 14. Imposition of Localized Enhance Community Quarantine. In the event that COVID-19 cases in the province becomes overwhelming, the Provincial Governor and/or concerned local chief executive may impose an enhanced community quarantine or additional stringent measures as may deemed necessary in the affected component cities, municipalities and barangays of the Province, in concurrence with the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force. Zoning Containment Strategies shall be adopted for this matter.

Section 15. Conformity to Various Issuances of the IATF-EID, Government Agencies and Instrumentalities. Subsequent issuances and directives from the IATF-EID, government agencies and instrumentalities during the effectivity of this Executive Order shall be deemed incorporated hereto in so far as it may be applicable.

Section 16. Adherence by the City/Municipal Local Government Units. All Chief Executives of City/Municipal local government units in the Province shall adhere to the provisions of this Order and shall refrain from executing any other rules and regulations which are outside its parameters unless the same are with prior approval from the RIATF.

Section 17. Acts of Discrimination. 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. All Chief Executives of City/Municipal local government units in the Province are enjoined to enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing these discriminatory acts.

Section 18. Sanctions and Penalties. Violations to any of the provisions of this guidelines shall be subjected to appropriate criminal, civil, and administrative liability in accordance with existing laws.

Section 19. Repealing Clause. All previous issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed amended and/or repealed.

Section 20. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall be effective on December 1, 2020 until December 15, 2020.

Let copies of this order be furnished to all local chief executives, other concerned public and private agencies and institutions, and the mass media for guidance, information, and widest dissemination.

Done this 30th day of November, 2020 in Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.



ROBERTO Y. UY
Provincial Governor