



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 83

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AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF MANDAUE

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Proclamation No. 922, which was issued by the President of the Philippines declaring a state of public health emergency throughout the Philippines, mandated that all government agencies and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the National Government directive, the City of Mandaue was placed under a state of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) starting 31 March 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movement of person and transportation within the City, which was further downgraded to General Community Quarantine (GCQ);

WHEREAS, the City's classification under General Community Quarantine was subsequently renewed from 16 June 2020 until 31 August 2020 by virtue of Resolutions 46-A, 50-A, 55-A, 60-A, and 63;

WHEREAS, as of 31 August 2020, the City of Mandaue has logged 2,101 COVID-19 cases, 148 of which are the actual active cases, 1784 have recovered and 92 have died due to the disease;

WHEREAS, on 31 August 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) released IATF Resolution No. 67, declaring the City of Mandaue under Modified General Community Quarantine, from 1 September to 30 September 2020;

WHEREAS, the City of Mandaue adopts the IATF resolution and will continue with its implementation of the guidelines under the Revised Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine policies and supplemental guidelines for the City under this classification of community quarantine;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JONAS C. CORTES, Mayor of the City of Mandaue, and by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree for the adoption of the guidelines under the Revised Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine, and declares the City of Mandaue to be under a state of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) and Provide the Guidelines for its implementation:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. Mandaue City shall now be under a state of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) starting September 1, 2020 until September 30, 2020.

SECTION 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES UNDER MGCQ. – The following general policies shall be adopted during the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ):



- A. **Minimum Public Health Standards** – All persons and business establishment must ensure compliance with the minimum health standards at all times, such as but not limited to wearing of facemasks in public places, wearing of face shields in workplace and public transportation, proper personal hygiene, and physical distancing, regular disinfection, and those required under this Executive Ordinance and existing rules and regulations.
- B. **Allowed Movement and Travel** – The movement of all persons in areas placed under MGCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate in this Executive Order, and for other activities permitted under this Section.
- C. **Mandatory Stay-at-Home** - Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above,¹ those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, *except* when obtaining essential goods and services and with quarantine passes, or for work in permitted industries and offices or those Authorize Persons Outside Residence (APOR).
- D. **Public Transportation Guidelines** - Public transportation shall be limited to, 1) those provided or allowed by the LGU's, 2) public conveniences permitted by the LTFRB, 3) tricycle-for-hire which obtained a Special Permit to Operate issued by the City, and 4) Taxis and TNVS. Provided, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls in place, together with the observance of minimum health standards, such as, cashless payments, thermal scanners, separators/screens, alcohol/sanitizers, etc. Other forms of public transportation, such as jeepneys, multicabs, and the like, shall be prohibited unless issued special permits by the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and allowed by the Department of Transportation.

The road, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with the guidance issued by the Department of Transportation. A strict one meter distance between passengers must be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.

Pursuant to Department of Transportation Memorandum Circular No. 2020-014, all passengers of public transportation are required to wear face shields and face masks during the whole duration of their trip.

- E. **Point-to-Point Buses as Public Transportation** - The Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) with the assistance of the City, will provide point-to-point bus operations for the public, for a fee. These buses have intra-City and inter-City routes reaching Cebu City up until the Municipality of Liloan, and the borders of Lapu-Lapu City (please check Public Information Office site).

¹ Per Department of Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No. 2020-110, LGUs shall respect the freedom of movement of older persons to go outside their residences for purposes as stated in the Omnibus Guidelines.



- F. **Checkpoints and Border Controls** – Border control/checkpoints shall be maintained to ensure that only essential travel and workers of allowed businesses can enter/exit/pass through Mandaue City and to ensure compliance of the minimum health standards mandated by the government. Personnel manning checkpoints may conduct random inspections on a case-to-case basis especially if there is traffic congestion. Modified and “spot” checkpoints will also be set-up by the Traffic Enforcement and Management (TEAM) with the assistance of the PNP.
- G. **Public gatherings** - Mass gatherings such as but not limited to sporting events, community assemblies, religious services, and work conferences shall be **allowed** provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity. However, all activities related to fiestas and festivals are prohibited under MGCQ. Further, gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed.
- H. **Number Coding Scheme** – the number coding scheme (Mon/Wed/Fri: ODD and Tue/Thur/Sat: EVEN) for all vehicles in the City shall be maintained, **EXCEPT**, 1) bicycles, 2) chartered point-to-point shuttle services of allowed businesses, 3) vehicles/motorcycles of workers of establishments and businesses that are allowed to be open, including those passing through/coming from/going to other LGUs for work purposes only, 3) Exempted workers defined, herein, 4) those allowed by the City Mayors (Cebu, Mandaue, Lapu-Lapu Cities) through the issuance of a corresponding documents, and 5) on Sundays.
- I. **Curfew** – The curfew schedule shall start from 10:00 o’clock in the evening until 5:00 o’clock in the morning. This will apply to all persons and business establishments, provided that those persons below 21 years old as well as those 60 years old and above shall still be under 24-hour curfew² except when obtaining essential goods and services and for education purposes and must at all times bring with them their quarantine passes. However, authorized persons outside of residence (APORs), those working in BPOs and other industries allowed to operate beyond curfew hours, health workers, and government agencies providing frontline and emergency services are exempted from this restriction.
- J. **Barangay Participation** – All Barangay Officials, BPSO, Tanods, and volunteers, in coordination with law enforcement agencies are enjoined to assist in the implementation of the regulations under this Order, such as, curfew protocols, monitoring, and surveillance of incoming/outgoing persons in their areas.
- K. **Public exercise** – 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.

² DILG MC 2020-110 mandates that all LGUs shall not implement 24/7 curfew on older persons



- L. **Mandaue City Public Market Schedule** – the schedule for the Mandaue City Public Market shall be maintained and shall follow the current existing regulations within the area.
- M. **Liquor Ban**– A **total liquor ban in all public places** is hereby imposed within the City of Mandaue upon the effectivity of this Order. As such, it shall be prohibited any person or business establishment to serve and/or drink intoxicating liquor and alcoholic beverages in any public place within the City of Mandaue during the MGCQ period.
- N. **Localized Lockdowns** – Mandaue City through the Local Task Force (LTF) Against COVID-19 shall declare community quarantine classifications of Barangays/Sitio/localized areas based on the Containment Strategy parameters. Thus, notwithstanding the list of businesses allowed to operate under GCQ, the LTF reserves the right to declare a “LOCALIZED LOCKDOWN” in areas/sitios/Barangays that have high COVID-19 confirmed cases called “Critical Zones”, where the possible infection is high. Areas declared under such localized lockdown are considered “no business zones”, thus, any and all business operating therein shall be closed until the area is declared safe. In this regard, checkpoints shall be placed in strategic chokepoints to regulate the movement of people and transportation in these locations.
- O. **Quarantine Pass** – Since the movement of persons under MGCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services or for work in the offices or industries allowed, only those with valid Quarantine Passes shall be allowed outside of the residence. Persons working in establishments allowed to open during MGCQ may be allowed outside of their residence provided that he/she present his/her company ID or certificate of employment in lieu of the Quarantine Pass.
- P. **Work Arrangement** – Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work on an operating capacity provided under Section 3, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks and pregnant women.
- Q. **Construction Projects** – 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 for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 3. ALLOWED BUSINESSES UNDER MGCQ. *All permitted establishments and activities under Categories I, II, and III as classified by the Department of Trade and Industry³ shall be allowed to operate or to be undertaken at full operational capacity.*

- A. The following establishments shall be allowed to operate at capacities provided herein:

³ DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-44



1. Barbershops and salons at a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) of seating/venue capacity;
 2. Other personal care service establishments at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of seating/venue capacity;
 3. Dine-in restaurants, fast food and food retail establishments including those in supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) of venue/seating capacity;
 4. Gyms/Fitness studios and Sports Facilities at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of operational capacity;
 5. Testing, tutorial and review centers, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue/seating capacity;
 6. Internet cafes, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity, provided that only work or education purposes are allowed;
 7. Pet grooming services, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity;
 8. Language, driving, dance/acting/voice schools, Libraries, archives, museums and cultural centers, Tourist destinations (e.g., water parks, beaches, resorts), Travel agencies, tour operators, reservation service and related activities, Full-body massage, Tattoo & body piercing, Live Events (subject to DOT Guidelines on Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, Exhibitions & Business Events, (MICE Events) shall now be allowed at to operate at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity.
 9. Hotels and other accommodation establishments, but only for those issued with a Certificate of Authority to Operate by the Department of Tourism shall be allowed to operate and be issued a Special Permit to Operate. For this purpose, accommodation establishments shall refer to those which operate 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.
- B. Prohibited Establishments and Operations/Negative List** – The following business establishments or activities shall NOT be allowed to operate under any form of community quarantine:
1. Holding of traditional cockfighting and operation of cockpits;
 2. Beerhouses and similar establishments whose primary business is serving of alcoholic drinks like nightclubs;
 3. Kid amusement industries like playrooms and rides.
 4. Entertainment Industries (traditional cinemas, theaters, etc.)
 5. Concerts and Concert Halls
- C. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes** may be conducted in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, consultation with local government units, and compliance with guidelines set by the Commission on Higher Education. HEI activities that involve mass gathering of students shall continue to be prohibited.

SECTION 5. GENERAL BUSINESS OPERATIONS GUIDELINES. All business establishments and the general public are advised to follow the minimum public health standards under Executive Order No. 77, IATF, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Issuances, and the



Department of Health (DOH) issuances which shall form part of the business contingency health safety protocol.

SECTION 6. WORKPLACE-SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS AND MEASURES. In addition to the General Business Operations Guidelines stipulated in Executive Order 77, and subject to prevailing guidelines of the IATF, DTL, and DOH on the effectivity of the following measures, including the consensus of the medical community, employers and businesses should observe the minimum health regulations.

SECTION 7. CONTACT TRACING GUIDE IN ESTABLISHMENTS. Business establishments shall register with any IATF-endorsed contact tracing application such as SafePass or StaySafePh or administer contact tracing forms to customers, visitors, and suppliers entering their premises and health declaration forms to employees.

They shall also cooperate in contact tracing efforts of the Mandaue City Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or the LTF COVID-19 Surveillance Unit/local health authority in case a confirmed COVID-19 case or a close contact thereof has visited the business establishment and report or notify public health authorities of workers who show signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

SECTION 8. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR RE-OPENING OF BUSINESSES. For monitoring and surveillance purposes, all persons who are engaged in business or operating within Mandaue must secure a Mayor's Special Permit to Operate (SPTO) with the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) through the link:

<https://sites.google.com/mandauecity.gov.ph/bplo/home>

Employee information, Statement of Management Responsibility, name and contact details of the Safety Protocol Officer or Health Infection and Prevention Control Officer, and Workplace Health Contingency Plan must be submitted online, format are also available through the link.

Business establishments that have already applied for and have submitted the above-mentioned documentary requirements do not have to reapply, provided that there is no change in their operational capacity. A Joint Inspection Team authorized by the City Mayor shall conduct a post-audit to check whether business establishments have the Special Permit to Operate and are following the Safety Protocols and Business Operation Guidelines and other necessary procedure under this Executive Order and recommend revocation or closure of non-compliant, misdeclaring, underdeclaring, or misrepresenting businesses.

Barangay Officials are directed to assist in the inspection and monitoring of business establishments to the Special Permit to Operate and compliance to the minimum health standards in their workplace.

SECTION 9. TESTING OF EMPLOYEES IN ALLOWED BUSINESSES. The private sector is encouraged to adopt *stricter* health standards concerning their own operations. To control the spread and minimize transmission of the virus it is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that all employers subject all their working employees or a sampling thereof to COVID-19 testing following the guidelines under DOH Memorandum Order No. 2020-0220 and DOH Interim Rules on Expanded Testing (MC 2020-0258) and its Revision under Memorandum Circular No. 2020-0158-A.



Business establishments that will conduct mass or random testing of their employees must ensure that health contingency plans are in place. Prior to the conduct of such testing, establishments must coordinate with the City through the Local Task Force Against Covid-19 Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Establishments who undergo testing of employees without conducting proper coordination and reporting to the City, through the EOC may be meted with penalties including but not limited to the closure of the business establishment.

For safety reasons, in the unfortunate event that an employee is found positive for COVID-19, the business establishment shall immediately suspend operations, test and isolate employees that have exposure to the COVID-positive employee at the expense of the employer, and decontaminate the area. The establishment shall immediately report or within 24 hours to the EOC any incident of confirmed, probable, or suspect Covid-19 cases in their establishment and must submit the containment, decontamination, and contingency plans implemented. The establishment must also submit the plan of action to prevent the recurrence and to address the incident and shall be emailed to the Mandaue City LTF-EOC through:

ltf_c19@mandauecity.gov.ph.

Should it be found that there are serious lapses in the containment measures and reporting protocols, and should the LTF-EOC deem it proper in the interest of public safety, the suspension of the operations of the office, establishment, area or site may order the imposition of stricter containment measures, localized lockdowns, and suspension of operations for a period of time of not more than 14 days.

SECTION 10. MONITORING OF PRIVATE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WORKPLACES. The Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) in cooperation with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and related LGU-regulatory offices, as may be ordered by the City Mayor, are directed to monitor and implement the provisions of this Executive Order. Barangays are also empowered to conduct monitoring and inspection of businesses in their jurisdiction to ensure compliance to the orders set herein.

All private commercial, industrial, and other forms of business operating within the territorial jurisdiction must have a Workplace Health Contingency Plan which shall detail the said business's compliance with the necessary safeguards against the spread of the virus.

In addition, as part of monitoring, employers must screen their returning employees/workers for influenza-like symptoms and those that have relevant history of travel or exposure, such as those coming from areas that have high COVID-19 cases, to prevent possible infection. This this end, all business establishment must designate and assign a Health Infection and Prevention Control Officer/ Safety Protocol Officer to implement and monitor internal compliance to the minimum health standards, health contingency plan, and contact tracing protocols required herein.

SECTION 11. COVID-19 HOSPITAL MONITORING. To strictly monitor the critical utilization rate, all public and private hospitals within the City shall submit a daily census of occupancy documenting the following: (1) total regular bed capacity, (2) expanded COVID-19 bed capacity, (3) ICU bed capacity, and (4) dedicated COVID-19 ICU bed capacity. Further, daily



census of COVID-19 in-patients and in emergency room patients specifically including their names, addresses, and contact details shall also be required.

The Mandaue City Isolation Unit at Mandaue Central School, North Bus Terminal Isolation Unit, Norkis Park Isolation Unit, Barangay Isolation Units and other Isolation Units to be established by the City for COVID-19 shall likewise submit a daily census of their actual occupancies.

The daily report shall be forwarded to the email address of the Local Task Force Against COVID-19 at ltf_c19@mandauecity.gov.ph.

SECTION 12. INTERZONAL AND INTRAZONAL MOVEMENT. This section shall apply to the transit of people and goods from, to, and within Mandaue City and to another GCQ/MGCQ and vice versa.

- A. **Adherence to the Tri-City Reciprocity Agreement** – pursuant to the Tri-city Reciprocity Agreement, Mandaue City shall honor the documents required by Cebu City and Lapu-Lapu City to persons before they are allowed entry/exit through its borders, such as business permits, certificate of employments, and any form of identification.
- B. **Movement of all types of cargoes** – movement of cargoes by land, air, or sea within and across the areas placed under MGCQ shall be unhampered. Workers in the logistics sector, such as cargo, trucking and port operations shall likewise be allowed to transit, provided that a maximum of five (5) personnel may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load, provided further, that drivers of these vehicles must be able to show proper documentation in case of random inspections.
- C. **Movement of exempted persons** – movement of the following persons within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine shall be permitted: a) Health and emergency frontline service personnel, b) Government officials and government frontline personnel, c) Duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs), d) Persons travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, e) Persons transiting to the airport for travel abroad, f) Workers in allowed establishments and persons providing essential goods and services and public utilities, g) Essential skeleton workforce, h) Repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs returning to their residences, i) Other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon conduct of necessary quarantine protocols and in concurrence with the receiving LGUs.
- D. Professions or professionals of allowed businesses, work, commercial establishments, and offices may use their professional identification cards or certificate of membership or other necessary proof of purpose in entering or passing through the City as justification for their entry or travel.
- E. **Interzonal/Intrazonal movement** – Considering that the entire Cebu Province has been placed under MGCQ all persons coming from other LGU's may enter or pass through the City of Mandaue provided it is for work, business, or work-related activities, and those considered essential travel, such as purchase of basic necessity.



Moreover, for purposes of such interzonal movement employees/workers coming from their work to go home passing through Mandaue City, shall also be allowed;

SECTION 13. ENFORCEMENT. The Philippine National Police (PNP), Local Enforcement Teams, Barangay Offices, and Mandaue City Regulatory Offices, such as, BPLO, City Treasurer's Office, City Legal Office, and those assigned by the City Mayor, are hereby directed to implement the full extent of this Executive Order. To this effect regular inspections shall be conducted by the City's enforcement units and teams to all establishments.

Violation of any provision of this Order and other earlier Executive Orders issued in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, shall be subject to penalty pursuant to existing national law and local ordinances, without prejudice to the revocation of any special permit or business permits issued, and the closure of the business establishment.

SECTION 14. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines, particularly the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, pertaining to public health and COVID-19 are hereby incorporated herein and made integral parts hereof.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect on September 1, 2020 and shall remain in force unless otherwise superseded or modified by subsequent Executive Orders and other issuances.

Done this 1st day of September, 2020 at Mandaue City, Philippines.

JONAS C. CORTES
City Mayor