



**Executive Order No. 22-03**  
**Series of 2022**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE ALERT LEVEL 3 STATUS OF THE  
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2021, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 1218, series of 2021 further extending the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) until September 12, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, under Proclamation No. 1218, series of 2021, Local Government Units are enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code provides that within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) approved the recommendation to further expand the implementation of the Alert Levels System to Region VI wherein the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under Alert Level 2 until November 14, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, on October 29, 2021, the Province of Negros Occidental was placed under Alert Level 2 under the provisions of Executive Order No. 21-48, entitled: "An Executive Order Adopting the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Alert Levels System for COVID-19 and Placing the Entire Province of Negros Occidental Under Alert Level 2 from November 1, 2021 to November 14, 2021", and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-51 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until November 30, 2021", and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-55 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until December 15, 2021"; and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-58 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until December 31, 2021"; and further extended under the provisions of Executive Order 21-61 Series of 2021 entitled: "An Executive Order Extending the Alert Level 2 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until January 15, 2022"

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2022, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved IATF-EID Resolution No. 157-A, Series of 2022 wherein the Province of Negros Occidental was classified under Alert Level 3 from January 16, 2022 to January 31, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Negros Occidental has 39,301 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases while the entire country has 3,545,680 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of January 30, 2021. Pursuant to the recommendation of the IATF-EID Resolution 159-A, Series of 2022 and the steady increase of COVID-19 positive cases, there is still a need to extend the Alert Level 3 Status of the Province of Negros Occidental until February 15, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Governor of the Province of Negros Occidental, do hereby order the following:



**SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF ALERT LEVEL 3.** The Alert Level 3 status of the Province of Negros Occidental is hereby extended until 11:59 pm of February 15, 2022.

**SECTION 2. TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR INTERZONAL AND INTRAZONAL TRAVEL IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FOR THE DURATION OF ALERT LEVEL 3.** Pursuant to the IATF-EID Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, Intrazonal and Interzonal travel shall be allowed. However, due to the continued classification of the Province under Alert Level 3, travel to and from the Province of Negros Occidental shall be restricted and discouraged and subject to the following travel guidelines:

**A. RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONS BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, AND THOSE BELONGING TO THE VULNERABLE POPULATION.** Pursuant to Section 4(1) of the IATF-EID Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, persons below eighteen (18) years of age, senior citizens, and persons with comorbidities shall only be allowed to travel for any of the following purposes:

1. To obtain essential goods and services;
2. For work in permitted industries and offices in accordance with existing labor laws, rules, and regulations;
3. Individual outdoor exercises.

**B. DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERZONAL MOVEMENT OF FULLY VACCINATED, PARTIALLY VACCINATED, AND UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.** All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, shall be required to present the following documents to enter the Province of Negros Occidental:

- I. **S-PASS.** An electronic or printed copy of the Approved Travel Pass-Through Permit issued by the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PASS) travel management system approved by Local Government Unit (LGU) of destination and/or the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental. The Province of Negros Occidental shall be classified as **UNRESTRICTED** in the S-PASS Travel Management System.

AND

- II. **RAPID ANTIGEN TEST RESULT TO BE CONDUCTED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL UPON ARRIVAL.** The Province of Negros Occidental shall conduct a rapid antigen test, free of charge, for arriving passengers for airports and seaports. This requirement shall only be from February 1 to 15, 2022 to protect residents during the Omicron variant surge in other parts of the country. However, the Province shall also honor the following:

**a. NON-REACTIVE RAPID ANTIGEN TEST RESULT PRIOR TO TRAVEL.**

- i. Shall be valid for 48 hours from date of swab sample extraction.
- ii. Must be conducted and issued by a Department of Health accredited Health Clinic or Laboratory.

or

f

**b. NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT PRIOR TO TRAVEL.**

- i. Shall be valid for 72 hours from date of swab sample extraction.
- ii. Must be conducted and issued by a Department of Health accredited Molecular Laboratory.

**c. PASSENGERS WITH REACTIVE RAPID ANTIGEN TEST TO UNDERGO QUARANTINE.** Travellers who have a Reactive Rapid Antigen Test shall have the option to either undergo Facility-based Quarantine or Home Quarantine as provided under Section 9 of this Executive Order.

**III. DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT FOR LAND BASED TRAVEL.** The Provincial Government cannot grant free Rapid Antigen Test due to lack of swabbing facilities at the borders. Travellers shall present either a Non-Reactive Rapid Antigen Test Result or a Negative RT-PCR Test Result as provided for under Section 2, Subsection B, Items II.a and II.b of this Executive Order.

**C. EXCEPTION. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS/PERSONNEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.** The provisions of IATF Resolution No. 98-A, Series of 2021 shall be in full force and effect. Government officials/personnel on official business shall be allowed unimpeded travel to their place of destination, provided that they:

1. Present valid IDs issued by their respective government agency;
2. Present original or certified true copy of travel authority/order issued by the Department Secretary or his/her designated official;
3. Pass symptom screening at the port upon arrival, and in case of public transport, upon boarding; and
4. Strictly comply with the minimum public health standards.

**D. INDIVIDUALS WITH FAKE DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS.** Individuals/Travelers apprehended with fake documents mentioned under Sections 2 and 3 of this Executive Order shall face criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations and subjected to the following:

1. A fourteen (14) day quarantine at a Provincial Healing Facility, and
2. An RT-PCR Test, at his/her expense, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day from arrival.

**SECTION 3. AIRPORT OPERATIONS GUIDELINES.** Air travel to the Province of Negros Occidental is hereby restricted and shall be subjected to the following guidelines:

- a. TWO (2) flights per Airline Company per day for Manila-Bacolod-Manila flights.
- b. In addition to subsection (a), Airline Companies may avail of one (1) additional inbound Manila to Bacolod cargo-only flight and one (1) additional outbound Bacolod to Manila passenger flight per day.
- c. ONE (1) flight per Airline Company per week for Cebu-Bacolod-Cebu flights.



- d. All modes of transportation shall be allowed to bring passengers to and from the airport.
- e. Minimum public health standards prescribed by the Department of Health shall be strictly enforced.

**SECTION 4. SEAPORT OPERATIONS GUIDELINES.** Sea travel to the Province of Negros Occidental is hereby restricted and shall be subjected to the following guidelines:

- a. Sea vessels shall be allowed to admit passengers up to 50% of its passenger capacity limit
- b. All modes of transportation shall be allowed to bring passengers to and from the seaport.
- c. Minimum public health standards prescribed by the Department of Health shall be strictly enforced.

**SECTION 5. INTER-AGENCY HEIGHTENED PATROL OF PROVINCIAL BORDERS.** The Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Provincial Incident Management Team is hereby directed to heighten the security and patrol of the provincial borders of the Province of Negros Occidental in order to ensure compliance with this Executive Order.

**SECTION 6. CLOSURE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.** The following establishments shall be closed during the duration of Alert Level 3 unless authorized by the IATF-EID or Office of the President:

- a. Face to face or in-person classes for basic education
- b. Contact sports
- c. Funfairs/peryas and kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playrooms, and kiddie rides
- d. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters
- e. Gatherings in residences with individuals not belonging to same household
- f. Casinos
- g. Horse Racing
- h. Cockfighting and Operation of Cockpits
- i. Lottery and Betting Shops
- j. Other Gaming Establishments

**SECTION 7. LIMITED OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS.** Pursuant to the IATF-EID Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, the following establishments shall be allowed limited operations for the duration of Alert Level 3 in the Province, subject to the guidelines provided for under Section 11 of this Executive Order:

- a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
- b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;

- e. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the remains of the COVID-19 deceased;
- f. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agency, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
- g. Dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;
- h. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI; With Amendments as of October 13, 2021
- i. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for individual non-contact exercise and sports, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols. Provided that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and that no group activities are conducted;
- j. Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and the DOH;

**SECTION 8. GUIDELINES FOR THE LIMITED OPERATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS:**

Pursuant to the IATF-EID Guidelines on the Implementation of Alert Levels System for COVID-19 Response, these are the guidelines for the aforementioned establishments allowed limited operations during Alert Level 3:

- E. EMPLOYEES FULLY VACCINATED.** All workers/employees of the establishments listed under Section 10 of this Executive Order must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- F. STRICT OBSERVANCE OF DOH MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.** Department of Health Minimum Public Health Standards shall be strictly maintained at the establishment;
- G. OUTDOOR VENUE CAPACITY LIMIT.** All limited operation establishments shall be allowed up to 50% outdoor venue capacity to cater to individuals; regardless of vaccination status;
- H. INDOOR VENUE CAPACITY LIMIT TO CATER TO FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS AND MINORS.** All limited operation establishments shall be allowed up to 30% indoor venue capacity but must cater to fully vaccinated individuals only.
- I. NO OBJECTION FROM LGU WHERE ACTIVITIES MAY TAKE PLACE.** There must be no objection from the local government unit where the activities of these limited operation establishments will take place.

**SECTION 9. PROTOCOL FOR HOME QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION OF COVID-19 CASES WITH NO SYMPTOMS, MILD SYMPTOMS, OR MODERATE SYMPTOMS.** The Provincial Government of Negros Occidental hereby adopts and gives full force and effect the provisions of Department of Health Circular No. 2022-0002, Series of 2022 as the protocol for the home quarantine and isolation of probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases with no symptoms, mild symptoms, or moderate symptoms.

**SECTION 10. CURFEW HOURS.** The provisions of Executive Order No. 21-50, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Implementing the Curfew Hours to be Observed in the Province of Negros Occidental in Order to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19" shall be in full force and effect.

f

**SECTION 11. MANDATORY REGISTRATION TO THE SAFE, SWIFT, AND SMART PASSAGE (SPaSS) AND STAYSAFE.PH APPLICATIONS.** Executive Order No. 21-23, Series of 2021 entitled "An Executive Order Requiring the Mandatory Registration of All Travelers to the Province of Negros Occidental to the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System, and All Individuals and Establishments to the StaySafe.ph Application as the Official Social Distancing, Health condition Reporting, and Contact Tracing Application System of the Province" shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.** For effective information dissemination, all LGUs shall serve copies and apprise all barangay officials of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 13. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.** All persons and/or establishments who do not comply with the provisions of this Executive Order, as well as the established health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, other agencies, and the Province of Negros Occidental, shall face appropriate administrative and/or criminal sanctions under existing laws and regulations.

**SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 15. AMENDMENTS.** Any of the above provisions may be subject to amendments, pursuant to any issuances by the National IATF or as justified by other compelling circumstances.

**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY** – This Executive Order shall take effect at 12:00 am of February 1, 2022.

Issued this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022 at Bacolod City, Negros Occidental

  
EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON  
Governor