



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 026 **Series of 2021**

AN ORDER PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING THE MODIFIED ENHANCE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BANOS

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-0062 in compliance with the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary of the office of the President signed on March 16, 2020, the Local Government Unit of Los Baños protects the health and safety of the community of the Municipality of Los Baños in providing guidelines for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the IATF approved the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) including the zoning concept, corresponding qualification, and its phased response or intervention.

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2021, President Rodrigo Duterte approved the recommendation of IATF to put the NCR, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Rizal under MECQ until the end of April 2021;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures is necessary to ensure the utmost protection of the health of the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2021, the Municipality of Los Baños logged One Hundred Twenty One (121) COVID-19 active cases, and the isolation facilities and hospitals have almost reached its maximum capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO L. KALAW, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. Coverage. All residents and non-residents of the Municipality of Los Baños as well as all establishments located within the Municipality are covered by this order.

SECTION 2. Omnibus Guidelines. The National Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-MEID)'s Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, are hereby adopted with respect to the protocols for areas placed under MECQ:

- A. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of MECQ.

- B. Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services.
- C. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those above sixty five (65) years old, and those with immunodeficiency, co-morbidities or other health risks and pregnant women, including persons who resides with them shall remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining goods or services or for work in permitted industries and offices, in which they shall be required to present a valid ID containing their birthdate or their company/employee ID or certificate of employment (COE) or Business Permit or Certificate of Registration if the purpose is work.
- D. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafés, gyms, spas, function halls, and the like, shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF. *(As amended by Paragraph A (2) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020, and i. Paragraph C (2) (4) of IATF Resolution No. 95, January 15, 2021)*
- E. Face-to-face or in-person classes at all levels shall still be suspended.
- F. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure.
- G. The following shall not be allowed to operate within an area under MECQ:
 - a. Tourist destinations such as water parks, reservation service and related services;
 - b. Entertainment industries such as cinemas, theaters, and karaoke bars;
 - c. Kid amusement industries such as playroom and kiddy rides;
 - d. Libraries, archives, museums and cultural centers;
 - e. Gyms, fitness studios and sports facilities; and
 - f. Personal care services such as massage parlors, sauna, facial care, and waxing.
- H. Individual outdoor exercise such as outdoor walks, jogging, running, or biking are allowed within MECQ areas. Provided, that the minimum health standards and precautions such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.
- I. Personal care services which include beauty salons, beauty parlors, medical aesthetic clinics, cosmetic or derma clinics, make-up salons, nail spas, reflexology, aesthetics, wellness and holistic centers, and other similar establishments; acupuncture and electrocautery establishments, and massage therapy including sports therapy establishments are not allowed to operate. Included in personal care services are establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing and similar services. Home service for these activities is likewise not permitted.

SECTION 3. Operation of Establishments and the Conduct of Persons and Activities Within the Municipality of Los Baños.

- A. Cockfighting and operation of cockpit is not allowed.

- B. All allowable business shall be permitted to operate from 5:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. only.
- C. In addition to take-out and food delivery services, outdoor and alfresco dining at 50% maximum capacity shall be allowed.
- D. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, clubs, indoor and outdoor sport venues are not allowed to operate.
- E. Mass gatherings is strictly prohibited. However, religious gatherings shall be limited to 10% to 30% venue capacity.
- F. Those who are allowed to enter establishments shall present their LB LAB ID/QR Code for each entry for contact tracing purposes.
- G. The use of face masks and face shields by all authorized persons whenever they go out of their residences, shall be strictly implemented.
- H. The use of face masks and face shields at workplaces, private and government building, offices, supermarkets, public markets, malls, business establishments, in venue where government services are conducted, and in public transport vehicles shall be mandatory.
- I. The practice of social distancing in public places, workplaces, and establishments shall be strictly enforced.
- J. For tricycles, only one passenger shall be allowed, except for emergency or justifiable reasons. The tricycle driver shall charge a fare equivalent to 50% of the minimum fare. A plastic acetate barrier shall be placed to minimize contact.
- K. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys and similar venues is not permitted.
- L. Malls and Supermarket shall be permitted to operate for essential goods and services such as groceries, drugstores, hardware stores, pet supplies, bank, service providers, etc.

SECTION 4. Liquor Ban. Pursuant to Provincial Executive Order No. 08, Series of 2021, the sale, distribution, and consumption of liquor are strictly prohibited.

SECTION 5. Mandatory Curfew. The curfew shall be from eight o'clock (8:00) in the evening until five o'clock (5:00) in the morning. Health care/hospital workers, Authorized persons outside residence (APOR) are still exempted from the curfew provided that they show proof of identification of employment to authorities. Workers, cargo vehicles, and public transportation shall not be restricted by such curfew.

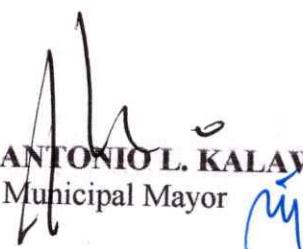
SECTION 6. Dissemination. All Punong Barangays are directed to disseminate this Order to everyone with their respective territorial jurisdiction. The Municipality of Los Baños, Public Information Office, will likewise post media information platforms for widest dissemination.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All other issuances, order, memorandum which are inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any part of provision of this order be declared invalid, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until lifted or amended by another order or superseded by law or ordinance.

Done this 13th day of April 2021 at the New Municipal Bldg. of the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna.


HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Municipal Mayor
