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### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 079 Series of 2022**

#### **AN ORDER ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES ON THE NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALERT LEVEL SYSTEM SECTION [6] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 1 FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AS OF 27 FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article II 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**, Executive Order No. 151 s. 2021 issued on 11 November 2021, approved the nationwide rollout of the Alert Level System and adopted these Guidelines as the guidelines to be implemented and enforced in all areas under the Alert Level System;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 163-A series of 2022 provides that Laguna, among others, shall be placed under Alert Level System 1 effective 01 March 2022 until 15 March 2022;

**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:

**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. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 1.** The following protocols shall be observed in areas placed under Alert Level 1. Pursuant to Los Bano's-Inter Agency Task Force Resolution No. 2022-003 entitled "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES ON THE NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALERT LEVEL SYSTEM SECTION [6] GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 1 FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE AS OF 27 FEBRUARY 2022 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS", the following are hereby set:

The following protocols shall be observed in areas placed under Alert Level 1, except for portions thereof under granular lockdown, and without prejudice to the minimum

public health standards and health and safety protocols issued by national government agencies specific to their sector:

## I. PREVENT

- A. All health facilities shall implement the necessary and appropriate engineering and administrative controls, and use appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the latest Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) guidelines for health facilities.
- B. All public and private establishments, organizers of events, and local governments shall implement the following protocols:
  1. **Administrative controls.**
    - a. All private offices and workplaces, including public and private construction sites, may operate at full 100% capacity (consistent with national issuances on vaccination requirements for on-site work). However, they may continue to provide flexible and alternative work arrangements as deemed appropriate based on function or individual risk.
    - b. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall adhere to 100% on-site workforce. Off-site work shall be under such work arrangements subject to relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission and the Office of the President.
    - c. Public transportation in areas under Alert Level 1 shall be at full seating capacity. For intrazonal and interzonal travels involving public land transportation between an area with a higher alert level classification and an area under Alert Level 1, the passenger capacity shall be that which has the lower passenger capacity rate between the point of origin and point of destination. For aviation, maritime and rail public transport operating in and out of Alert Levels 1 areas, the passenger capacity will be at 100%. The use of acrylic and/or plastic dividers shall not be required. The use of the Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) travel management system shall likewise not be required for interzonal travel to areas under Alert Level 1.
    - d. Designate a Safety and Health Officer/s who shall ensure, monitor, and evaluate proper implementation and strict observance of the minimum public health standards.
    - e. Prepare a contingency plan for the establishment which shall include coordination with the local government and health care provider networks, management of staff and visitors with COVID-19 symptoms, processes for establishment lockdown and disinfection, and alternative processes in case of escalation of Alert Level status.
    - f. Regularly disinfect high-risk areas such as but not limited to areas for gatherings, highly touched surfaces, and frequently visited areas such as

entrance and exit points, restrooms, hallways, elevators using Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - approved disinfectants.

g. National government agencies and local government units endeavor to include health and safety in routine assessments to be conducted regularly.

## **2. Engineering controls.**

a. Ensure adequate air exchange and ventilation, consistent with Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Department Order No. 224-21 Guidelines on Ventilation for Workplaces and Public Transport to Prevent and Control the Spread of COVID-19, viz:

i. Ensure adequate air quality and ventilation, to wit:

1. If possible, windows shall be open;

- Ensure that nearby spaces of open windows are free from toxic gases and pollutants;

Whether windows may or may not be opened, supply-only ventilation fans (i.e., floor, table top, pedestal fans) are provided and should be placed where air flow from these fans shall not be from person to person;

2. Exhaust fans should be continuously operating while there are occupants in the area;

3. Additional exhaust fans may be added to improve air exchange to achieve at least 6 air changes per hour; increasing the number of exhaust fans can increase the number of air changes per hour;

4. If possible, establishments are highly encouraged to conduct the following air quality measurements: Air Change per hour - recommend at least 6 air changes per hour; and/or

5. Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Levels: recommend less than 1000 parts per million or ppm.

6. Air ducts of HVAC systems should be maintained and cleaned regularly as determined by the safety officer or technical expert.

b. All land-based transport terminals are to ensure the compliance to sanitary standards, among others, that are set in accordance with Republic Act No. 11311 otherwise known as An Act to Improve Land Transportation Terminals, Stations, Stops, Rest Areas and Roll-On/Roll-Off Terminals, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

c. Install structures enabling active transportation (e.g. bike racks).

- d. Maintain smoke-free and vape-free environment.
- e. Support mental, and psychosocial needs, especially of vulnerable groups.
- f. Make available context-specific and localized health and safety education materials.
- g. Set up a mechanism for provision of care and referral for patients with symptoms or other emergency health conditions.
- h. Install/maintain hand hygiene and sanitation facilities with the following:
  - i. Adequate and safe water supply ii. Hand washing station or sink iii. Soap and water or 70% Isopropyl (or Ethyl) Alcohol iv. Hands-free trash receptacles
- i. Install visual cues or signages on mask wearing, hand hygiene, DOH hotlines, and other health and safety reminders (resources downloadable from [www.healthypilipinas.ph](http://www.healthypilipinas.ph)).
- j. Promote and incentivize use of interventions that ensure health and safety in all establishments, such as: i. using outdoor spaces or having outdoor options ii. Ensure adequate air quality and ventilation, as specified for under Par. B (2) (a) (i) above.
- k. The use of foot baths, disinfection tents, misting chambers, or sanitation booths for preventing and controlling COVID-19 transmission are not recommended. Temperature checking prior to the entry in any establishment may be dispensed with.
- l. The use of plastic/acrylic barriers/dividers are optional, as appropriate.
- m. The Safety Seal Certification Program of the national government to mark their compliance with minimum public health standards is optional but all establishments are encouraged to use it as a marketing tool.

### **3. Wearing of Face Masks**

- a. At all times, well-fitted masks shall be worn properly, whether outdoors or in indoor private or public establishments, including in public transportation by land, air, or sea, except for the following instances:
  - i. Eating and drinking;
  - ii. Participating in team and individual sports in venues where ventilation standards can be maintained;
  - iii. Practicing outdoor sports/exercise activities where physical distance can be maintained.
- b. All establishments shall ensure implementation of national protocols on the proper use, handling, and disposing of appropriate personal protective equipment.

## **II. DETECT**

### **A. Contact Tracing**

1. Individuals, who have tested positive for COVID-19, shall inform their close contacts to trigger quarantine for unvaccinated close contacts and symptom monitoring for vaccinated close contacts.
2. Use of health declaration forms / paper-based contact tracing shall not be required for all the agencies and establishments.
3. Use of digital contact tracing such as the StaySafe.PH application is optional for all the agencies and establishments.
4. Establishments/employers will not have to provide a separate report to DOLE for COVID-19. Establishments/Employers should include COVID-19 cases report as part of work accident illness report form.
5. COVID-19 reporting to the local epidemiology and surveillance units and the Epidemiology Bureau of the DOH will continue until 31 March 2022, after said period, COVID-19 reporting shall transition to surveillance for selected workplaces which will become sentinel sites. Guidelines for this shall follow

### **B. Testing Prioritization**

1. Implement testing protocols consistent with national guidelines, which may be stricter for individuals who are unvaccinated or have higher exposure risk pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 148-B and No. 149, s. 2021.
2. Testing using RT-PCR shall be recommended and prioritized for:
  - a. Priority Groups A2 (persons above 60 years old) and A3 (persons with comorbidities) who are at risk for developing severe disease, especially for instances where the result of testing will affect the clinical management and use of COVID-19 therapeutics.
  - b. Priority Group A1 or healthcare workers for groups at highest risk for infection such as deemed necessary.
3. Testing shall be optional for other groups not stated above, including for community level actions wherein case management of probable and confirmed cases remain the same. Specifically:
  - a. Testing shall NOT be recommended for asymptomatic close contacts unless symptoms will develop, and should immediately isolate regardless of test results. Instead, symptom monitoring is recommended. Should testing still be used, testing should be done at least 5 days from the day of last exposure.
  - b. Testing shall NOT be recommended for screening asymptomatic individuals.
4. Testing using antigen tests shall be recommended only for symptomatic individuals and in instances wherein RT-PCR is not available, consistent with previously issued guidelines.

5. Hospital Infection Prevention and Control Committees (HIPCC) may implement testing protocols in health facilities for health workers and patients based on their assessment of risk and benefit.

### **III. ISOLATE AND QUARANTINE**

- A. Updated quarantine protocols for incoming international travelers shall be consistent with IATF Resolution No. 160 A/B (Summary in Annex A).
- B. Updated isolation and quarantine protocols for general public & healthcare workers and authorized sectors shall be consistent with DOH Department Memorandum No. 2022-0013 (Summary in Annex B).
- C. Establishments are no longer required to set-up isolation facilities within the workplace.

### **IV. TREAT**

- A. The management of COVID-19 shall be consistent with the latest recommendation from the Philippine COVID-19 Living Recommendations, which can be accessed through this link: <https://www.psmid.org/philippine-covid-19-living-recommendations/>
- B. Close contacts, asymptomatic confirmed cases, and mild to moderate confirmed cases shall be managed at the primary care level (e.g. health centers, private clinics thru face to face or teleconsultation). Health facilities are encouraged to adopt / scale-up telemedicine to facilitate delivery of appropriate health services.
- C. Confirmed cases with severe and critical symptoms shall be managed in the appropriate health care facility.

### **V. REINTEGRATE**

- A. Isolation can be discontinued upon completion of the recommended isolation period, provided that they do not have fever for at least 24 hours without the use of any antipyretic medications, and shall have improvement of respiratory signs and symptoms.
- B. Repeat tests shall not be required for the safe reintegration into the community.
- C. For the purpose of claiming sick leave, health benefits, or other relevant processes wherein the proofs of COVID-19 management are necessary, a medical certification may suffice provided it should include the following minimum information: name of patient, severity of symptoms, diagnosis as probable or confirmed COVID-19, and date of end of quarantine and/or isolation period.
- D. To ensure promotion of their psychosocial well-being, individuals in quarantine and isolation are recommended to maintain and continue lines of communication to family and friends. They may also download the DOH Lusog-Isip Mobile Application for free (available in both Apple store and Google play store) or access the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) Crisis Hotline or the DOH Regional Helplines for mental health and psychosocial support concerns.

## VI. VACCINATE

- A. Individuals eighteen (18) years old and above will be required to present proof of full vaccination before participating in mass gatherings or entry into indoor establishments, such as but not limited to:
1. 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 cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
  2. All indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries. For outdoor or al fresco dining and take out channels, no proof of full vaccination is required;
  3. All indoor 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;
  4. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for exercise and sports;
  5. All indoor cinemas or movie houses operating at full capacity;
  6. Meetings, incentives, conferences, exhibition events, and 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 ;
  7. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters;
  8. Indoor ancillary establishments in hotels and other accommodation establishments; and
  9. Venues for election-related events.

Proof of full vaccination shall be required before entry in the list of establishments identified under the principles of 3C's (Closed, Crowded, and Close Contact) strategy against COVID-19. (See Annex C). Children ages seventeen (17) and below shall not be required to present proof of full vaccination status.

**SECTION 3. Curfew.** Curfew shall be enforced based on the existing Municipal Ordinance, Kautusan BLG. 2018-1715 "Kautusang Nagsasaad ng "curfew" sa mga Menor De Edad (Minors) na Kabataan at "Wards" sa Municipality of Los Baños mula ikaw-10:00 ng gabi hanggang ika- 4:00 ng umaga at pagpataw ng Kaparusahan sa mga magulang o taga-patnubay ng mga Menor-Edad na Kabataan at "Wards" na lumabag sa mga probisyon ng batas."

**SECTION 4. Dissemination.** All Punong Barangays are directed to disseminate this Order to everyone within their respective territorial jurisdiction. The Municipality of Los Baños, Public Information Office, is likewise directed to post pertinent information on various platforms for widest dissemination.

**SECTION 5. Penalties.** Barangays and all establishments located in the Municipality should ensure strict enforcement of safety protocols to prevent the spread of Covid-19. All applicable laws and ordinances shall be pursued against those who fail to follow the provision of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** All other issuances, order, memorandum which are inconsistent herewith are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 04 of March, 2022 at the New Municipal Bldg. of the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna.

HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW  
Municipal Mayor