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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 055 **Series of 2021**

AN ORDER EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 048, SERIES OF 2021 IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS AND STRICT OBSERVANCE UNDER THE MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ) FROM 08 SEPTEMBER UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 2021 UNLESS OTHERWISE LIFTED OR EXTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE NATIONAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE (IATF-MEID) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS

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

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11469 (RA 11469) declared the state of national emergency over the entire the country and ensure that all Local Government Units (LGUs) are acting within the letter and spirit of all the rules, regulations, and directives issued by the National Government;

WHEREAS, the continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives;

WHEREAS, the 18 March 2020 Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary directed all heads of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of government, including the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Force of the Philippines (AFP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) to adopt, coordinate, and implement guidelines which the IATF may issue on the COVID-19 situation, consistent with the respective agency mandates and relevant laws, rules, and regulations;

WHEREAS, the Los Baños PNP implements border control point measures to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 Delta variant and are obliged to reject or unload passengers not adhering to the protocols, including those refusing to wear face masks and face shields while commuting using public transportation modes;

WHEREAS, any violation of the existing health protocols constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities which is punishable under Section 9 of RA 11332 and existing local ordinances;

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;

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 the following:

SECTION 1: Extension of Executive Order No. 048 s-2021. Due to the continued surge of Covid-19 Cases in the Municipality of Los Baños, the effectivity of E.O. No. 048 s-2021 is hereby extended. All pertinent provisions thereof shall continue to be in force and effect, subject to the modifications hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines with Amendments as of August 06, 2021. Areas placed under Modified Enhanced Quarantine (MECQ) shall observe the following protocols:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the MECQ.
2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this section. (As amended by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution No. 110, April 15, 2021)
3. Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five years (65) of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.
4. All establishments, persons, or activities permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ under Section 2(4) of these Guidelines shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity.
5. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate at fifty percent (50%) on-site capacity while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without prejudice to the authority of DTI to issue a negative list of industries which shall remain prohibited even in areas under MECQ, the following establishments, persons, or activities shall not be permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during MECQ:

- a. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;
- b. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;
- c. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
- d. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities;
- e. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centers or facilities, and swimming pools;
- f. Casinos, horse racing**, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops***, and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office;

- g. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, and cultural shows and exhibits;
 - h. Outdoor tourist attractions;
 - i. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions;
 - j. 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. It also includes establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing, and similar services. Home service for these activities are likewise not permitted; and
 - k. Indoor dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries.
6. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational, with a skeleton workforce on-site and the remainder under alternative work arrangements as approved by the head of agency unless a greater on-site capacity is required in agencies providing health and emergency frontline services, laboratory and testing services, border control, or other critical services, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.
 7. The co-equal or independent authority of the legislature (Senate and the House of Representatives), the judiciary (the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals, Sandiganbayan, and the lower courts), the Office of the Ombudsman, and the Constitutional Commissions, to implement any alternative work arrangements, is recognized.
 8. Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the DFA, whenever performing diplomatic functions and subject to the guidelines issued by the DFA, may operate with an on-site skeleton workforce.
 9. Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a 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 Paragraph C(2)(4) of IATF Resolution No. 95, January 15, 2021)
 10. Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited. Gatherings at residences with any person outside of one's immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that, there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, further, that the LGU may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards. Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed, provided that the same shall be limited to immediate family members, upon satisfactory proof of their relationship with the deceased and with full compliance

with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

11. Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended. The education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of the CHED for higher education, TESDA for technical vocational education and training, DepEd for basic education.
12. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTR. The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged.
13. Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii) valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or establishments allowed under ECQ, and, (iii) if required by the LGU, local IDs for availing of essential goods and services. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other documents establishing the nature of their work. (As amended by Paragraph B IATF Resolution No. 46, June 15, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)
14. The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)
15. Private corporations are encouraged to process payrolls online. Payroll managers and such other employees required for the processing of payroll shall be allowed to travel to their respective offices during MECQ. (As amended by Paragraph B of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)
16. Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking, are allowed within the general area of their residence, e.g. within the barangay, purok, subdivision, and/or village. Provided, that the minimum public health standards and precautions such as the wearing of face masks, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed.
17. Uniform curfew hours may be imposed by LGUs, subject to the guidelines issued by the DILG. Workers, cargo vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew.
18. Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. (As introduced by Paragraph C of IATF Resolution no. 106-B, March 28, 2021)

SECTION 3. Coverage. All persons, residents and whether non-residents of the Municipality of Los Baños located within its territorial jurisdiction are subject to this order to protect public health and safety from Covid-19

SECTION 4. Barangay Control Points. Subject to the requirements of laws and existing regulations, Control Points shall be established in every Barangay during the

implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) for the purpose of regulating and controlling the entry and exit of persons within their respective territorial jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. 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, is likewise directed to post pertinent information on various platforms for widest dissemination.

SECTION 6. Penalties. Barangays and all establishments located in the Municipality should ensure strict enforcement of safety protocols to prevent the spread of Covid-19. All existing applicable laws and ordinances shall be pursued against those who fail to follow the provision of this Executive Order.

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 9th of September, 2021 at the New Municipal Bldg. of the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna.

HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Municipal Mayor

