



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12-68
Series of 2020

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOL TO COMBAT CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGBARAS, ILOILO.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 infection still continues to increase/escalate in cases although not as fast rising as months before.

WHEREAS, mortality rate secondary to COVID-19 has not abated despite an early medical intervention;

WHEREAS, municipality of Igaras ranks 31st in the whole province of Iloilo with the most number of positive cases of COVID-19. That the last case officially recorded was more than one month ago upon the issuance of this Executive Order. That the mortality caused by the said virus since the start of pandemic last March 2020 is two (2) with 6.67 % case fatality rate;

WHEREAS, with the coming Christmas season where plenty of activities and celebrations are expected to transpire, possibility of soaring cases of COVID-19 infection is inevitable due to failure to comply strictly with minimum health protocol, overcrowded venues and poor personal regulation. That this is also the time with long duration of vacation schedule and people tend to spend holiday at their provincial hometown. That a lot of LSIs are expected to go home this Christmas, thereby overwhelming the quarantine facility of every municipality.

WHEREAS, up to this date vaccine is yet to be purchased and properly distributed. That it will take months for a certain Filipino to avail the protection to the virus through vaccination.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **JAIME E. ESMERALDA, M.D.**, Municipal Mayor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the implementation of additional guidelines and protocol to combat Corona Virus Disease 2019 in the municipality of Igaras, Iloilo, to wit:

Section 1. Activities to be discouraged:

- a. Cock fighting;
- b. Videoke;
- c. Any parties or celebration with more than 50% occupancy of the venue with maximum of only 75 persons per occasion and venue;
- d. Drinking of alcoholic beverage in public places;
- e. Food festivals;
- f. Fireworks display;
- g. Mass and other religious activities with more than 50% of venue occupancy;
- h. Wakes with any forms of gambling;
- i. Any forms of gambling and sports competition;
- j. Barangay fiesta celebration with non family member visitors.



Section 2. Tourism Activities - The following are allowed:

- a. Maximum of 10 person per group and must register upon arrival at the tourism center. Minimum health protocol shall be complied strictly;
- b. Less than 50% of the venue capacity; and
- c. Overnight with only one occupant per tent.

Section 3. Management of Returning Residents - Management of Returning Residents shall comply with the provision provided under Memorandum No. 2020-0439 (Omnibus Interim Guidelines on Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Reintegration Strategies for COVID-19). The following shall be observed:

Returning residents from Low or Mid-prevalence Areas

- a. Asymptomatic – Those returning residents that are asymptomatic shall undergo Home Quarantine for fourteen (14) days. No testing required.
- b. Symptomatic – Those returning asymptomatic residents shall undergo facility quarantine at the TTMF or Barangay Isolation Units and be subjected to swab testing (RT-PCR). Duration of quarantine for symptomatic individuals will follow the latest guidelines set by DOH.

Returning residents from High Prevalence Areas

- a. Asymptomatic – Those returning residents that are asymptomatic shall undergo facility-based quarantine at the Barangay Isolation Units for 14 days. No testing required. Those who fall under this category who were swabbed at their point of origin and tested negative for RT-PCR may undergo home quarantine.
- b. Symptomatic - Those returning asymptomatic residents shall undergo facility quarantine at the TTMF or Barangay Isolation Units and be subjected to swab testing (RT-PCR). Duration of quarantine for symptomatic individuals will follow the latest guidelines set by DOH.

Section 4. Guidelines for Testing

- a. RT-PCR testing will be reserved for symptomatic individuals
- b. Repeat testing not indicated for discharged from quarantine

Section 5. Guidelines for monitoring

- a. All returning residents on quarantine will be monitored by the TTMF personnel or the BHERTs, whichever the case may be.
- b. All individuals who will manifest symptoms, even those on home quarantine, will be tested;
- c. Contact tracing will be initiated for those who will be symptomatic during their quarantine;
- d. Discharge criteria for those on quarantine will follow the latest guidelines set by DOH.



Section 6. Guidelines on fetching Returning Residents. The following guidelines shall be observed in fetching returning residents, to wit:

1. LGU dedicated vehicle for fetching Returning Residents shall only be during office hours (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Iloilo Airport, Iloilo Port and Iloilo City Terminals;
2. Other Returning Residents whose port of entry is at other location mentioned in (1.) shall be the responsibility of the Returning Resident's family, provided that the vehicle shall have the authority issued by the LGU;
3. All Returning Residents shall be passed to the Municipal Quarantine Facility at Igaras Central Elementary School for assessment and evaluation; and
4. All Returning Resident shall secure Barangay Acceptance signed by the Punong Barangay and Notice of Coordination at the LGU Desk Officer.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede, amend or revoke previous order/s inconsistent herewith and shall remain in full force and effect until revoke.

DONE this 16th day of December 2020 at Igaras, Iloilo, Philippines.


JAIME E. ESMERALDA, M.D.
Municipal Mayor

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