



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

Series of 2020.

***EXTENDING THE SUSPENSION OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL
AIR AND SEA TRAVEL OF PASSENGERS BOUND FOR BOHOL
AS A MEASURE TO COMBAT THE THREAT OF COVID – 19 IN THE PROVINCE
UNTIL APRIL 12, 2020***

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

WHEREAS, Section 17(b)(3)(iv) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the province shall exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provision of health services;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned Governor of the Province of Bohol issued Executive Order No. 08 declaring a 5 – day preparation and institution of measures to address the on-going threat of COVID – 19 in the island province;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 08 mandates the suspension of domestic and international air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol starting 12:01 AM of Monday, 16 March 2020 and shall remain effective for a period of five (5) days thereafter, or until 11:59 PM of Friday 20 March 2020;

WHEREAS, confirmed reports from reliable sources point out that the threat of COVID – 19 infections continues to persist not only in the Philippines but in other affected countries as well;

WHEREAS, because of the persistence of the COVID – 19 threat, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 929 *“Declaring a State of Calamity Throughout the Philippines Due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019”* and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon until 12 April 2020, and further enjoined all government agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) to render full assistance to, and cooperation with, each other and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate disaster response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat;

WHEREAS, based on the assessment and recommendations of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on New Emerging Infectious Diseases (Bohol Covid 19 Task Force), there is a need to extend the suspension of domestic and international air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol for the following reasons:

1. There is lack of community awareness on the self-quarantine protocol despite widened information dissemination;
2. The Barangay/Municipal isolation units are not ready yet:
 - a. Transport protocols must be put in place;
 - b. Insufficient number of isolation units required per barangay, i.e. five percent (5%) of total population of the barangay);
 - c. School buildings are considered as alternative isolation centers which need coordination with, and approval of, the Department of Education (DepEd);

- d. The Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERT) still have to undergo training or orientation on the new COVID – 19 protocols;
3. The Central Isolation Center is not yet put in place:
 - a. Needed infrastructure and manpower complement are not yet ready;
 - b. Personal Protection Equipments (PPEs) and other supplies are still on procurement process;
 - c. Operational guidelines are still being crafted;
 - d. Test kits and swab kits are very limited;
 4. Coastal security needs to be strengthened;
 5. Violations on social distancing in public areas are still prevalent;
 6. Lack of compliance on Department of Transportation (DOTr) protocol by public transport operators;
 7. Substantial number of returning residents classified as persons under monitoring (PUMs) have not complied with the mandatory 14 – day home quarantine; and
 8. The extension will give ample time to assess the exponential growth of COVID – 19 cases outside Bohol;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP, Governor of the Province of Bohol, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

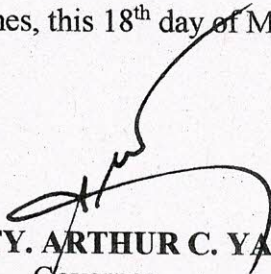
SECTION 1. *Extension of the suspension of domestic and international air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol.* – The suspension of domestic and international air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol until 20 March 2020 pursuant to Executive Order No. 08 issued by the undersigned is hereby extended until **11:59 PM of 12 April 2020**. As such, the domestic and international air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol is strictly prohibited during the said period.

SECTION 2. *Implementing Agencies.* – All concerned government agencies are hereby enjoined to strictly enforce this directive.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All orders, rules, regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines, this 18th day of March 2020.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor