



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15

IMPOSING MANDATORY USE OF FACEMASKS AT ALL TIMES IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES

WHEREAS, COVID-19, which has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic outbreak, continues to threaten the right of the people to a safe and healthy environment;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has confirmed a number of localized COVID-19 transmissions and has increased exponentially everyday, including the number of death related thereto;

WHEREAS, recognizing a need to address the increasing COVID-19 local transmission, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines, which in turn, allowed Local Government Units to institute measures to combat COVID-19 and to cope with the crisis;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Bohol has placed the entire province under Community Quarantine pursuant to Executive Order No. 8;

WHEREAS, Executive Orders No. 9 and 10 were issued to further intensify the safety measures against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, while there are no confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the province, the rapid increase of confirmed cases throughout the country, (one in Mandaue City, Cebu on March 18, one in Bacolod City on March 20, one in Iloilo on March 21) presents a compelling need to impose additional control measures to prevent the spread of such disease and keep the Province of Bohol free from COVID-19 ;

WHEREAS, testing kits take time to evaluate and the numbers of infected cases continue to go up in Metro Manila. By the estimate of the DOH, there are probably hundreds of infected cases that remain unaccounted for;

WHEREAS, in Bohol, we are working hard to maintain social distancing, but with inadequate bed capacities and insufficient medical personnel, Bohol needs to go beyond an order for curfew hours. Boholanos need to keep each other safe from each other by mandatorily wearing face

masks whenever they leave their homes to install a reverse isolation policy in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, I, **ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**, Governor of the Province of Bohol, by virtue of the powers vested on me by law, do hereby order:

1. All persons shall be required to wear face masks (e.g. reusable, washable, or improvised) , when going outside of their homes.
2. Private establishments and government offices shall in no case allow entry of any person not wearing a face mask.
3. Barangay officials, in coordination with the Philippine National Police, shall strictly monitor and enforce mask wearing on individuals who leave their homes in their respective barangays.

This Executive Order shall take effect at 5:00AM on Thursday, 26 March, 2020.

Done this 21st day of March, 2020 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.



ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
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Province of Bohol