



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING A TWENTY FOUR (24) HOUR CURFEW ON ALL RESIDENTS OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL WHO ARE AGED SIXTY FIVE (65) AND ABOVE AND ALL BELOW THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) FROM GOING OUT OF THEIR HOMES IN ORDER TO SHIELD THEM FROM THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19

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

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

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health has confirmed the local transmission of the novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor is empowered to issue executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement of laws and ordinances and to carry out such emergency measures during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities under Section 465 (b)(1)(vii) in relation to Section 465 (b)(2)(iii) of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, disaster is defined as a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic, or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources. Disaster impacts include disease;

WHEREAS, the undersigned Governor has issued various executive orders as a response to the threat of COVID-19 such as putting the entire Province of Bohol under community quarantine and the imposition of a province-wide curfew in the entire province;

WHEREAS, as of March 20, 2020, the number of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) in Bohol, taking into account the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) and Mayors who recently returned a week ago from their official functions in Manila, as well as other documented recent arrivals from Manila, now numbers 5,320 individuals;

WHEREAS, should even just 5% of the number of Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) graduate into Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Moderate Acute Respiratory Illness (MARI), Bohol's private and public hospitals will reach a critical point of being unable to address the situation and a possible worsening situation of SARI and MARI cases developing into positive COVID 19 infections;

WHEREAS, the inadequacy of the public and private hospitals to cope with potential dire medical possibility in light of recent increase of PUMs (Persons Under Monitoring) in the province necessitates the Provincial Government to take pro-active and aggressive steps to shelter the most vulnerable from possible infection of a virus that is the most destructive and virulent in this century to date;

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. That a twenty-four (24) hour curfew is hereby imposed in the entire Province of Bohol on the following:
 - a) Persons who are residing in the Province of Bohol who are aged Sixty Five (65) and above;
 - b) Persons below the age of Eighteen (18).
2. That all barangay officials and law enforcement agencies are hereby called upon for the strict implementation and enforcement of this Order.
3. These persons may leave their households only for medical emergencies, or to undergo routine medical procedures for chronic illnesses. Moreover, those below 18 may further be exempted from the 24 hour home quarantine if they can show adequate proof that they are volunteering for medical work.
4. In all cases, all persons who leave their households must present valid identification cards, indicating their date of birth, and employment identification.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

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



ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP

**Governor
Province of Bohol**