

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18

AN ORDER REGULATING THE OPERATING HOURS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE DURATION OF THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

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, the novel Corona Virus Disease (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 COVID-19 in the Philippines;

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;

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 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 19121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, disaster as 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 in response to the threat of COVID-19 such as putting the entire Province of Bohol under community quarantine and imposition of a province-wide curfew;


WHEREAS, there is still a dire need to direct the closure of certain establishments or regulate their operating hours to prevent the unnecessary gathering and congregation of people which increases the risk of possible local transmission;

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 the following:

1. All business and commercial establishments shall be **CLOSED** and remain as such until the community quarantine is lifted. However, the following establishments including those located inside the Malls, shall remain open on a regulated operating hours basis, to wit:




- a. Public Markets – with the following conditions:
 - i. Operating hours shall 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - ii. All vendors and buyers shall wear masks
 - iii. All local government units shall impose a “One-Entry, One-Exit Policy” during operation hours
 - iv. Stalls selling non-essential goods and commodities, such as but not limited to, non-food products, dry goods (except textiles to be used for face masks), plastic wares, flowers and the like shall not be allowed to open and operate
- b. Slaughterhouses
- c. Supermarket, Groceries, Convenience Stores
- d. Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Medical Facilities, Diagnostic Centers and Laboratories
- e. Pharmacies and Drug Stores
- f. Water-Refilling Stations
- g. Banks and Financial Institutions, including Pawnshops, Money Transfer Services, Lending Agencies, Payment and Remittance Centers
- h. Public Utilities, including Power, Energy, Water and Telecommunications
- i. Gasoline Stations, including those selling LPG
- j. Funeral Parlors, provided that there is no public viewing and wakes are limited only to family members for the duration of two (2) days only
- k. Restaurants, Fast Food Chains, Bakeries and other Food Establishments, provided that their operations shall be limited to take-out or delivery
- l. Media Establishments
- m. Shipping and Cargo Handling Companies and Services
- n. Agricultural Supply Stores for farming and fishing and other related supplies
- o. Food Manufacturing and Food Processing Plants and Facilities, including those producing rice, grains, flour, wheat, meat, fish and other related products
- p. Hardware and Construction Supplies, and Construction Firms and works, including quarry operations.
- q. Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)
- r. Textile Industry, primarily concerned with the design, production and distribution of yarn, cloth and clothing.
- s. Laundry Shops
- t. Motor/automotive/vehicular repair shops and stores selling motor/automotive/vehicular spareparts

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2. The foregoing establishments shall only **operate until 7:00 p.m. except** those under Section 1 **(d)** Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Medical Facilities, Diagnostic Centers and Laboratories; **(e)** Pharmacies and Drug Stores; **(h)** Public Utilities, including Power, Energy, Water and Telecommunications; **(l)** Media Establishments; **(m)** Shipping and Cargo Handling Companies and Services; and, **(q)** Business Process Outsourcing (BPO);
 3. Social distancing measures shall be strictly observed and implemented during operating hours in the establishments allowed to operate during the community quarantine;
 4. Loitering shall be prohibited and immediately after doing business and transacting with these establishments, the concerned individual must leave the premises;
 5. In establishments allowed to open and operate, there shall be reduction of personnel, rationalization of work hours and/or implementation of work-from-home arrangements when appropriate and applicable, except Hospitals and Clinics, and provided that the level of productivity, work and service output shall not be affected;
 6. All open establishments are enjoined to strictly comply with the Department of Trade and Industry Memorandum Circular No. 20-07 on Anti-Hoarding and Anti-Panic Buying which sets the limit in the sale of basic necessities and products intended for health and sanitation;
 7. All establishments must comply with the Department of Health Interim Guidelines for 2019 Novel Corona Virus Acute Respiratory Diseases on hygiene, distancing, environmental and food safety measures;
 8. The transport sector, public utility vehicles, tricycles and other public conveyances are hereby enjoined to strictly implement the capacity directive of the Department of Transportation under pain of suspension and revocation for franchise;
 9. All drivers of public utility vehicles, tricycles and other public conveyances are directed to wear face masks;
 10. All residents and dwellers in the Province of Bohol are encouraged to stay in their respective residences and shall only go out of their homes for very important and urgent concerns, such as but not limited to, go to work, buy food, goods, grocery supplies, medicines and other needs, go to hospitals and clinics for check-up, go to the banks to transact business, buy water, and to deliver such items to other household and individuals, except during the provincial-wide curfew hours wherein no person except frontliners and authorities shall be allowed outside;

11. All concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, including local government units, in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP), are enjoined to ensure the strict compliance of this Order.

This Executive Order shall take effect beginning 12:01 A.M. of Monday MARCH 30, 2020, and shall remain in force until revoked.

Done this 25th of **MARCH 2020** in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor
Province of Bohol