



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
CITY OF TAGBILARAN



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-A
Series of 2021

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17, DELETING SECTION 1 (B) THEREOF, OR THE OPTION OF TESTING UPON ARRIVAL, AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRY OF TRAVELERS BOUND FOR BOHOL AND REITERATING THE EXEMPTION OF CHILDREN FOUR (4) YEARS OLD AND BELOW FROM THE TESTING REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, under Sections 3 (e) and (g) of Republic 11494, otherwise known as Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, it is the policy of the State to mitigate the economic cost and losses stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and to accelerate the recovery and bolster resilience of the Philippine economy through measures grounded on economic inclusivity;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation Nos. 922 and 929, the President calls on all government agencies and local government units to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health-Region VII has issued a Memorandum dated 16 February 2021 recommending the Guidance on Testing Protocols for Bohol for the safe opening of its tourism industry and economy;

WHEREAS, on 19 February 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 12, Series of 2021, entitled "An Executive Order Providing for the New Testing Protocols for Returning Residents, Overseas Filipino Workers, Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APOR) and Non-APOR (Tourists, Both Domestic and Foreign, and Investors) and the Lifting of the Quarantine Requirement Making the Same as an Exception Rather than the General Rule Thereby Revising Executive Order Nos. 53 and 54, Series of 2020, as Amended, Insofar as Inconsistent Herewith";

WHEREAS, on 26 February 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) issued Resolution No. 101, Series of 2021, recommending and approving uniform travel protocols for land, air, and sea;

WHEREAS, on 03 March 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021, entitled "An Executive Order Implementing Resolution No. 101, Series of 2021, dated 26 February 2021, of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF), and Amending Executive Order No. 12, Series of 2021, Removing Repeat Testing, Medical Certificate and Philippine National Police (PNP)



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Task Force COVID-19 Shield Travel Authority as Requirements for Travel to the Province of Bohol”;

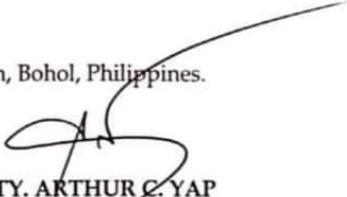
WHEREAS, the National Government has directed the Local Government Units to remove any quarantine requirement except to those who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and/or those who subsequently test positive of COVID-19 during their stay;

WHEREFORE, premises considered and by virtue of the powers vested in me as Provincial Governor of Bohol under section 465(b)(2)(iii) of the Local Government Code (R.A. 7170) and other existing laws, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, do hereby amend Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021, by deleting Section 1 (b) thereof, or the option of testing upon arrival, thereby requiring only a **NEGATIVE RT-PCR TEST RESULT, SWAB OR SALIVA SAMPLE TAKEN NOT MORE THAN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR DEPARTURE** as a requirement for travelers bound for Bohol. No repeat testing shall be required upon arrival and during their stay in the province unless they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.

As stated in the previous issuances of the undersigned, it is hereby reiterated that **CHILDREN FOUR (4) YEARS OLD AND BELOW** are exempted from the testing requirement.

City/Municipal Local Government Units are strictly enjoined to comply with the foregoing directive, which is effective immediately, in processing prospective travelers. However, those who have been issued Letter Confirmations by the LGUs under Executive Order No. 12, Series of 2021, or Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021, shall comply with the requirements under such issuances.

DONE this 08 of March 2021 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor
Province of Bohol