



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
Series of 2021

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 DISEASES (IATF), AND AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12, SERIES OF 2021, REMOVING REPEAT TESTING, MEDICAL CERTIFICATE AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TASK FORCE COVID-19 SHIELD TRAVEL AUTHORITY AS REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL TO THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL

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, on 13 November 2020, the undersigned has issued Executive Order No. 53, Series of 2020, providing for the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Bohol Tourist Bubble;

WHEREAS, on 20 November 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 54, Series of 2020, providing for a Simplified and Unified Guidelines for Sea and Air Travel to Bohol for Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs), Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) and Adopting New Quarantine Protocols;

WHEREAS, on 14 December 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 53-A, Series of 2020, amending Section 1 of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the Bohol Tourist Bubble by allowing Free Independent Travelers or Tourists (FIT) to visit the Province of Bohol;

WHEREAS, on 27 January 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 07, Series of 2021, further amending Executive Order No. 53, Series of 2020, particularly Sections 2 and 5 thereof, including allowing tourists to go out of the Tourist Bubble after yielding a negative RT-PCR Test result five (5) days upon arrival;



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WHEREAS, on 02 February 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 9, Series of 2021, amending Executive No. 53, Series of 2020, and Executive No. 54, Series of 2020, allowing Saliva RT-PCR Test for those availing of the Tourist Bubble and as a requirement for APORs;

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;

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. 12, Series of 2021, as follows:

SECTION 1. TESTING PROTOCOLS. - Effective immediately, the following testing protocols shall be applicable to Returning Residents, which includes Locally Stranded Individuals and residents returning from other places in the country for business or leisure; Overseas Filipino Workers; Authorized Persons Outside of Residence, which includes Government Officials; and non-APORs, including domestic and international tourists or visiting investors and businessmen:

a. *Prior to Departure*

Those who wish to travel to Bohol will be required to present a negative RT-PCR Test result administered not more than seventy-two (72) hours before departure. Upon arrival, the traveler will not be required to undergo quarantine and repeat testing, unless they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.



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b. Upon Arrival

A traveler may opt for testing upon arrival, but they must coordinate with the receiving Local Government Unit (LGU) which will facilitate the RT-PCR Testing. The traveler will be required to wait for the result of the RT-PCR Test in a government quarantine facility or an accredited private quarantine facility.

Upon yielding a negative RT-PCR Test, they will no longer be required to undergo repeat testing and further quarantine.

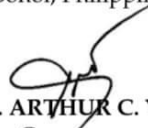
SECTION 2. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE COVID-19 SHIELD TRAVEL AUTHORITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) CONFIRMATION. - Medical Certificate and Philippine National Police COVID-19 Shield Travel Authority will no longer be required from a traveler. However, LGU Confirmation shall continue to be required.

SECTION 3. PCR-SALIVA TEST. - Pursuant to Executive Order No. 12, Series of 2021, RT-PCR Saliva Test shall be honored and recognized provided that the test shall yield a negative result.

SECTION 4. TRANSITORY PROVISION. Incoming travelers who have been issued LGU Confirmation or those who already arrived with negative Rapid Antigen Test pursuant to Executive Order 12, Series of 2021 will however be subjected to repeat testing in accordance with the provisions of said Order.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 03 of March 2021 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor
Province of Bohol