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**PROVINCE OF BOHOL**  
CITY OF TAGBILARAN



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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28  
Series of 2021

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NOS. 17 AND 17-A  
INSOFAR AS IT ALLOWS ALTERNATIVE TO NEGATIVE 72-HOUR RT-PCR  
TESTS FOR TRAVEL TO 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 03 March 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021, or "*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, on 08 March 2021, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 17-A, Series of 2021, or "*An Executive Order Amending Executive Order No. 17, Deleting Section 1(B) Thereof, or the Option of Testing Upon Arrival, as 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, there are instances wherein travelers bound for Bohol, either through air or sea travel, previously complied and submitted RT-PCR Test Results but their flights or boat trips were cancelled due to typhoons or other unforeseen reasons given by the airlines and shipping companies;

WHEREAS, it will be too burdensome and costly to require these travelers with cancelled flights to undergo another RT-PCR Testing, which necessitates consideration but still requiring the less expensive and readily available Rapid Antigen Test as a requirement to be allowed to board the rescheduled flights or boat trips;



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WHEREAS, the DOH issued Department Memorandum No. 2020-0512 dated 26 November 2020 on the Revised Omnibus Interim Guidelines on Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration Strategies for COVID-19 and provided for discharge criteria for suspect, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases which no longer require repeat testing;

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 Nos. 17 and 17-A, Series of 2021, insofar as it allows the submission of Rapid Antigen Test Results for those who previously complied and submitted negative RT-PCR test Results but whose flights/boat trips were cancelled due to typhoons and other unforeseen reasons provided by the concerned airlines and shipping companies.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 1, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17, SERIES OF 2021, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-A, SERIES OF 2021. - Section 1 of Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021, as amended by Executive Order No. 17-A, Series of 2021, now reads as follows:

**SECTION 1. TESTING PROTOCOLS.** - Effective immediately, 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.

However, those travelers who previously submitted negative RT-PCR Test results but whose flights or boat trips were cancelled due to typhoons or other unforeseen reasons will be allowed to board their rescheduled flights or boat trips provided that they present a negative Rapid Antigen Test results taken within 24 hours from the time of departure along with their previous RT-PCR Test results swabbed within seven (7) days from the new departure date.

**SECTION 2. ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICALLY RECOVERED CONFIRMED POSITIVE PATIENTS PURSUANT TO ITEM ILM OF DOH DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2020-0512.** - As an alternative to the requirements in Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021, as amended by Executive Order No. 17-A, Series of 2021 and this issuance, any person who has tested COVID-19 positive within three (3) months from the scheduled travel to Bohol may present the following in lieu of a negative 72-hour RT-PCR test:

- a. The positive RT-PCR test result administered not more than three (3) months before departure; and
- b. Certification from the licensed attending physician that traveler is clinically recovered pursuant to the following guidelines:



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- i. Patients with mild symptoms who have completed at least 10 days of isolation from the onset of illness either at home or a temporary treatment and monitoring facility inclusive of 3 days of being clinically recovered and asymptomatic; or
- ii. Patients with moderate, severe, or critical symptoms who have completed at least 21 days of isolation in a hospital from the onset of illness, inclusive of at least 21 days of isolation in a hospital from the onset of illness, inclusive of 3 days of being clinically recovered and asymptomatic; or
- iii. Asymptomatic immunocompetent individuals who test PCR positive (+) and remained asymptomatic for at least 10 days from date of specimen collection.

**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY.** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 23rd day of May 2021 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.

  
ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP  
Governor  
Province of Bohol