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PROVINCE OF BOHOL
CITY OF TAGBILARAN



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37
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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SUSPENDING AIR AND SEA TRAVEL OF
PASSENGERS BOUND FOR BOHOL FROM 12:01 A.M. OF 6 AUGUST 2021
UNTIL 11:59P.M. OF 20 AUGUST 2021**

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, because of the recent surge of COVID-19 in the whole country and the threat of new variants of concern, particularly the Delta Variant, after President Rodrigo Duterte approved the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases' (IATF-EID) recommendation to place Metro Manila under the most restrictive enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) from August 6 to 20, 2021.

WHEREAS, in a late afternoon meeting on 31 July, 2021, the undersigned together with the BIATF Medical Cluster and Mayors of Bohol, have decided to harmonize with the NCR in shutting down Bohol's borders to air and sea travelers for two (2) weeks starting on August 6, 2021. The time will be used to give the Province a breathing spell from accepting guests and the Province will be given time to coordinate efforts with the LGUs in continuing efforts to bring down infection numbers through aggressive testing and contact tracing, and ensuring the greater use of Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities outside of Tagbilaran City.

WHEREAS, said meeting was attended by private sector members and all are of the consensus that the province will be able to sustain a two (2) – week closure to sea and airborne travelers, synchronized with the NCR, to give Bohol the chance to contain infection numbers and prepare for a possible entry of the Delta Variant into Bohol.

WHEREAS, the two (2) – week suspension of inbound travel to the Province will give the LGUs in Bohol time to drive an aggressive program to vaccinate the senior citizens, those with comorbidities and to support our OFWs who need to be deployed abroad quickly;

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 order:

SECTION 1. TWO (2) – WEEK SUSPENSION OF AIR AND SEA TRAVEL. – Air and sea travel of passengers bound for Bohol, excluding domestic air and sea travel of cargoes, shall be suspended starting 12:01 A.M. of Friday 6 August 2021 and shall remain effective for a period of two (2) weeks thereafter, or until 11:59 P.M. of Friday 20 August 2021.

However, the following AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE RESIDENCES (APORs) shall not be covered by the aforementioned restrictions, to wit:

- a) Health workers on official business;
- b) Authorized government officials;
- c) Those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
- d) Returning Overseas Filipino Workers;
- e) Persons providing basic services and public utilities; and
- f) Bank personnel and other bank employees who shall come to the province with the purpose of replenishing the cash funds and other supplies which are necessary for the continuous service of the different banks.

Outbound travel from Bohol shall continue subject to quarantine protocols of the place of destination.

SECTION 2. TESTING AND QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR APORs. – An APOR shall present a valid negative RT-PCR Test result with swab or saliva sample taken not more than 72-hours prior to his/her departure to Bohol. Upon arrival, the APOR is permitted to go only to specified place/s for the purpose of his/her visit and is not allowed to go anywhere outside of specified areas and limit interaction with individuals other than those directly involved in the purpose of his/her visit. The APOR may only stay in designated quarantine hotels or an LGU Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF) during his/her stay. Moreover, if an APOR shall stay for more than five (5) days, he/she shall undergo a repeat RT-PCR Test on the 5th day and shall remain in the quarantine facility until he/she receives a negative result. Provided further that, APORs may visit places outside of their place of work or business upon yielding a negative RT-PCR Test Result on the 5th day from their date of arrival in the province.

OFWs will strictly comply with the five (5) days quarantine in a DOT licensed quarantine accommodation establishment or an LGU approved TTMF. They will undergo a repeat RT-PCR test on the 5th day and shall remain in the quarantine facility until they receive a negative result. Thereafter, they may go home.

SECTION 3. STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF BORDER CONTROL PROTOCOLS AT ALL PORTS OF ENTRY. – All concerned national government agencies and local government officials and employees shall ensure the strict enforcement of border control protocols at all ports of entry in the Province, including the proper endorsement, monitoring and quarantine completion of all APORs by receiving LGUs.

SECTION 4. MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN CASE OF VIOLATIONS. – Any violation of this Executive Order shall be dealt with in accordance with the penal provisions provided in applicable laws, ordinances and/or other rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All previous orders which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. – This Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

Issued: 2 August 2021.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
Governor 