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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 56 Series of 2021

**AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING IATF RESOLUTION NO. 148-B, SERIES OF 2021, ON THE WHOLE-OF-NATION APPROACH TO ENCOURAGE VACCINATION BY MANDATING ALL ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO REQUIRE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TASKED TO DO ON-SITE WORK TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(e) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to educate the public on emerging infectious diseases and its prevention, control, and management to promote positive health behaviors, and address public fear and anxiety through the conduct of a nationwide EID awareness campaign;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has extended the declaration of State of Calamity from 13 September 2021 until 12 September 2022 through Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021);

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 vaccines that have been granted with Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are considered safe and effective, and, based on current available evidence, have been shown to (1) prevent symptomatic infection (2) prevent severe infection and (3) prevent transmission;

**WHEREAS**, following the Enhanced Prevent - Detect - Isolate - Treat - Reintegrate - Vaccinate Strategy of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, its Vaccine Cluster is currently implementing the National COVID-19 Immunization Program that aims to provide added protection to all eligible Filipinos from COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the National COVID-19 Immunization Program has been opened to the general public nationwide as provided for under IATF Resolution No. 141 (s.2021) and the IATF approved the recommended strategy for the Vaccination Rollout for the Rest of the Pediatric Population (ROPP) pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 146 (s.2021);

**WHEREAS**, as of 04 November 2021, the country already received a total of 108.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines with additional shipments until the end of the year and these doses of vaccines shall cover the target of vaccinating 54 million Filipinos with one dose by the end of November 2021 and 54 million Filipinos fully vaccinated by the end of December 2021;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has given new directives for a whole-of-government solution to increase the demand for COVID-19 vaccination, regardless of brand, for a healthier and resilient Philippines.



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**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases issued Resolution No. 148-B, Series of 2021 on November 11, 2021, in compliance of such directives;

**WHEREAS**, the National Vaccines Operation Center (NVOC) has determined the Province of Bohol as an area where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines;

**WHEREFORE**, premises considered, and by virtue of the powers vested in me as the Provincial Governor of Bohol under Section 465 (b), (2), (iii) of the Local Government Code (R.A. 7160) and other existing laws, I, ARTHUR C. YAP, do hereby order the **IMPLEMENTATION OF IATF RESOLUTION NO. 148-B, SERIES OF 2021**, under the following terms and conditions:

**SECTION 1. MANDATORY VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19 FOR ON-SITE EMPLOYEES** – All establishments and employers in the public and private sector shall require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

**SECTION 2. NO TERMINATION FOR UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES** – Eligible employees who remain to be unvaccinated against COVID-19 may not be terminated solely by reason thereof. However, they shall be required to undergo RT-PCR testing once in every two (2) weeks at their own expense for purposes of on-site work. Provided that, antigen testing may be resorted to when RT-PCR capacity is insufficient or not immediately available in which case they will be required to take such test every week.

**SECTION 3. WORKERS SCHEDULED TO BE VACCINATED DURING WORK HOURS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED ABSENT** – Upon sufficient proof of a confirmed, vaccination schedule, all workers to be vaccinated during work hours shall not be considered as absent during that period.

**SECTION 4. VACCINATION OF WORKERS IN THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECTOR** - As a condition for continuing their operations, public transportation services in the road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors shall require all their eligible workers to be fully vaccinated.

**SECTION 5. SUFFICIENT AND VALID PROOF OF INELIGIBILITY FOR VACCINATION** – Only the presentation of a medical clearance issued by a Municipal Health Office, City Health Office, and/or Provincial Health Office or birth certificate, as the case may be, shall serve as sufficient and valid proof of ineligibility for vaccination.

**SECTION 6. RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY AND/OR DENY SERVICE TO UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.** – Pursuant to Section C of IATF Resolution No. 148-B, public and private establishments may accommodate only fully vaccinated individuals, may nonetheless validly refuse entry and/or deny service to individuals who remain to be unvaccinated, or are merely partially vaccinated, despite being eligible for vaccination, provided that frontline and emergency services shall continue to render assistance to all persons regardless of vaccination status.

**SECTION 7. COMPONENT CITY/MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ISSUE SIMILAR DIRECTIVES TO ENCOURAGE VACCINATION.** – Component City/Municipal Local Government Units are strongly enjoined to issue orders or ordinances to ramp up demand for vaccination, by among others, providing incentives for fully vaccinated individuals,



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and for business establishments which institute measures that promote vaccination among their employees and clients, and to the extent allowed by law, require proof of vaccination before individuals and/or entities may undertake or qualify for certain activities.

This Order shall take effect on December 1, 2021.

Issued: November 18, 2021.

  
**ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**  
*Governor*

