



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Eastern Samar

**Office of the Provincial Governor**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BPE 05-030, SERIES OF 2020**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PLACING EASTERN SAMAR UNDER MODIFIED  
GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines mandates local government units to exercise powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for the promotion of general welfare, health and safety of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Proclamation 929 enjoins Local Government Units to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise throughout the country including provinces adjacent to Eastern Samar;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that there will be an influx of Estehanons coming from Metro Manila to the province once the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon is lifted;

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 41 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases has classified Eastern Samar as a low risk area that should be placed under Modified General Community Quarantine.

**NOW THEREFORE, I BEN P. EVARDONE**, Governor of the Province of Eastern Samar, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Modified General Community Quarantine** - The entire province of Eastern Samar is hereby placed under Modified General Community quarantine effective immediately until June 15, 2020.

**Section 2. Mandatory Quarantine** - All persons coming to Eastern Samar from places with confirmed cases of COVID-19 shall undergo a health check upon entry and a mandatory quarantine for a period of 14 days. This shall be implemented and monitored by their respective municipalities or city.

**Section 3. Border checkpoints-** Pursuant to DILG rules, the checkpoints in the following entry points shall remain operational to enforce health protocols on Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs):

- A. Brgy. Nato, Taft
- B. Lawaan
- C. Arteche

The following documentary requirements shall be required from ROFs and LSIs entering the province:

1. ROFs -
  - a. Travel Authority issued by the JTF CV Shield
  - b. Negative PCR result and Quarantine Certification issued by DOH - Bureau of Quarantine
2. LSIs -
  - a. Medical Clearance Certification issued by the City/Municipal Health Office of origin.
  - b. Travel Authority issued by the JTF-COVID Shield or Certificate/proof of Employment for returning workers.

**Section 4. Mandatory wearing of face masks -** All persons are mandated to wear facemasks, or face shields, or such other protective equipment whenever they go out of their residences.

**Section 5. Social distancing and proper hygiene -** Everyone is enjoined to practice the protective health measures and protocols set forth by the Department of Health (DOH), as follows:

- A. Practice frequent hand-washing with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;
- B. Observe proper respiratory etiquette (i.e. cover mouth and nose using tissue or sleeves/bend of elbow when coughing or sneezing, move away from people when coughing, do not spit);
- C. Throw away used tissues properly, always wash hands after sneezing or coughing, and use alcohol/sanitizer;
- D. Maintain distance of at least one meter away from individual(s) experiencing respiratory symptoms; and
- E. Refrain from having close contact with other people including handshaking and hugging

All industries and business operators are required to put notices in their workplaces to remind their clients and workers of basic health protocols.

**Section 6. Lifting of restriction on movement of people -** All persons are now allowed to go outside, provided they wear face masks and follow physical distancing and other health protocols.

**Section 7. Allowed outdoor exercises and sports** – Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed.

Contact sports such as but not limited to basketball, football, and martial arts shall remain prohibited.

**Section 8. Regulation on public gatherings** – Mass gatherings such as but not limited to movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings may be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to 50% of the venue or seating capacity.

Subject to IATF regulations, religious gatherings may continue but shall be limited to 50% of the capacity of the church or venue as long as the following conditions are complied with:

- A. At least one (1) meter distance is maintained between and among attendees; and
- B. All attendees shall wear face masks or face shields.

The Priest, Pastor, or Imam has the right to refuse entry of people who are not wearing facemasks or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (flu, coughing, sneezing, fever). All religious sectors may adopt health measures necessary under the circumstances to safeguard the health of their members.

Gambling and betting activities such as cockfighting shall remain prohibited.

**Section 9. Resumption of work in public and private offices** – Work in all public and private offices shall be allowed to resume physical work in full capacity with alternative working arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women.

**Section 10. Resumption of public transportation** – The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the DOTr. *Provided*, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls are in place.

**Section 11. Resumption of public and private construction projects** – All public and private construction projects shall be allowed, but with strict compliance to the issued construction safety guidelines for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic by the DPWH.

**Section 12. Regulation on business activities** - Except as otherwise provided below, all establishments, sectors, and industries shall be allowed to operate at full operational capacity provided that there be alternative working arrangements for all persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women.

- A. The following industries may resume maximum operational capacity:
1. Power, energy, water, and other utilities
  2. Agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries
  3. Food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take out and delivery services, food delivery services
  4. Health-related establishments
  5. Logistics sector
  6. Information and telecommunication companies
  7. Media
  8. Mining and other manufacturing
  9. Electronic commerce companies
  10. Delivery, repair and maintenance
  11. Housing and office services
  12. Financial services
  13. Legal accounting
  14. Auditing services
  15. Professional, scientific, technical and other non-leisure services
  16. Other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments
- B. Barbershops, salons, and other personal care establishments shall be allowed to operate at a maximum of 50% capacity, and up to 100% after 3 weeks;
- C. Dine-in service in food retail establishments shall be allowed provided that the seating capacity may not exceed 50%; and
- D. The following establishments shall be permitted to operate at a maximum of 50% operational capacity
1. Fitness establishments
  2. Business-related mass gatherings including trade shows, conferences, conventions, workshops, retreats
  3. Politically related mass gatherings including election rallies, parades, polling centers
  4. Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
  5. Kid industries
  6. Travel agency, tour operator

**Section 13. Resumption of work in government offices** - Work in government offices may be at full operational capacity, or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem appropriate in accordance with the relevant

rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations may resume full operations.

**Section 14. Curfew** - There shall be a curfew from 9:00 PM to 4:00 AM imposed within the province. Individuals tasked to carry out medical, emergency, and peace and order functions are exempted from the curfew. The PNP and the respective Barangay units shall assist respective LGUs in the implementation of this Order.

**Section 15. Separability** - In any event that any provision of this Order or any part hereof is declared invalid, contrary to law, or unconstitutional, the provisions not thereby affected shall remain in force and effect.

**Section 16. Repeal** - All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 17. Effectivity** - This Order shall take effect immediately.

**SO ORDERED.**

**DONE** this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2020 in Borongan City, Eastern Samar.

  
**BEN P. EVARDONE**  
Governor