



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Eastern Samar

## Office of the Provincial Governor

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BPE 04-21, SERIES OF 2020

#### AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN EASTERN SAMAR UNTIL APRIL 30, 2020 WITH MODIFICATIONS

**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**, the Provincial Health Office and the Inter-Agency Task Force recommend the extension of the community quarantine in the province in order to fully suppress the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic in our territorial jurisdiction;

**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. Extension of the General Community Quarantine** - The General Community Quarantine over the Province of Eastern Samar is hereby extended until 11:59 p.m. of April 30, 2020. Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8 of Executive Order BPE 03-015, Series of 2020 shall remain in full force and effect insofar as it is not in conflict with this Order.

**Section 2. Regulation of Activities and Business Operations** - The following activities, events, and operations shall be regulated as follows:

- a. All forms of assemblies, social gatherings, concerts, public events, and parties are prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Government may hold conferences, meetings, or public sessions that are deemed essential to the general welfare of the constituents.

- b. Business establishments, entertainment centers, and similar places that are considered to have a high risk of COVID-19 transmission shall suspend or stop their operations, such as, but not limited to:
  - 1. Cockpits, cockfighting coliseums, internet cafes, BINGO and other similar gaming establishments;
  - 2. Nightclubs, bars, beer houses and similar establishments;
  - 3. Hotels and pension/lodging houses offering accommodations;
  - 4. Public swimming pools, and beach resorts;
  - 5. Recreation, sports and training facilities, and gyms;
  - 6. Other establishments where social and physical distancing cannot be observed.
  
- c. All other business establishments and industries not included in the above enumeration shall be allowed to resume operations, provided they adhere to the following protocols:
  - 1. Direct all their workers to wear masks (i.e. reusable, washable, improvised) at all times, and prohibit employees from reporting to work if or when they manifest COVID-19-like symptoms;
  - 2. Observe social and physical distancing measures and regulate the entry of customers to avoid crowding;
  - 3. Observe proper hygiene and sanitation measures (i.e. setting up hand-washing areas, use of gloves by cashiers); and
  - 4. Implement minimal deployment, skeletal workforce, or alternative work arrangements wherein none of their workers shall need to travel in and out of Eastern Samar.
  
- d. The sale, purchase, or trade of liquor and other alcoholic beverages within the province is likewise prohibited.
  
- e. Restaurants, food/snack houses, coffee shops, cafes, and diners may operate provided they shall only accept take-out and delivery orders.
  
- f. All daily wage earners employed by authorized establishments or entities, including, but not limited to, construction companies may resume work provided they practice social distancing and other health protocols (i.e. wearing of face masks and regular washing of hands)

**Section 3. No Sail Policy; Exceptions** – Consistent with the directive of the Philippine Coast Guard, the No Sail Policy shall be enforced within the coastlines of Eastern Samar except those provided under the Inter-Agency Task Force Guidelines.

Provided that the crew on board shall observe proper health protocols including social distancing and proper hygiene.

Provided further that if the vessel originates from a place where there are confirmed cases of COVID-19, its crew must undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine to be certified by the authorized Quarantine Officer, in coordination with the Rural Health Unit and Provincial Health Office.

**Section 4. Importation and exportation** - Importation and exportation of goods and commodities shall not be allowed without a valid permit from concerned government agencies.

**Section 5. Mandatory wearing of face masks** - All are directed to wear face masks (i.e. reusable, washable, improvised) in public places.

**Section 6. Suspension of Classes** - Classes in all levels of public and private schools in Eastern Samar are suspended for the duration of this Executive Order.

**Section 7. Government Work** - All government agencies operating within the province are mandated to continue implementing alternative work arrangements in line with Civil Service Memorandum Circular No. 07 Series of 2020, which provides for the directives and guidelines, primarily intended to address the spread of COVID-19 throughout the country.

**Section 8. 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 9. Repeal** - All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 10. Effectivity** - This Order shall take effect immediately

**SO ORDERED.**

DONE this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 in Borongan City, Eastern Samar.

  
**BEN P. EVARDONE**  
Governor