

Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2022

AN ORDER ADOPTING THE NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION AS ALERT LEVEL 1

WHEREAS, Iligan City has been placed under ALERT LEVEL 1 from April 1 to April 15, 2022 as per latest IATF announcement, which refers to areas wherein case transmission is low and decreasing, total bed utilization rate, intensive care unit utilization rate is low, and Vaccination has reach 70% Herd Immunity;

WHEREAS, upon Iligan's recent classification under *IATF ALERT LEVEL 1* there is a need to realign its policies with national guidelines and further strengthen its measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the reclassification is due to the combined and never-ending effort of the Local IATF, National Government agencies and Local Government Unit of Iligan City especially the City Health Office. The challenge is great but the effort is greater;

WHEREAS, the City remains adherent to national IATF directives balanced with the constitutional policy¹on true autonomy of the local government unit as the authority directly responding to the ground situation in real time;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor, for the efficient, effective and economical governance the purpose of which is the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, shall carry out emergency measures as may be necessary during man-made and natural disasters and calamities:²

WHEREAS, LGUs are mandated to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare and delivery of basic services to their constituents;³

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CELSO G. REGENCIA, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as the City Mayor of Iligan, do hereby order:

Section 1. Declaration of Policy and Reiteration of Personal Protocols. The highest attainable standard of health is not a just fundamental right but a personal duty. The City thus declares as its policies that –

- a. Parallel to the City's Covid-19 Prevention Response, individual compliance to personal hygiene and health protocols must never relax, and must now be reiterated, including but not limited to hand sanitizing, mask-wearing, and physical distancing at all times;
- b. That these protocols are *minimum* public health standards. Substantial compliance is not acceptable; only complete and thorough observance will serve;
- c. That defeat of the virus requires nothing less than a tri-effort between the City, the Barangay, and its citizens. The Punong Barangay and his officials are called upon to monitor gathering places, identified drinking session spots, restaurants, bars, establishments, streets, and public venues within their barangay which are high-density areas in order to strictly implement social distancing protocols.⁴

¹Section 25 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

² Pursuant to Section 455 (b) (1) (vii) of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160),

³according to the provisions of Sections 16 and 17, RA 7160.

Under Alert Level 1, the National IATF mentioned restrictions in terms of indoor and outdoor capacities. Everyone can undertake intrazonal and interzonal travel without regard to age and even comorbidities, but subject to the presentation of documentary requirements. All establishments, persons, or activities are likewise allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken at total on-site or venue seating capacity, provided these are consistent with minimum public health standards.

Section 2. Limited Face-to-Face classes. Schools and divisions must secure the concurrence of the Local Chief Executive and must also have taken the proper coordination with their respective barangay officials.

Schools must comply and apply the main protocols and standards in the DepEd-DOH Joint Memorandum.

Applicant schools must obtain prior approval from the IATF with strict compliance with the documentary requirements. This is without prejudice to other mandatory requirements as directed by government agencies such as the Department of Education.

The Local IATF, must conduct due diligence before approving the request, such as but not limited to the conduct of interviews, ocular inspection and the like. Reasonable method must be employed in order to ensure the safety of both the teachers and students, before approving the request.

The following are reiterated guidelines for Face-to-Face Classes:

- Only Teachers and staff vaccinated with Booster Dose may participate in the Face-to-Face classes;
- 2) Only Students who are vaccinated may participate, to be specific:
 - a. 17 years old and below must be fully vaccinated;
 - b. 18 years old and above must have booster dose.
- 3) Teachers, school staff and students must have Well-fitted masks worn properly at all times, whether outdoors or indoors, including in private or public transportation, except for the following instances:
 - Eating and drinking;
 - ii. Participating in team and individual sports in venues where ventilation standards can be maintained
 - iii. Practicing outdoor sports/exercise activities where physical distance can be maintained.

Section 3. Operation of Establishments. All establishments, persons, or activities, are allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken at full on-site or venue/seating capacity provided that participants have received Covid-19 Booster dose; and it is consistent with minimum public health standards:

- a. Install/maintain hand hygiene and sanitation facilities with the following: i. Adequate and safe water supply ii. Hand washing station or sink iii. Soap and water or 70% Isopropyl (or Ethyl) Alcohol iv. Hands-free trash receptacles.
- Regularly disinfect high-risk areas such as but not limited to areas for gatherings, highly touched surfaces, and frequently visited areas such as entrance and exit points, restrooms, hallways, elevators using Food and Drug Administration (FDA)approved disinfectants.

⁴ Pursuant to Sec. 389B, paragraph c) of RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, the Punong Barangay is required to "Maintain public order in the Barangay and, in pursuance thereof, assist the city or municipal mayor and the sanggunian members in the performance of their duties and functions," relative to the powers of the barangay to promote general welfare.

- c. Designate a Safety and Health Officer/s who shall ensure, monitor, and evaluate proper implementation and strict observance of the minimum public health standards.
- d. Prepare a contingency plan for the establishment which shall include coordination with the local government and health care provider networks, management of staff and visitors with COVID-19 symptoms, processes for establishment lockdown and disinfection, and alternative processes in case of escalation of Alert Level status.
- e. All establishments shall ensure implementation of national protocols on the proper use, handling, and disposing of appropriate personal protective equipment.

Section 4Government Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall remain to be fully operational and shall adhere to 100% on-site capacity while applying work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, as stipulated in Civil Service Rules on Alternative Work Arrangements in the Government.

Section 5. Transactions With the Local Government Unit, shall require the presentation of the Vaccination Card with booster doseor presentation of negative RT-PCR valid for 72 hours; Private Agencies within the City are encouraged to do likewise.

Section 6. The Safety Seal Certification Program of the national government to mark their compliance with minimum public health standards is encourage for all establishments.

Section 7.Intrazonal And Interzonal Travel shall be allowed subject to the reasonable restrictions based on age and comorbidities, Regulation on entry of residents and non-residents from within the region and other regions:

- a. All land-based transport terminals are to ensure the compliance to sanitary standards, among others, that are set in accordance with Republic Act No. 11311 otherwise known as An Act to Improve Land Transportation Terminals, Stations, Stops, Rest Areas and Roll-On/Roll-Off Terminals, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
- b. For maritime and public transport operating in and out of Alert Levels 1 areas, the passenger capacity will be at 100%.
- c. The use of acrylic and/or plastic dividers shall not be required.
- d. The use of the Safe, Swift and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) travel management system shall like;

Section 8. Curfew Hours shall be from 12:00AM to 4:00AM. Travelers from other cities arriving within the curfew hours shall present valid travel documents.

Section 9. Mass Gatherings. Individuals, employees, customers, and participants shall be required to present proof of booster dose for Covid-19 or negative RT-PCR test or Rapid Antigen Test valid for 72 hours before participating in mass gatherings or entry into establishments or activities:

- A. All indoor dine-in services or food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, eateries and outdoor or al fresco dining and take out channels;
- B. All indoor personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology and other similar procedures including home service options;
- **C.** Fitness studios, gyms and venues for exercise and sports;

- D. All indoor cinemas or movie houses operating at full capacity;
- E. Meetings, incentives, conferences, exhibition events and permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- F. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls and theaters:
- G. Indoor ancillary establishments in hotels and other accommodation establishments;
- H. Conduct of team sports, contact sports, tournaments, leagues and similar activities requires that all participants, umpires, coaching staff, members, among others shall present proof of booster dose or negative RT-PCR/ Rapid Antigen Test result valid for 72 hours at the expense of the participants also allowed
- I. Recreational activities with valid permits and license issued by appropriate government agencies;
- J. Ceremonies, rituals or religious gatherings;
- K. Necro-logical services, wakes, inurnment and funerals for those who died of causes other than Covid-19, may be conducted for a maximum period of 9 days only. Beyond such period, permission from the Local IATF should be obtained first. Remains of the Covid-19 deceased are buried or cremated within 12 hours from time of death.
- L. and Venues for election-related events. In addition, the participating candidates and supporters shall comply the issuances of the COMELEC, DILG, DOH and IATF relative to election activities.

Section 10.Manufacturing, issuance, use and distribution of fake vaccine cards and allied documents. The issuance, manufacturing, use and distribution of fake vaccine cards and other allied documents is penalized by Article 172 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended by R.A. No. 10951, and we quote:

- "Art. 172. Falsification by private individual and use of falsified documents. The penalty of prison correctional in its medium and maximum periods and a fine of not more than One million pesos (₱1,000,000.00) shall be imposed upon:
- "1. Any private individual who shall commit any of the falsifications enumerated in the next preceding article in any public or official document or letter of exchange or any other kind of commercial document:
- "2. Any person who, to the damage of a third party, or with the intent to cause such damage, shall in any private document commit any of the acts of falsification enumerated in the next preceding article; and
- "3. Any person who shall knowingly introduce evidence in any judicial proceeding or to the damage of another or who, with the intent to cause such damage, shall use any of the false documents embraced in the next preceding article, or in any of the foregoing subdivisions of this article, shall be punished by the penalty next lower in degree."

The City Legal Office, City Administrator's Office, City Health Office are hereby directed to conduct swift investigation and to cooperate with the PNP to prosecute these offenders.

Lawyers, Juris Doctors, and paralegals employed as Job Orders or on Contract of Service in the City of Iligan are directed to assist the above-mentioned offices in the preparation of pleadings, motions, and other legal processes, provided that the assistance mentioned shall not be in conflict with their main functions.

Section 11.Reportorial Requirement of Private Establishments. Private establishments are encouraged to retain a machine copy of vaccine cards of all their employees. Such copy must be placed in a neatly prepared container and made ready for inspection by the government authorities allowed to perform the inspection.

Section 12.Inspection of Establishments: The Local Price Coordinating Council (LPCC) is directed to conduct inspection on all establishments selling basic commodities to see to it that prices of basic commodities (including medicines) are not grossly in excess of its true worth, and to prevent hoarding, profiteering, and cartel.

These establishments are reminded that if committed, they will be penalized under Section 15, Republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as "THE PRICE ACT";

Sec. 13. Penalty for Acts of Illegal Price Manipulation. — Any person who commits any act of illegal price manipulation of any basic necessity or prime commodity under Section 5 hereof shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment for a period of not less than five (5) years nor more than Fifteen (15) years, and shall be imposed a fine of not less than five thousand pesos (P5,000) nor more than Two million pesos (P2,000,000).

Section 14.Violations of any applicable provision stipulated herein shall be dealt with in accordance with existing pertinent laws, orders, rules, and regulations, such as but not limited to Republic Act 11332, City Ordinance No. 20-6952, other relevant issuances and orders.

First Offense - P1,000.00 or Community Service;

Second Offense -P2,000.00:

Third Offense -P3,000.00 or imprisonment for not less than 3 days but not

more than 5 days or both at the discretion of the court

Section 14. Enforcement. — All Barangay Officials, Barangay Tanods, Purok Officials, Civil Security Unit (CSU) Personnel, City Mayor's Office- Multi Task Force, Anti Littering Task Force (ALTF) Personnel, Market Police, Civilian Volunteers, BPAT, Members of the Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Joint Task Force Kamagong-Iligan(JTFKI) are hereby mandated to implement the City Ordinance 20-6952 and are authorized to issue Citation Tickets against persons caught violating any provision of the Ordinance;

Section 16. The Emergency Operation Command Center shall continue to function and coordinate and/or consolidate courses of action using the Incident Command System (ICS) with the various Task Forces/Clusters through the local IATF-MEID-IMT for COVID-19 to address any incident that may arise during pandemic;

Section 17. All previous executive orders inconsistent with this order is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

This Order shall take effect on the 12:01 am of $\frac{7\text{th}}{}$ day of April ,2022 until recalled, set aside, or revoked by the undersigned.

Done this 6th of April 2022, in Iligan City, Philippines.