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**ORDERING THE IMPOSITION OF STRINGENT MEASURES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CURFEW IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, STATE OF CALAMITY AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LUZON-WIDE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.**

**WHEREAS**, appropriate actions to effectively address the issues and concerns arising from the growing threat of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 in the country are being undertaken to prevent its negative impacts on local and national health, social development, economy, public safety and order;

**WHEREAS**, due to the increasing number of persons infected with coronavirus 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency followed by the imposition of an enhanced community quarantine in the entire Luzon area and then the promulgation of Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity in the entire country;

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned initiatives of the government to respond to the threat brought about by the coronavirus is a mandate under Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution which provides that it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

**WHEREAS**, the "General Welfare Clause" of the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers local governments, pursuant to its police powers delegated by the state, to promote the public health and well-being of its people through the enactment and implementation of appropriate measures that will protect and enhance public health, safety and convenience, maintain peace and order and promote the general prosperity of its inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the role of Local Government Units is very crucial in all stages of preparedness and response actions against COVID-19 in their respective areas of jurisdictions thus, the assignment by the President through the DILG to every LGU the duties and responsibilities in accordance with its mandates, to implement at the local level various orders, directives, guidelines and policies for the prevention and control of possible widespread of the disease in the country;

**WHEREAS**, in separate Advisories, the DILG declared that curfews has to be construed as being in effect for the twenty-four (24) hours of the day pursuant to the general purpose of the Enhanced Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that the very purpose of the Enhanced Community Quarantine is to protect the lives and health of our people by containing the disease and preventing it from spreading any farther. This purpose could be attained by limiting people's movements and undertaking other preventive measures and such other actions to respond to their needs, but while we are under this (ECQ) situation, we must also carry out appropriate actions in accordance with the curfew being imposed to maintain peace and order and to protect our inhabitants against unscrupulous persons and criminal elements who might be exploiting the situation to the detriment of our people;

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**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I. **ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby **ORDER** as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to the directives of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, *curfews are to be construed as being in effect for the twenty-four (24) hours of the day pursuant to the general intent of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.* Corollary, strict home quarantine shall be imposed and therefore, non-essential travel by residents is discouraged except when such travel or movement is necessary to access basic necessities such as food and essential health supplies and services. In such case, only one designated individual per household shall be allowed to travel outside their homes. Provided further that said designated individual must first secure a quarantine pass or travel authority from their respective barangays. Provided finally that as per arrangement during the joint MDRRMC and LIGA meeting held on March 17, 2020, the Municipal Government shall provide three vehicles to transport designated household individuals to and from Baguio City to purchase food and medicine and such other essential commodities on the day assigned for each barangay subject to strict observance of the guidelines on social distancing and health and sanitation protocols.

**Section 2.** In relation to the preceding section, the elderly or senior citizens shall not be allowed to travel outside their respective homes unless extremely needed such as when an elderly person has to undergo medical examinations or medical procedures to the nearby health facilities or hospitals. Generally, only one household member is allowed to accompany the patient. In this case, the matter must be coordinated to the Municipal Health Office for the provision of the municipal ambulance for this purpose.

**Section 3.** Checkpoints already established shall remain operational at the entire duration of the quarantine period. Barangay officials and barangay tanods shall augment the number of health personnel, PNP and other law enforcement agencies assigned in these checkpoints. Proper health, safety and inspection protocols must be observed and no human rights violations must be committed by any personnel duly assigned at the checkpoints.

**Section 4.** In accordance with national directives and DTI Memorandum No. 6, series of 2020, all cargos carrying food and non-food items, including transport vehicles of business establishments allowed to operate going to and from the municipality shall be allowed entry and exit. Similarly, the following frontline workers shall be provided unrestricted entry from their residences to their place of work and vice versa:

- a. All DOH officials and staff;
- b. All health and service personnel stationed at LGU health facilities;
- c. All Philippine Red Cross Staff and vehicles bearing the Red Cross logo and with Red Cross identification;
- d. Core staff from the WHO country and Regional Office; and
- e. All medical professionals, hospital administrative staff and aides from private facilities, as well as their transportation service provider

In addition to the foregoing, municipal vehicles on official business, vehicles granted quarantine pass or permit to transport residents to avail essential goods, products and health services, ambulances including private vehicles or public utility vehicles on emergency trip and duly authorized to transport patients, fire trucks, police and military vehicles shall be allowed entry and exit.

**Section 5.** All business establishments not specifically exempted under Section 6 hereof are hereby ordered **CLOSED** pursuant to the guidelines issued by the national



government through the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease and its member-agencies.

**Section 6.** In accordance with national guidelines governing the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine, business establishments that provide and/or manufacture basic necessities such as food, medicine, water, banking and remittance centers, power, energy, and telecommunications shall remain operational subject however to the strict implementation and observance of proper health and safety protocols and strict adherence to the social distancing directives within the business area. Provided further that the operational hours for sari-sari stores, eateries or restaurants and other similar establishments shall be subject to the provisions under the subsequent sections.

**Section 7.** The following measures shall be imposed from Nine O'clock in the evening (9:00 pm) up to Five O'clock of the following morning (5:00 am):

1. No one shall be allowed to roam around, loiter or stay in public places such as public roads, waiting sheds, covered courts, plazas, parks, playgrounds, open spaces and on all public access. Along this line, residents shall remain at home except in emergency cases such as in bringing a sick member to hospital, seeking neighborhood assistance to prevent imminent dangers and the like. Provided further that exception from this prohibition are the following:
  - a. Medical staffs, hospital and health workers and emergency response personnel to and from their respective duties;
  - b. Personnel or employees of business establishments that are allowed to operate under the guidelines issued by the national government who are waiting for their designated transport service to their respective workplace, or who has just ended their tour of duties and are bound for home. Provided however that said personnel or employee must be able to show proof of employment and his/her presence along public roads is work-related;
  - c. Persons seeking immediate medical assistance to the nearby health facilities;
  - d. Personnel and/or volunteers on duty at the Emergency Operations Centers;
  - e. Barangay officials and members of the Barangay Tanod who are conducting neighborhood watch or "ronda" in their respective barangays.
  - f. Authorized persons managing the checkpoints.
2. Sari-sari stores eateries/restaurants shall be closed to the public. Provided however that in case of health necessity, sari-sari stores selling over-the-counter medicines may be allowed to sell medicines to residents if needed. In this case, the household member sent to buy medicine at the store shall be exempted from the prohibition on this occasion only.
3. No vehicles shall be allowed entry or exit in the municipality except the following:
  - a. Vehicles transporting personnel and/or staff mentioned in items (a) to (e) under Section 4 of this Order.
  - b. Municipal vehicles on official business, ambulances including private vehicles or public utility vehicles on emergency trip and duly authorized to transport patients, fire trucks, police and military vehicles
4. Violators of the curfew will be arrested and shall be brought to the nearest police community precinct for profiling, interrogation and lecture on the purpose and objectives of the Enhanced Community Quarantine. If warranted under the circumstances, detention and filing of appropriate charges shall be imposed



against a certain person that was apprehended initially for violation of the curfew. In case of minors, application of applicable laws shall govern the management and handling of their case;

**Section 8.** The instructions to The Chief of Police and All Punong Barangays contained in the Memorandum issued by the Local Chief Executive on March 19, 2020 regarding the implementation of all orders, directives, guidelines and policies for the management of COVID-19 situation at the barangay levels shall continue to be in force and effect with the modification that subject to the 9:00 pm to 5:00 am closing time, "eateries, carinderias, restaurants and similar business establishments shall continue to operate but serving of foods shall be limited to TAKE OUT or in-house delivery basis only."

**Section 9.** The Itogon Municipal Police Station through the Chief of Police and all Punong Barangays shall ensure strict implementation of this Order in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

**Section 10. Separability Clause.** If for any reasons, this Order or parts hereof are declared invalid or unconstitutional by competent authority, parts hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

**Section 11. Repealing Clause.** All Executive Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 12. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020 at Itogon, Benguet.

  
**ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
Municipal Mayor

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