

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Benguet Municipality of Itogon

## OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.: 06** 

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## REQUIRING THE MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS OR OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC AREAS

Whereas Secretary EDUARDO M. AÑO of the Department of Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-071 dated 09 April 2020, addressed to all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, et.al., enjoining the mandatory wearing of face mask or other protective equipment in public areas;

Whereas wearing of face mask has been confirmed as one of the effective means of preventing transmission of COVID-19 thereby contributing to the effort of the government to prevent further increase in COVID-19 cases in the country;

Whereas the Municipality of Itogon is still under Enhanced Community Quarantine hence the need to implement the mandatory wearing of face masks in public areas;

Now therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as the Municipal Mayor of Itogon, Benguet, I, Atty. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, do hereby issue this Executive Order as follows:

 It shall be mandatory that all persons in the municipality shall wear face masks in public areas whenever they are allowed to go out of their homes at all times. Violation of this requirement shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws.

Due to the prevailing shortage of face mask supplies, residents are encouraged to wear improvised masks and other protective equipment such as indigenous, reusable or homemade or do-it-yourself masks, face shields and handkerchiefs, that can reduce risks of local transmission of COVID-19.

- 2. Livelihood associations and other entities in the municipality are encouraged to produce improvised face masks or other protective equipment to ensure sufficient supply of face masks in the municipality.
- 3. The Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19, through the Punong Barangays shall conduct regular monitoring to ensure compliance to this Executive Order for the duration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.
- 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

This 13th day of April 2020, Itogon, Benguet.

ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN

Municipal Mayor

Cc:

- All Punong Barangays
- All Departments/Sections
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