



EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 003 Series of 2021

ADOPTING PROTOCOLS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES TO GOVERN TOURISM-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY, TO REVIVE ECONOMY AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL, ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT, AND THE DINE - IN OF PERSONS IN RESTAURANTS FOR THE RE-OPENING OF ALL TOURISM SITES IN ITOGON.

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force IATF-MEID issued Resolution No.75-A that placed the entire Province of Benguet under Modified General Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2021, The Governor issued an Advisory, the general guidelines governing the operation of tourism sites and activities in the Province of Benguet;

WHEREAS, the National Government has now gradually easing up the restriction on industries in order to cope up with various economic impacts this pandemic has caused but not setting aside the treat of the virus and hence providing and mandating observance of public health standards and calling on coordination with the Local Government Unit;

WHEREAS, in a meeting of the Itogon Tourism Destination Management Sites Management Partners, IEC's and validation of the different destination in the municipality, protocols and guidelines were agreed relative to the regulation of tourism related activities that promote the health and wellness of persons;

WHEREAS, the tourism activities in the municipality that support said purpose should be reactivated subject to strict protocols and guidelines;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that municipalities shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to promotion of general welfare, health, and safety, including the provisions of services to control communicable diseases;

NOW THEREFOR, I ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, Municipal Mayor, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in by law, and congruent with the premise set forth above, do hereby order:

SECTION I. PERMITTED ACTIVITIES: Subject to the observances of applicable guidelines, permitted activities to revive economy and that will help promote the health and wellness of persons shall include, but not limited to the following:

1. Swimming
2. Trekking/Mt. Climbing
3. Biking (bicycling/Cycling)
4. Picnic, Camping and communing with nature
5. Pilgrimage and Religious Tours
6. Cultural Tour and Immersion
7. Meetings, Trainings/Seminars, Conferences
8. Dining

SECTION 2. ALLOWED TOURIST. Only Tourist coming from and who are residents of Baguio City, La Trinidad, Itogon, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay (BLISTT) area, shall be allowed entry and access to the 1300L swimming pool/resorts located in the municipality and for activities such Mt. Climbing/trekking, Camping, Picnic, Forest Bathing, Biking, Souvenir Shops/pasalubong centers and Dine-in to restaurants may cater to other local tourist in the country as long as they follow the regulations herein below-stated.

SECTION 3. GENERAL GUIDELINES. All establishments engaged in the permitted activities above mentioned shall be allowed to operate subject to the observance of the following general guidelines and protocols:

A. Health and Safety at the Workplace:

1. Ensure physical and mental resilience of all tourism workers by emphasizing daily health activities to stay fit, such as:
 - Eating nutritious and well-cooked food;
 - Drinking plenty of fluids and avoiding alcoholic beverages;
 - Increasing the body's resistance by having adequate rest and at least eight (8) hours of sleep; and
 - Regular exercise
2. All staff to secure health certificates from their respective health offices.
3. Mandatory declaration of health and whereabouts before every duty in case contact tracing becomes necessary
4. Daily body temperature checks using Thermal Scanners are to be undertaken for all staff. An employee with a temperature above 37.5 °Celsius and / or showing signs and symptoms of COVID19 will not be allowed to work and will be referred to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) for proper LGU response.
5. Provide referral for workers needing health check-up, counselling, or presenting with physical and mental health concerns.
6. Enjoin tourism operators to provide free medicines and vitamins for all staff, whenever possible.
7. All tourism personnel are to adhere to New Normal Guidelines as prescribe under DOH COVID-19 protocols (Annex B: DOH COVID-19 protocols), such as:
 - Regular washing of hands at least once every hour or after every encounter with guests; Regular and thorough handwashing with soap and water or hand hygiene with alcohol based hand-rub before starting work, before eating, frequently during the work shift, especially after contact with co-workers or customers, after going to the bathroom, after contact with secretions, excretions and body fluids, after contact with potentially contaminated objects (gloves, clothing, masks, used tissues, waste), and immediately after removing gloves and other protective equipment but before touching eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - Mandatory wearing of PPE such as, but not limited to face mask, face shield, gloves, and hair cap;
 - Observing good respiratory hygiene by covering the mouth and nose with a tissue or blowing into bent elbow when coughing or sneezing;
 - Avoid touching nose, mouth and eyes
 - Observe social distancing protocols in all parts of the establishment including cashier counter, beverage bar, kitchen and back areas, keeping the distance of 1.5 meters between personnel as recommended by the WHO;
 - Mandatory wearing of closed shoes. Disinfect the shoes by stepping on sanitized mats every time they enter the facility;
 - No wearing of pieces of jewelry (e.g., rings, bracelets, watches, earrings, exposed body piercings, etc.); and
 - Observance of proper personal hygiene (e.g. clipped fingernails, observance of company imposed personal sanitation, etc.).
8. Provide staff with the tools and information necessary regarding infection control.
9. Tourism Destination Management is to provide a basic sanitary kit in the facility containing the following:
 - Eco-friendly germicidal disinfectant for surface cleaning;



- Biohazard disposable waste bags;
- Bio-degradable soap for handwashing;
- 70% alcohol solution or alcohol-based hand sanitizers;
- Disposable face masks and gloves; and
- Tissue paper, napkins, or paper towels.

10. Tourism Destination Management is to protect the workforce by providing provisions for food, PPEs, and other essential commodities, lodging, and shuttle service as necessary.
11. Lifeguards on duty should not be hampered with other work obligations other than lifeguarding. Implementing New Normal health and safety regulation is to be assigned to other staff.
12. Tourism Destination Management is encouraged to continually assess current COVID - 19 related conditions or issues and implement closure or suspension of services should the threat of COVID - 19 be imminent or as management sees fit.

B. Health and Safety of Tourist/Guests:

1. All existing activity –specific standard operating procedures relating to client safety, not in conflict with any provisions under the New Normal and Health and Safety protocols and Health and Safety Guidelines to govern Tourism related activities are to be implemented.
2. Tourist/Guests are to adhere to the DOH health and safety protocols such as:
 - Declaration of a health form upon check-in;
 - Regular washing of hands;
 - Wearing of face mask;
 - Observing good respiratory hygiene by covering the mouth and nose with a tissue or blowing into bent elbow when coughing or sneezing;
 - Avoid touching nose, mouth and eyes;
 - Follow social distancing protocols of 1 meter per individual and / or 10-15 feet per tour group; and
 - Disinfecting the shoes by stepping on sanitized mats every time they enter the facility.
3. Tourist/Guests who feel they may not be physically capable of joining the tour or are feeling sick must inform the Tourism Destination Management personnel, Service Provider staff or Tour Guide, as the case may be, for proper handling and/or referral;
4. Body temperature checks using Thermal Scanners are to be undertaken for all guests by trained staff or medical personnel. Guests with temperature above 37.5 °Celsius and/or showing signs and symptoms of COVID - 19 are to be politely turned down from participating in the tour and will be referred to the BHERT for proper LGU response;
5. When already allowed to travel, children are to be accompanied by a parent/guardian to ensure compliance with the guidelines;
6. All Tourist/Guests and Tourism Personnel are encouraged to take responsibility for one another;
7. Tourism Destination Management should assign specific personnel to monitor guest compliance to the health and safety protocols;

C. General Guest Booking and Registration:

1. To ensure a limited number of guests in accordance with their New Carrying Capacity, the Tourism Destination Management and Tour Operators are to establish a pre-booking mechanism for their respective tourism destinations and encourage clients to pre-book before traveling;



2. To ensure limited physical contact and exposure between tourist/guests and tour staff, the Tourism Destination Management and Tour Operators are to provide online or text messaging registration and waiver forms, when possible;
3. For monitoring and possible contact tracing, the online registration form must include the following information:
 - Name of guest;
 - Age;
 - Sex;
 - Residential address;
 - Mobile or landline number;
 - Email address; and
 - Point of origin and recent travel history.
4. Safe bubble group travels are highly encouraged;
5. For bookings made through the Provincial, City and Municipal Tourism Offices or Tour Operators, the aforementioned offices and operators are to inform ahead the Tourism Destination Management of inbound guests to include the following information:
 - Number of guests;
 - Expected arrival date and time;
 - Place of origin; and
 - Point of origin.
6. Filled up registration and waiver forms should be given to the Tourism Destination Management upon arrival at destination;
7. Once on-site, all pre-booked guests are to check-in with Tourism Destination Management before participating in the tour;
8. Tourism Destination Management is to allocate the allowable number of vacant slots to accommodate walk-in guests or groups;
9. Walk-in clients must register and present all required documents to the visitor reception counter and undergo validation before being allowed entry/participation to the tour. Only one representative of the group shall be allowed to approach the reception counter and fill-out the registration form(s), waiver (if required), and health declaration form;
10. Pre-activity/tour orientation should be done in an area wide enough to allow physical distancing among the guests. The Guide/Activity Officer conducting the orientation must wear a face mask and observe at least two (2) meters distance from guests. The orientation should include the health and safety protocols put in place by the Philippine Government and the LGUs;

A. ACTIVITY BOOKING

A.1. To discourage walk-in guest, pre-booking must be done prior to visiting the site attraction or destination using the establishments contract numbers or online booking portals if present;

A. 2. A briefing by the establishments detailing on the rules and regulations to be followed, as well as a list of prescribed travel documents needed, shall be forwarded to guests upon confirmation of their bookings;

A.3 Tourist must be able to provide complete personal and travel information upon booking

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

1. For inbound tourist (non-residents of Benguet) they are required to present their RT-PCR negative COVID test results or prior or upon entry to the locality or have complied with the protocols of the City of Baguio;




2. For residents and locals, no document needed;
3. Tourists must be able to provide complete personal and travel information upon booking.

B. RECEPTION AREAS/STORE AREAS/DESTINATION WORKFORCE

- B.1. All personnel assigned at the reception area should wear a facemask and face shield. Physical distancing measures, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette must be observed when handling guests at the reception area;
- B.2. Official up-to-date information must be available at the reception area about travel to and from countries and/or other areas, including local destinations that are identified by the Department of Health (DOH) as high-risk in spreading the virus or disease;
- B.3. Health screening and other health protocols should be strictly observed. Temperature checks shall be administered to all guests upon entry. Those exhibiting influenza-like symptoms shall immediately be turned over to the Municipal Health Officer for proper management and handling. A room within the establishment shall be designated solely as isolation room or holding area for these guests;
- B.4. Physical distancing markers should be placed in visible areas with at least one (1) meter distance between each other to guide queuing guests;
- B.5. Footbaths must be placed at the entrance of the reception area, where guests shall be advised to disinfect their shoes;
- B.6. Acrylic or glass barriers may be set up at the front desks;
- B.7. Alcohol and alcohol-based hand sanitizers as well as tissue or paper towels must be made available by the establishments at all times;
- B.8. Washing areas must be visible from the entry point and within the premises of the reception area or pasalubong center;
- B.9. The reception area or the stall ground shall be regularly cleaned, disinfected, and sterilized after business hours;
- B.10. Signage's for the mandatory wearing of facemasks and face shields shall be placed at a visible and conspicuous areas of the establishments to remind the workers, employees, guests and customers to use them;
- B.11. There shall be a daily statistical report to be made and submitted to the local tourism officer on the number of tourists managed by the establishment. The local tourism officer should submit a collated monthly report to the Benguet Provincial Tourism Office.

C. BRIEFING AND ORIENTATION

- C.1. Guests must be provided with appropriate information on the prevailing disease, as well as the policies enforced by the establishment to reduce the risk and spread of the disease. Information materials on hand washing and respiratory etiquette, proper use of face mask and face shield, emergency contact numbers, among others;
 - C.2. Personnel briefing the guests and so with the guests shall wear face masks and face shields at all times;
 - C.3. Physical distancing shall be strictly observed at all times only 50% of the maximum seating capacity of the briefing area shall be occupied;
 - C.4. Floor markers shall be installed to guide guests in observing the physical distancing requirement.
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SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES. The following protocols and guidelines shall be observed by establishments engaged in the activities mentioned below:

A. SWIMMING

1. Install plastic shields at the cashier, counter, and store entrance;
2. Install sanitizing equipment such as disinfectant foot dips and handwashing area at the entrance;
3. Require guests and employees to use the installed sanitizing equipment before entry to the resort;
4. Provide a log book at the entrance on which name and ages of the guests will be recorded;
5. Implement the one-meter physical distancing inside the resort;
6. Implement “No spitting in & at the pool” policy;
7. Limit the use of steam baths to 2-4 persons at a time
8. Implement time limits in the use of steam pools/hot spa;
9. Remind guest and employees to properly discard used face mask and gloves;
10. Enforce opening time at 8:00 o’clock in the morning and closing time at 3:00 O’clock in the afternoon
11. Disallow peddlers inside the resort;
12. Disallow swimming accessories such as but not limited to floaters;
13. Disallow night swimming;
14. Disallow alcoholic beverages in the resort;
15. Ensure that “videoke” rentals shall be by contract basis only;
16. Coordinate with agencies/entities responsible for contact tracing when necessary; and
17. Practice other applicable precautionary measures in line with the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

B. GUIDING AND INSTRUCTING

1. Tourism Destination Management should ensure that community and site guides are DOT trained and accredited if possible;
2. All destination personnel and staff should do the “Mabuhay Gesture” as a sign of welcome;
3. Guides and instructors are to maintain physical distance with their guests at all times except when assisting their guests in difficult terrain and/or where the safety of their client may be compromised during critical situations. Handshakes, high fives, and other similar gestures between guests to guests and guests to guides is discouraged;
4. Guides and instructors must wear face masks at all times, except while in the water for water-related activities or swimming;
5. Tour Guides and instructors are to ensure tourist/guests will only use the same piece(s) of equipment (e.g. Personal Floatation Devices and other rental equipment if present) provided to them for the entire duration of the activity.

C. USE OF PUBLIC SPACES: SWIMMING POOLS, PARKS AND NATURE TRAILS:

Public spaces such as pools, parks, and nature trail, among others, usually do not have designated Tourism Destination Management that control their usage. This may pose danger from person - to-person contamination due to a lack of authority to impose the New Normal protocols. Because of this, the Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU)/BHERT are strongly encouraged to:

1. Monitor and implement on their respective places and other public spaces applicable health and safety protocols and other procedures set forth under these guidelines, such as but not limited to:
 - The imposition of a new carrying capacity to limit the number of people on their place and other public spaces to comply with social distancing requirements;
 - Impose physical distancing between groups of people and wearing of face masks;

- Encourage private pool property owners that rent-out picnic cottages to modify their existing facilities applying the three (3) meters physical distancing between kiosks, provision of adequate changing rooms, and maintaining cleanliness and sanitation following the New Normal Protocols; and
 - Ensure the provision of adequate restrooms in public parks and other similar frequently visited public areas and the maintenance of its cleanliness and sanitation following the New Normal Protocols.
2. Place highly visible signages and other messaging related to health and safety protocols on site.
 3. Enact Local Ordinances to better manage public spaces in relation to COVID - 19 prevention.

D. OVERNIGHT CAMPING:

Overnight camping may be allowed at designated areas as long as the following guidelines are implemented:

1. Distribute the tents in the campsite at least thirty (30) meters apart allowing for social distancing between groups of campers;
2. Limit the number of campers to ten (10) persons per group, and encourage campers to belong to the same household or safe bubble;
3. Provide adequate common use amenities allowing for social distancing and enhance cleaning protocols, such as but not limited to:
 - Potable running water;
 - Bathroom/shower facilities;
 - Functional restrooms; and
 - Communal cooking area.
4. Tourism Destination Management and/or BLGUs are to monitor their respective designated campgrounds and implement these New Normal Guidelines.

E. BIKING/BYCLING/CYCLING:

Bicycles are a fun and increasingly popular way to explore destinations. But whether you travel with your own bicycle or rent a bike from an on-demand kiosk or local vendor, it's important to know and follow the local biking rules before hitting the road:

E.1 Rules of Cycling (which can vary, depending on the track):

- E.1.1 Wear a helmet at all times, where the chin strap is securely fastened;
- E.1.2 Know (and use) left- and right-turn hand signals;
- E.1.3 Equip the bike with reflective materials when riding at night;
- E.1.4 Stick to the appropriate speed;
- E.1.5 Obey all traffic rules and regulations;
- E.1.6. Not ride on crosswalks or sidewalks, but only on bikeways;
 - Not cling to another vehicle;
 - Not carry more riders than the bike was designed for, unless they're on a towed seat or trailer;
 - Not carry anything on the bike unless it's on installed baskets, bags, racks, or trailers;
 - Not park in non-designated areas;
 - Not modify the bike in such a way that your handlebars are higher than your shoulders;



- Respect trail and road closures;
- Don't trespass on private land-get a permit or other required authorization;
- Never ride in protected areas

E.2 Road Cycling Rules

The basic rules that every cyclist must know if you want to practice cycling in route:

- Don't leave your bike unguarded for any reason;
- Always drive to the right end of the road;
- Always pass the other cyclists to the left;
- Indicate obstructions on the asphalt with the right hand. Raise your hand in case you need any assistance.
- Refrain from using headphones or music playback devices. This is one of the essential rules;
- Always wear a helmet. This protection can save your life;
- Always bring a contact phone number with you in case of an emergency;
- Rides of more than 2 hours certainly require you to have breakfast;
- Always carry your name identification, add an adhesive with your blood type. All contact information is useful in case of emergency.

F. PILGRIMAGE AND RELIGIOUS TOURS:

1. The pilgrim church Parish Priest should determine the number of persons they will accommodate for pilgrimage or religious tours according to the size of the church and the church grounds;
2. Transport services for organized pilgrimage or religious tours should conform with the Guidelines specified by DOTr in its Omnibus Public Transport Protocols to include proper social distancing, wearing of face masks, limiting the number of passengers, Thermal Scanning, etc. Said vehicles should be sanitized before the pilgrimage tour;
3. The pilgrim church Parish Priest should establish the schedules for the church tour and manage the flow of the pilgrims to promote orderly movement and avoid overcrowding;
4. The Shrine must designate properly marked ENTRANCE and EXIT doors so that pilgrims coming in will not come face to face with those going out. In open space shrines, where separate ENTRANCE and EXIT cannot be applied, pilgrims shall strictly observe ONE WAY direction, in single file and observe the KEEP RIGHT rule;
5. The pilgrim church / shrine should have the following health and safety amenities to include:
 - a. Hand washing area;
 - b. Footbath;
 - c. Thermal Scanner;
 - d. Foot markers indicating proper spacing for social distancing; and
 - e. Designated holding area for waiting pilgrims.
6. Before entering the Church, all must wear their face masks throughout the entire service, pass through the footbath, and have their hands sanitized either by washing or by alcohol or hand sanitizer;
7. Post signages to remind pilgrims about the health and safety protocols while inside the church/shrine/ open shrine;
8. Appropriate signage shall be placed in strategic areas of the church/shrine to remind the visitors of the correct behavior regarding taking of photos (e.g., no taking of selfies/groufies, no touching of artifacts, observing silence, etc.);
9. To keep proper social distancing, pilgrims must occupy the marked portion of the pews only;



10. Pilgrims shall not be allowed to touch, kiss and wipe religious and devotional images;
11. There will be no holding of hands in the recitation of the “Lord’s Prayer” and no handshakes in the “Kiss of Peace” portions of the Holy Mass;
12. In compliance with Diocesan guidelines, distributions of the Holy Host at Communion will be through the hand of each communicant and will be done by row with each communicant standing on the foot markers provided;
13. Foot markers shall also be strategically placed on the points of interest in the shrine, still conforming with the social distancing rule;

G. CULTURAL TOUR/IMMERSION

1. Pre-booking is highly encouraged;
2. Posting of information materials at the entrance and other prominent or conspicuous areas on the following:
 - Enforcement of a NO MASK, NO ENTRY policy;
 - Social distancing protocols of the farm;
 - Regular sanitation schedule and procedures;
 - Availability of alternative methods of payment, if applicable; and Client-personnel interaction protocols.
3. Management should establish the schedules of visit and manage the flow of the visitors to promote orderly movement and avoid overcrowding;
4. The management should provide the following health and safety amenities, to include but not limited to:
 - Hand washing area;
 - Footbath;
 - Thermal Scanner; and
 - A designated holding area for waiting guests
5. There should be a separate entrance and exit so that guests coming in will not come face to face with those going out;
6. Cultural Site/Facility management to provide a list packages which may include cultural immersion, food service and performances. Encourage tour operators/tourists to pre-book preferred packages;
7. Before entering the site, tourist/guests must wear their face masks and throughout the entire tour activity, pass through the footbath, and have their hands sanitized either by washing or by alcohol or hand sanitize;
8. **Meet, Greet, and Service Protocols**
 - a. **Site Personnel/Staff**
 - Do the “Mabuhay Gesture” as a sign of welcome;
 - Direct guests to the washbasin;
 - Conduct thermal scanning;
 - Spray alcohol on the hands of the guests; and
 - Distribute the health declaration form to the guests for them to fill-out and they may drop these in a receptacle brought to them by the personnel.
 - b. **Tour Guide**
 - Do the “Mabuhay Gesture” as a sign of welcome;



SECTION 5. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF DINE-IN SERVICES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT COVERED HEREIN.

In addition to the guideline INs prescribed by the DOT Memorandum Circular Nos. 2020-002, 2020-004, and DTI Memorandum Circular 20-37, as amended by DTI Memorandum Circular No. 20-39, Series of 2020, the following measures shall be observed;

1. Dine-in shall be limited to 75% of the establishment's full carrying capacity.
2. Buffet service shall be allowed only when;
 - a. Food service are present in the buffet area; and
 - b. All food trays are with food covers.
3. The kitchen and other food preparation areas as well as kitchen utensils and equipment shall be regularly sterilized.
4. Regular disinfection and sanitization of the restroom shall be observed.

SECTION 6. PROPER SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE TOURISM DESTINATIONS

Include a short orientation of the proper waste disposal for Tourist during onsite rules and regulation and prohibited acts:

1. Ensure proper waste segregation particularly on food and other residual adopting the proper color –coding scheme for garbage bags.
 - Green for Biodegradable wastes;
 - Black for Non-Biodegradable Wastes (residual waste)
 - Yellow for Medical and other Health Care Wastes (this includes use/damage face mask and face shields)
2. All Tourist specially trekkers/campers must observe "Clean as you go Policy" at all times at the site


SECTION 7. ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT

All accommodation establishments must secure a certificate of Authority to Operate (CAO) from the Department of Tourism and a Special Permit to Operate from the local government unit having jurisdiction over the establishment. The CAO shall be a prerequisite to the issuance of a Special Permit to Operate.

The operation of accommodation establishment shall strictly observed the guidelines under DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2020-004, and DTI Memorandum Circular no. 20-37, as amended by DTI Memorandum Circular No.20-39, Series of 2020.

SECTION 8. MONITORING. There shall be created Safety Protocols Monitoring Team headed by the Municipal Health Officer with members composed of the Municipal Tourism Action Officer (MTAO) Designate, Business Permit Licencing Officer (BPLO), Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer (MDRRMO) and the Itogon Philippine National Police. They shall be designated as the security and safety officers charged with overseeing all tourist-related activities and the enforcement of the prescribed guidelines, safety and health protocols.

SECTION 9. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For the purpose of these Guidelines, the term:

- a.) **CONTACT TRACING.** Refers to the Identification, listing, assessment and monitoring of persons who may have come into close contact with a confirmed COVID – 19 case (DOH DM NO. 2020-0439)
 - b.) **COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** The restriction of movement within, into, or out of the area of quarantine of individuals, large groups of people, or communities designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 among persons in and out of the affected area.
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- c.) **ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ).** Refers to the implementation of temporary measures imposing stringent limitations on movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols. (IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021)
- d.) **GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ).** The implementation of temporary measures that limit the movement and transportation, regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols. (IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021)
- e.) **MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ).** The transition phase between GCQ and New Normal when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary such as limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols. (IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines updated as of 18 February 2021).
- f.) **NEW NORMAL.** Refers to the emerging behaviours, situations and minimum public health standards that will be institutionalized in common or routine practice and remain even after the pandemic while disease is not totally eradicated through means such as widespread immunization (IATF- EID Omnibus Guidelines)
- g.) **BARANGAY HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (BHERT).** A DOH-organized teams composed of an Executive Officer, a Barangay Tanod, and Two Barangay Health Workers, one of whom is preferably a Nurse or Midwife.
- h.) **PHYSICAL DISTANCING or SOCIAL DISTANCING.** Refers to the strict maintenance of a distance of atleast 1 meter radius between persons on a public setting.
- i.) **TOURIST ATTRACTION.** Refers to a place of interest where tourist visit, typically for its inherent and/or exhibited natural or cultural value, historical significance, natural or man-made features, offering themed rides and attractions.
- j.) **PARKS.** Refer to an area of natural, semi-natural or planted space set aside for human enjoyment and recreation or for protection of wildlife or natural habitats. Theme parks, water parks and other amusement parks shall be considered part of this definition.
- k.) **CARRYING CAPACITY.** The computed number of persons that can be accommodated in a certain natural site to lessen the environmental impact of the tourism activity in the area.
- l.) **NEW CARRYING CAPACITY.** The allowable number of individuals in a given location concerning restriction posed by the threat of COVID-19 and the environmental impact posed by the tourism activity.
- m.) **NATURAL SITES.** Refer to natural features, geological and physiographical formations and delineated areas that constitute the habitat of threatened species of animals and plants and sites of value from the point of view of science, conservation or natural beauty. It includes nature parks and reserves, zoos, aquana and botanical gardens.
- n.) **CYCLING.** Also called bicycling or biking, is the use of bicycles for transport, recreation, exercise or sport.
- o.) **DOT ACCREDITATION.** A certification issued by the DOT to any tourism enterprise that officially recognizes it as having complied with the minimum standards for the operation of tourism facilities and services.
- p.) **ENGINEERING CONTROLS.** The modifications or physical interventions in spaces or environments that are meant to prevent the spread of infectious diseases

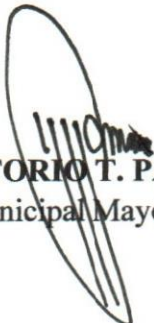
- q.) **MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.** The guidelines set by the Department of Health (DOH), as well as sector-relevant guidelines to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications, and other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID19.
- r.) **OPERATIONAL CAPACITY.** The maximum number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment. (IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines)
- s.) **SAFE BUBBLE.** A group of individuals who belong to the same household or group and are confirmed to be non-virus carriers and have the necessary health certification issued by the appropriate agency.
- t.) **PLACE OF ORIGIN.** The current or home address of an individual visitor.
- u.) **POINT OF ORIGIN.** The place where an individual visitor originated from before arriving at the destination.
- v.) **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.** The protective garments or equipment worn by an individual to increase personal safety from infectious agents.
- w.) **TOURISM DESTINATION MANAGEMENT.** A group of people responsible for the development and daily operation of tourism sites and their activities, which can be LGU-led, Private Sector, People's Organization or a mix of the three.
- x.) **TOURIST SERVICE PROVIDERS.** Transport companies, hospitality companies, travel agents, tour operators, transport groups and other tourism-related companies directly involved in servicing tourists' needs.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVELY.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance. However, the operating of specific activities shall be subject to the readiness of the establishment and the safety Protocols Monitoring Team.

A certificate certifying the readiness of the establishment to open the tourism activity shall be issued by the Office of the Municipal Mayor through the recommendation of the Safety Protocols Monitoring Team.

Done and issued this 19th day of March, 2021, at Poblacion, Itogon, Province of Benguet.


ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN
Municipal Mayor

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