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Province of Eastern Samar

## Office of the Provincial Governor

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. BPE 04-024, SERIES OF 2020

#### AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN EASTERN SAMAR UNTIL MAY 15, 2020 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**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**, it is anticipated that there will be an influx of Estehanons coming from Metro Manila to the province once the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon is lifted;

**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 May 15, 2020. The provisions 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. Mandatory Quarantine** - All persons coming to Eastern Samar, regardless of origin, shall be required to undergo mandatory quarantine for a period of 14

days. This shall be implemented and monitored by their respective municipalities or city.

**Section 3. Restriction on movement of people** - The movement of all persons in areas placed under GCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder. Provided, that movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.

**Section 4. Mandatory wearing of face masks** - All persons are mandated to wear face masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof, which can effectively lessen the transmission of covid-19, whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government.

Component LGUs are hereby enjoined to issue the necessary executive order or ordinance to that effect and to provide fair and humane penalties.

**Section 5. Regulation of Activities and Business Operations** - Pursuant to existing IATF guidelines, the following industries, establishments, and activities are allowed to operate:

A. Agriculture

- Agriculture and fisheries and its entire value chain, including manufacturing of feeds and fertilizers and pesticides

B. Industry

- Manufacturing and processing plants and the entire value chain (raw materials, inputs, including packaging, of the following:

1. All food and Medical Products:

- a) Essential Hygiene Products
- b) Soap, detergents, shampoo and conditioners
- c) Diapers, feminine hygiene products, tissue, wipes/toilet paper
- d) Disinfectants
- e) Medicines and vitamins
- f) Medical Products (PPEs, Masks, Gloves)
- g) Pet/Animal food
- h) Beverages

2. Cement and steel

3. Electrical machinery

4. Wood Products, furniture

5. Non-metallic products

6. Textiles/Wearing apparels

7. Tobacco products

8. Paper products

9. Rubber and plastic products

10. Petroleum products

11. Other non-metallic mineral products
12. Computer, electronic, and electrical products
13. Electrical equipment
14. Machinery equipment
15. Motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers
16. Other transport equipment

### C. Services

1. Hospitals and medical clinics
2. Dental and EENT clinics (with strict health standards)
3. Retail establishments (groceries, supermarkets, hypermarkets, convenience stores, public markets, pharmacies and drug stores, hardware stores, clothing and accessories, and non-leisure stores)
4. Food preparations and water refilling stations
5. Logistics service providers (cargo handling, warehousing, trucking, freight forwarding, and shipping line)
6. Delivery services, whether or not e-commerce platforms, in-house or outsourced, transporting only food, water, medicine, pet food, hardware products, or other basic necessities
7. Delivery services, whether or not e-commerce platforms, in-house or outsourced, for products other than above, such as clothing and accessories, and office supplies
8. Banks and capital markets
9. Power, energy, water, IT and telecommunications supplies and facilities, waste disposal services and its technical services
10. Electricity, gas, steam, and air-conditioning supply
11. Postal and courier activities
12. Water collection, treatment and supply
13. Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; except materials recovery (junk shop)
14. Sewerage (except emptying of septic tanks)
15. Veterinary activities
16. Repair and installation of machinery and equipment
17. Repair of computers and personal and household goods
18. Services to buildings and landscape activities (except landscape care)
19. Employment activities (manpower services for essential activities)
20. Security and investigation activities
21. Programming and broadcasting activities
22. Rental and leasing activities (except for entertainment/mass gathering purposes)
23. Accommodation (used as quarantine facilities for Overseas Filipino Workers and Overseas Filipinos, as well as

- temporary accommodation for essential industries such as Healthcare Facilities, Banks, BPOs, exporters and other frontline service sectors)
24. Services to buildings and landscape activities (except landscape care)
  25. Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas
  26. Gasoline stations
  27. Laundry shops (including self-service)
  28. Funeral services
  29. Barbershops, salon, spas, and other personal care industries
  30. Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
  31. Construction and Build Build Build (BBB) projects
  32. Forestry and logging
  33. Publishing activities, motion picture, video and television program production, sound recording and music publishing activities
  34. Advertising and market research
  35. Real estate activities (except real estate buying and selling)
  36. Office administrative, office support and other business activities
  37. Legal and accounting
  38. Insurance, Reinsurance, and Pension Funding, except Compulsory Social Security
  39. Architecture and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis
  40. Scientific and research development
  41. Other professional, scientific, and technical activities
  42. Social work activities without accommodation
  43. Government office - frontline offices

D. Export:

1. Export companies (with temporary accommodation and shuttle services; Work-from-home)
2. Mining and quarrying

**Section 6. Prohibited activities and industries** - Pursuant to the IATF guidelines, the following activities and industries shall NOT be permitted to operate during the GCQ:

1. Gyms/fitness studios and sports facilities
2. Entertainment-related mass gatherings, including but not limited to: theaters, cinemas, large concerts, festivals, carnivals, conventions, shows, pubs and bars
3. Business-related mass gathering, including but not limited to: Trade shows, conferences, conventions, workshops, retreats
4. Politically-related mass gatherings, including but not limited to: election rallies, polling centers, parades, speeches/addresses

5. Sports-related mass gathering, including but not limited to: trainings, games, tournaments, championships
6. Libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural activities
7. Gambling and betting activities
8. Travel agency, tour operator, reservation service and related activities
9. Activities of membership organizations
10. The sale, purchase, or trade of liquor and other alcoholic beverages within the province is likewise prohibited.
11. All forms of mass assemblies, religious gatherings, concerts, public events, and parties are prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Government may hold meetings that are deemed essential to the general welfare of its constituents.

**Section 7. Regulation on fiestas** - In celebration of fiestas, socio-civic activities and public gatherings (i.e. cockfights, *sarayaw*, parade, religious gatherings, sports tournaments, ball games, ferias, *baratilyos*, pageants) are prohibited. Individual families may celebrate fiestas in their private homes.

Visitors are highly discouraged from attending fiesta celebrations.

This regulation shall remain in effect until the state of national emergency is lifted by the national government.

**Section 8. Restriction on movement of minors, senior citizens and other vulnerable groups** - All persons below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.

**Section 9. Exceptions for senior citizens under GCQ** – As an exception to the rule that no senior citizens may be allowed to go out of their homes, the following may be allowed to go outside provided that they wear face masks and practice social distancing:

1. Senior citizens living alone, for purposes of buying food and basic necessities;
2. Those working or are employed, provided they show proof of employment;
3. Those going out for exercise and sunlight, only between 5:00am and 7:00am.

For ease of implementation, component LGUs may provide IDs to senior citizens qualified to go outside under subsections 1 and 2 above.

**Section 10. Regulated operation of Malls** - The operation of malls are regulated as follows:

1. Only the following sections are allowed to open:
  - a. Supermarkets
  - b. Drugstores
  - c. Banks

- d. Laundry Service
  - e. Restaurants (for takeout and delivery only)
  - f. Hardware
2. The mall must impose the following measures:
- a. Only people from age 21 to 59, and without apparent sickness, may be allowed entry;
  - b. Mandatory temperature check
  - c. Mandatory wearing of masks (improvised masks will suffice)
  - d. Mandatory alcohol use
  - e. Limit the number of people inside the mall
  - f. Mall operators must provide masks and gloves to their employees

**Section 11. Regulated operation of hotels** - No hotels or similar establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:

1. Guests who have existing booking accommodation for foreigners as of May 1, 2020;
2. Guests who have existing long-term bookings;
3. Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
4. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
5. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
6. Healthcare workers and other employees from exempted establishments under these Omnibus Guidelines and applicable Memoranda from the Executive Secretary.

Except that in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic lodging to guests.

**Section 12. Regulation on construction (BBB, infrastructure)** - Subject to the regulations issued by DPWH, essential public and private construction projects such as but not limited to sewerage, water services facilities, digital works, health facilities and other priority projects shall be allowed to operate, provided that health standards and physical distancing are complied.

**Section 13. Regulation on public transport** - Subject to the guidelines set forth by the Department of Transportation, the following limits to passenger capacity shall be imposed on Public Utility Vehicles:

1. Public Utility Buses - 50% of vehicle's capacity (maximum) excluding driver and conductor; passengers seated one seat apart with no standing passengers
2. Public Utility Jeepneys - 50% of vehicle's capacity (maximum) excluding driver and conductor; passengers seated one seat apart with no standing passengers; only one (1) passenger on the driver's row (if no conductor)
3. UV Express - Maximum of two (2) passengers per row; only one (1) passenger allowed on the driver's row
4. Shuttle service - 50% of vehicle's capacity (maximum) excluding driver and conductor; only one (1) passenger on the driver's row (if no conductor)

5. Tricycles – Maximum of one (1) passenger in the side-car; no passenger shall be seated right beside/behind the driver

Public transportation operators shall implement precautionary measures in terminals and in their vehicles, such as, but not limited to, regular disinfection of terminals and vehicles, provision of alcohol or hand sanitizers to drivers and passengers.

**Section 14. Suspension of physical classes** – Physical classes shall be suspended for the duration of the GCQ.

This notwithstanding, Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) may hold classes through flexible learning arrangements to finish the Academic Year 2019-2020, and may operate at a limited capacity to receive students' requirements and prepare and issue credentials to students subject to the guidelines as may be issued by the Commission on Higher Education.

**Section 15. Grace period for residential and commercial rents** – For residential and commercial rents falling due within the duration of the GCQ upon residential lessees and micro-, small, medium enterprises (MSMEs) not permitted to operate during said period, a grace period of thirty (30) days from the last due date, or until such time that the community quarantine is lifted shall be observed, whichever is longer, without incurring interests, penalties, fees, or other charges.

**Section 16. Extended operating hours of Supermarkets, pharmacies and other essential stores** - Supermarkets, public and private wet markets, grocery stores, agri-fishery, supply stores, veterinary supply stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and other retail establishments engaged in the business of selling essential goods are strongly encouraged to extend their store operations to a maximum of twelve (12) hours. LGUs are directed to allow such establishments to operate pursuant to the foregoing. Provided that in the operation of wet markets, LGUs are encouraged to adopt reasonable schemes to ensure compliance with strict social distancing measures, such as, but not limited to providing for specific daily schedules per sector, barangay, or purok as the case may be.

**Section 17. Prohibition on discrimination against healthcare workers, OFWs, and COVID-19 cases and suspects** - Acts of discrimination inflicted upon healthcare workers, repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs, COVID-19 cases, whether confirmed, recovered, or undergoing treatment, as well as suspect and probable cases, and Persons under Monitoring are denounced in the strongest of terms, Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as, but not limited to coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries, and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of lease or employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly or administrative.

Component LGUs are enjoined to issue necessary ordinances penalizing these discriminatory acts.

**Section 18. 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 19. Repeal** - All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 20. Effectivity** - This Order shall take effect immediately.

**SO ORDERED.**

**DONE** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 in Borongan City, Eastern Samar.



**BEN P. EVARDONE**  
Governor