



# Island Garden City of Samal

Province of Davao del Norte, Philippines

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 246 Series of 2020

### AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES ON PUBLIC SEA TRANSPORT AND INTERNET OPERATIONS DURING MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL.

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, a Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19) strain was initially discovered in Wuhan, China on Dec. 31, 2019 which created a global havoc among nations including the Philippines resulting to Presidential Proclamation No. 992, "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines.";

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 922 to put the country in a State of Public Health Emergency in relation to National Security;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) for COVID-19 provides for the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 235, Series of 2020 placed the entire Samal Island into Modified General Community Quarantine;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Executive Order No. 213, Series of 2020 and its amendments, the city government has ordered the suspension of all public sea transport in the island to restrict the entry and exit of persons and cargoes in the island coming from and to the ports of Davao City;

**WHEREAS**, in order to preserve the health and safety of all the people of Samal Island especially on minors, the operations of all internet café in the island were also suspended;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to enforce limited operation guidelines to ease-out the implementation of the General Community Quarantine and impose strict measures for this purpose.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, AL DAVID T. UY**, City Mayor of the Island Garden City of Samal, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

#### SECTION 1. GUIDELINES ON INTERNET OPERATIONS.

- a. **Allowable activities.** Internet cafés are allowed to operate for research and online school purposes only. Internet gaming is strictly prohibited. Internet cafés must provide adequate space for every user and strictly observe the maximum 50% operational capacity. The one (1) meter physical distancing and other minimum health protocol under Section 3 hereof must be observed.
- b. **Hours of operations.** Internet café must NOT allow minors during curfew hours from 6:00 in the evening up to 6:00 in the morning, unless accompanied by the parent or guardian for some valid reasons with prior permission from any authorized city government officials.
- c. **Use of Home Quarantine/Worker's Pass.** Internet users must be required to present the Home Quarantine/Worker's Pass or QR Code together with their valid identification card upon entry to the establishment. For students, presentation of school identification card is a MUST or any proof of enrollment from the school.

## SECTION 2. GUIDELINES ON FERRY BOAT AND LAUNCHES.

- a. **Resumption of public sea transport.** Ferry boats and launches are now permitted to transport passengers and cargoes to and from Davao City up to 9:00 in the evening only;
- b. **Allowable activities.** The purpose of the travel must only for business, school, medical check-up, work and for other governmental transactions like paying tax and etc., subject, however, to the maximum 50% passenger capacity limit. The ferry boat captains must strictly observe the minimum health protocol under Section 3 hereof. Travel for leisure is still prohibited.

Strictly NO "walk-in" passengers are allowed on board ferry boats. "Walk-in" passengers are allowed to board on launches only.

- c. **Use of Home Quarantine/Worker's Pass/QR Code.** Passengers must be required to present the Home Quarantine/Worker's Pass/QR Code together with their valid identification card upon boarding the ferry boat/launch.

## SECTION 3. OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOL.

- a. **Standard health protocol is a must to vulnerable sector.** Any person who is below twenty-one (21) years old, those sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities and other health risks including pregnant women shall be denied passage (entry and exit) to the island or entry to any business establishment except when in need of medical intervention or for work in permitted industries and offices, provided, prior permission from any authorized city government officials is obtained.
- b. **Observance of minimum health protocol.** To prevent the spread of COVID 19 virus, everyone is mandated to observe the following while travelling to and fro the Island Garden City of Samal and while staying in public places:
  - i. Always wear face mask or other personal protective equipment at all times;
  - ii. Observe social distancing by at least one (1) meter distance from other individuals;

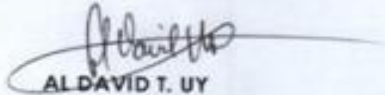


iii. Ship Captains and establishment owners must provide for non-contact thermometer, hand sanitizers or hand washing station and foot bath.

**SECTION 4. SANCTIONS.** Persons and entities violating this Executive Order shall be subjected to judicial and administrative liabilities.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect on June 15, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect unless modified or earlier withdrawn for some valid grounds.

Issued this JUN 09 2020 in the Island Garden City of Samal, Davao del Norte Province, Philippines.

  
**AL DAVID T. UY**  
City Mayor