



Island Garden City of Samal

Province of Davao del Norte, Philippines

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 269 Series of 2020

“AN ORDER DECLARING THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) AND PROVIDING FOR ITS GUIDELINES, REGULATIONS AND SANCTIONS”

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a global pandemic declared by World Health Organization, continues to be a serious public threat to the health, safety, security, and lives of the Filipino people posing a long-term adverse effects on the means of livelihood and severe disruption of the economic activities;

WHEREAS, with the continuing rise of local and community transmission of COVID-19 in several parts of the province, the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte issued Executive Order No. 62, s. 2020 and Executive Order No. 63, Series of 2020 (as duly amended by Executive Order No. 63-A, s. 2020), to direct all Local Government Units (LGUs) of the province to intensify the implementation of the MGCQ and Executive Order No. 66, Series of 2020 to extend the effectivity period of the MGCQ in the entire province until 31 December 2020;

WHEREAS, the National Government on 30 November 2020 pronounced Davao del Norte Province as one of the Local Government Units in the country declared to be under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) effective 01 December 2020 until 31 December 2020;

WHEREAS, on December 02, 2020, the Provincial Government of Davao del Norte issued Executive Order No. 67, Series of 2020 placing the entire Davao del Norte Province under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ);

WHEREAS, as a component City of the Province of Davao del Norte and to the best interest of all Samaleneos, there is a need to adopt the order and the guidelines to ensure the continued compliance to rules and regulations set to mitigate the spread of Covid-19:

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. Declaration. The Island Garden City of Samal shall be placed under a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) **EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 18, 2020 UNTIL JANUARY 4, 2021.**

Section 2. Policies and Guidelines. During the General Community Quarantine, Samaleños shall strictly follow these guidelines:

1. Minimum public health standards, such as but not limited to wearing of face masks and/or personal protective equipment, temperature checking, sanitizing, and observing social distancing shall be complied with at all times for the duration of MGCQ. All government and private offices/establishments shall ensure the compliance of the health standards;

2. Checkpoints along the boundaries of the City will continue to operate for the scanning of QR Code ID for travellers going to and fro the City and the monitoring of African Swine Fever (ASF) usual security checks.

There shall be strict implementation of checkpoints island-wide by the national, local and barangay security forces;

3. The movement of all persons in areas placed under GCQ shall be **limited to accessing essential goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate under the IATF Guidelines**. Provided, that movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.
4. Any person below 15 years old, those who are 65 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 goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.
5. Work in all government offices may be at full operational capacity or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem proper in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC. Provided that for offices requiring employees to report physically, commissioned shuttle services as well as point-to-point transport services may be provided.

Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations may operate at 50% capacity. Alternative work arrangements such as flexible work arrangements, compressed work week, telework and telecommuting is strongly encouraged.

6. Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of face masks and face shields and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. Provided further, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, shall be limited to basic operations and restaurants and cafés therein are hereby allowed to operate at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity provided that they allow for social distancing protocols and that such establishments are compliant with the proper protocols prescribed by the DTI. In this regard, the operation of these dine-in establishments is hereby allowed up to 8:00 PM. For this purpose, the prohibition in Section 4(3) of the IATF-EID Omnibus Resolution does not apply. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited (As amended by Paragraph A(3)(a) of IATF Resolution No. 43, June 03, 2020 and further amended by Paragraph D of IATF Resolution No. 48, June 22, 2020, Paragraph B(3) of IATF Resolution No. 49, June 25, 2020, and Paragraph B of IATF Resolution No. 56, July 16, 2020).
7. All private and public establishments are required to adopt and use the QR Code scanning in their respective places in accordance with the City's policies and guidelines on the use and implementation of QR Codes.

8. **Mass gatherings** such as but not limited to movie screenings, concerts, and other sporting events and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings **shall be prohibited**. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed.
9. Religious gatherings in areas under GCQ shall be allowed up to 50% of the seating capacity. Provided, that religious gathering shall be limited to the conduct of religious worship and/or service.

Provided further, that there is no objection from the LGU where the religious gathering may take place. The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards, particularly the social distancing measures and non-pharmaceutical interventions such as the obligatory wearing of face masks and face shields and immediate availability of hand hygiene necessities in the premises.

10. Face-to-face or in-person classes shall be suspended. For AY 2020-2021, the guidelines provided under Section 4(11) of the IATF-EID Omnibus Guidelines shall be observed for the conduct of classes.
11. All public and private construction projects, such as but not limited to sewerage, water services facilities, and digital works, and health facilities, and priority projects, shall be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and DOH.
12. The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall operate at a reduced operational and vehicle capacity in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Transportation (DOTr). Provided, that in all public transports, a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.
13. Private transportation shall be allowed to travel subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr.
14. Anyone who intends to enter the City must secure their QR Code before they are allowed entry;
15. **Necrological services /vigil / wake or interment services for the dead shall be allowed for a maximum of five (5) days only**. Funeral services shall be limited to a **maximum of 25 attendees** only. Visits to open-air memorial parks and cemeteries shall be limited to not more than 10 persons per group. The number of groups allowed at any given time shall be left to the discretion of the management of such memorial parks and cemeteries taking into consideration minimum public health standards and social distancing.
16. Transport of cadaver/dead human body shall be allowed, provided that a Certification of Non-COVID Patient from the hospital or City/Municipal Health Officer must be secured;
17. **Curfew hours from 9:00 PM to 5:00AM** is strictly implemented. Exempted from the curfew hours are members of the COVID-19 Crisis Management and Response Team, emergency vehicles, health workers, and those who are required to work within the curfew period.

18. Gambling activities such as derby/cockfighting is strictly prohibited. Property owners where the said gambling activity was held and barangay officials of the said locality who failed to implement this policy shall be held liable under applicable laws.
19. **The operations of beach resorts and accommodation establishments shall be temporarily suspended effective December 18, 2020 until January 4, 2021 except those used as isolation facilities by the government.**

SECTION 3. LOCALIZED GUIDELINES AND PROHIBITIONS. In support to the efforts of the National Government in combatting Covid-19 pandemic to mitigate its transmission and prevent further loss of lives and to ensure the safety and collective interests of all Samaleneos, **the following guidelines and prohibitions are hereby declared in the Island Garden City of Samal until January 4, 2021.**

A. PROHIBITIONS.

- 1.) **ALL CONTACT SPORTS**, such as but not limited to Basketball, Volleyball, Billiards, Boxing, Frisbee, Football, and such other similar sports or activities;
- 2.) **ALL FORMS OF GAMBLING** including mahjong, card and board games during funeral wake.
- 3.) **COCKFIGHTING AND TRANSPORT OF DERBY COCKS** to and fro and within the city;
- 4.) **ALL MASS GATHERINGS/CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS/PARTIES INVOLVING MORE THAN 25 PERSONS:**

d.1. All celebrations, get-togethers, parties, anniversaries and festivities to include araw ng barangay/purok **to be conducted by the barangay, city and national government agencies, regardless of the number of attendees.**

c.2. Private, personal and/or family activities where a group of people gathered together in one place for a common purpose, such as but not limited to vigil, burial/ interment, and wedding, to mark milestones shall be allowed only for a maximum of 25 attendees, all of which are required to wear face masks at all times.

- 5.) **GOING OUT, ROAMING AROUND, LOITERING AND WANDERING ALONG STREETS, PARKS AND ANY PUBLIC PLACES WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN GROUP DURING THE CURFEW HOURS:**

For adults: 09:00 PM to 05:00 AM.

For minors: 06:00 PM – 06:00 AM.

Exception from Curfew Hours are emergency cases or when going to work related to security, health, social services, sanitation, emergency services and public officials who by reason of their office and/or nature of their job are required to be outside of their homes. Provided, however, that they could present valid identification card and/or certification from their employer.

Business establishment exempted from Curfew Hours shall only include food establishments, 24-hours grocery stores; pharmaceutical stores; health service facilities like hospitals and health clinic both public and private; and transport facilities carrying health, security and emergency personnel.

- 6.) **ALL VIDEOKE ACTIVITIES, REGARDLESS OF LOCATION;**
- 7.) **SELLING, MANUFACTURING, AND USAGE OF TRUMPETS ("Trumpeta", "Toroto") AND ALL SIMILAR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OR DEVICES THAT WILL LIKELY EXPOSE THE PERSON TO COVID-19 AND SPREAD THE VIRUS DUE TO IMPROPER AND UNCONTROLLED USAGE ESPECIALLY BY CHILDREN;**
- 8.) **ALL LIVE BANDS AND FIREWORKS/FIRECRACKERS SHOWS;**
- 9.) **BURIAL/FUNERAL WAKE FOR MORE THAN FIVE (5) DAYS.** All human cadaver, shall be buried within **FIVE (5) days** from the time of death or from the time of arrival of the cadaver in the city. Necrological Services, Vigil or Interment shall be conducted with **5 days only**.
- 10.) **PUBLIC MARKET OPERATION.** Public Market operation during Tuesdays shall be from 6:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Disinfection of the market premises shall start at 6:30 P.M.

B. GUIDELINES.

1. All other restrictions and guidelines embodied under Executive Order No. 226, Series of 2020, otherwise known as the **SAMALEÑO BAYANIHAN CODE OF THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL**" are **hereby reiterated and directed** to be strictly observed and followed.
2. The **Use of Quick Response (QR) Code ID** shall be required upon entry to and exit from ports, markets, groceries, pharmacy, drugstore and other public places. The Information of Tourists and Residents Against CoVID-19 System (i-TRACS) shall be fully utilized to efficiently support contact-tracing;
3. **Sea Transport.** Launch and Ferry Boats shall be allowed to carry 50% of its seating capacity. The wearing of face mask and social distancing must be strictly observed. Ship Captains are directed to strictly implement the minimum health protocols for COVID 19 as mandated under RA 11469, National and Local Executive Orders;
4. Residents are discouraged to travel to other LGUs to buy commodities that are available locally;

Section 4. Monitoring of Coastlines. The Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police, Philippine Navy and Task Force Samal and other security forces are enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation in the strict monitoring of coastlines to restrict all illegal activities such as illegal fishing and sea travels by boat as these can be means of possible virus spread.

Illegal Fishing shall be prohibited. All unregistered motorboats operating within the municipal waters of the Island Garden City of Samal shall be impounded by the authorities. All violators of impounded motorboats shall be arrested for violation of existing laws. Impounded motorboats shall be penalized with an administrative fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00) per City Ordinance 2018-292 and other pertinent laws.

Section 5. Management of the Dead. The standard process on the management of human remains for PUIs and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall be strictly observed.

Burial, preferably cremation, shall be done within 12 hours after death. However, cremation or burial of human remains, to the most possible extent, shall be in accordance with the deceased person's wish, decision of those who have the duty to make funeral/burial arrangements, and religious and culturally-acceptable norms of the deceased.

Proper burial for Muslim Filipinos shall likewise be observed. COVID-19 confirmed case must be put in a sealed cadaver bag and must be buried within 12 hours in the nearest designated Muslim cemetery in their locality.

Section 6. Inter-Agency Coordination. There must be close coordination among all LGUs, National Government Agencies, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the Philippine National Police of the Province relative to the enforcement of this Executive Order.

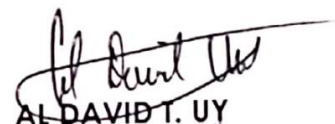
Section 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 8. Penalty Clause. Any violations hereof shall be dealt with under our existing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. All prior executive issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed.

Section 10. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately unless revoked.

Issued this **DECEMBER 07, 2020**, in the Island Garden City of Samal, Davao del Norte Province, Philippines.


AL DAVID T. UY
City Mayor 