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Province of Bulacan

Office of the City Mayor

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AN ORDER OUTLINING THE NEW MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte placed the entire island of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until 14 April 2020;

WHEREAS, on 31 August 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) placed the entire Province of Bulacan under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine until 30 September 2020;

WHEREAS, on 28 September 2020, President Duterte placed the whole Province of Bulacan under Modified General Community Quarantine beginning 01 October 2020;

WHEREAS, all the local government units are enjoined to issue the necessary executive orders consistent with the provisions of the IATF-MEID Omnibus Guidelines for implementation in their respective territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of order in the community, guidelines and protocols should be created during the effectivity and implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the City of Meycauayan;

WHEREAS, RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and RA 9356, also known as the Charter of the City of Meycauayan, authorize the City Mayor to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me by law, I, **LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA**, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. APPLICATION. The protocols outlined in this Order shall be applicable during the implementation of *Modified General Community Quarantine* in the City.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a. **Accommodation Establishments** - refers to an establishment operating primarily for accommodation purposes, including but not limited to, hotels, resorts, apartment hotels, tourist inns, motels, pension houses, private homes used for homestay, ecolodges, serviced apartments, condotels, and

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bed and breakfast facilities. (As amended by Paragraph A(1) of IATF Resolution No. 43 dated 03 June 2020)

- b. **APOR (Authorized Persons Outside Residence)** - any person, whether an employer or a worker, allowed to go out of the household due to work in permitted offices or establishments as well as activities listed under the applicable provisions of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine (IATF Omnibus Guidelines). The term shall include but it not limited to farmers and fishermen provided they are not more than 59 years of age or less than 21 years old, bank employees, armored vehicle crew, money transfer service employees, grocery and convenience store employees, public market vendors, pharmacists and drug store employees, restaurant staff and crew, delivery personnel of cargo (two per vehicle), food and medical manufacturing establishment employees, telecommunications key officials and employees, cable and internet provider employees, water company key officials and employees, water delivery and refilling station crew, power plant maintenance employees, petroleum tanker drivers, gasoline attendants, coal deliver services, garbage collectors, hardware store employees and alike, certified public accountants, emergency responders (bureau of fire protection, national disaster risk reduction and management council, department of social welfare and development, barangay health emergency response team, local government unit officials, the national police personnel, armed forces personnel, the coast guard personnel, bureau of jail management and penology personnel, national bureau of investigation personnel, office for transportation security personnel, bureau of customs personnel, bureau of immigration personnel, company security officers and security guards, force multipliers (barangay official and tanods), all department of health officials and staff, local government unit health facility personnel, Philippine Red Cross vehicles and staff, doctors and their drivers, hospital staff and employees (including janitorial services), medical professionals and other employees, private caregivers, funeral service employees and immediate family of deceased, provincial board members and city/municipal councilor with their staffs or personnel; department secretaries, undersecretaries, and assistant secretaries, bureau directors, regional, metropolitan, city and municipal trial court judges and prosecutors and their staffs and personnel, members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, governor and the vice governor and their staffs or personnel, mayors and vice mayors and their staff or personnel; media personalities including presidential communication operations office and attached agencies; pastors, priests, rabbi, imams, and other religious ministers insofar as providing home religious services to households (provided that proper protocols shall be observed, such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and face shields and the like), members of different humanitarian organizations in coordination with the LGU concerned and allowed industries in accordance with IATF Omnibus Guidelines.¹
- c. **Comorbidity** - refers to the presence of a pre-existing chronic disease condition.
- d. **Community Quarantine** - refers to 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 an infectious disease among persons in and to persons outside the affected area.

¹ Provincial Ordinance No. 07-S'2020.

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- e. **Essential goods and services** - covers health and social services to secure the safety and wellbeing of persons, such as but not limited to food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy and others as may be determined by the national government through IATF.
- f. **Minimum public health standards** - guidelines set by the DOH, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by government agencies, 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 or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19. For this purpose, the following measures must be observed by all persons and establishments in order to lessen or mitigate the transmission of COVID-19:
- Thermal scanning prior to entry of any establishments;
 - Wearing of face mask and face shield at all times;
 - Strict observance of physical distancing at least one (1) meter apart from each other;
 - Observance of proper hygiene, regular sanitation and handwashing;
 - Avoid touching surfaces and face; and
 - Observance of "No Spitting" Ordinance.²
- g. **Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ)** - refers to the transition phase between GCQ and the New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.
- h. **New Normal** - refers to the emerging behaviors, situations, and minimum public health standards that will be institutionalized in common or routine practices and remain even after the pandemic while the disease is not totally eradicated through means such as widespread immunization. These include actions that will become second nature to the general public as well as policies such as bans on large gatherings that will continue to remain in force.
- i. **Operational capacity** - refers to such a number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment.

SECTION 3. GUIDELINES DURING THE MGCQ. During the implementation of MGCQ in the City of Meycauayan, the following protocols shall be observed:

1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times.
2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder, and for other activities permitted hereunder.
3. Any person 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

² Provincial Ordinance No. 27-2017.

the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, *provided*, that all activities and movements allowed under other classifications of community quarantine for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted under MGCQ.

4. Indoor and 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, the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. For this purpose, the prohibition in Paragraph 3 of this Section does not apply. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited.
5. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, religious services, and work conferences shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.
6. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes may be conducted in higher education institutions (HEIs) provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, consultation with the City Government of Meycauayan, and compliance with guidelines set by CHED.

Face-to-face technical vocational education and training (TVET) training and competency assessment site may be conducted at up to fifty percent (50%) training and assessment capacity, *provided* there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards, TESDA Guidelines and consultation with the City Government of Meycauayan.

For K-12 Basic Education, the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan of the DepEd shall be adopted.

For this purpose, the prohibition under Paragraph 3 of this Section does not apply.

7. Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work at full operational capacity, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women.
8. Public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with the guidelines to be issued by the DOTr, *provided* that a strict one (1) meter distance between passengers shall be observed and appropriate engineering controls shall be in place.
9. Private transportation shall be allowed subject to the guidelines provided by DOTr.
10. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic.

11. Except otherwise provided below, all permitted establishments and activities under Categories I, II, and III mentioned under the *Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine* issued by the IATF-MEID shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at **FULL OPERATIONAL CAPACITY**, except:
- a. Barbershops, salons, and other personal care service establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of venue capacity³, provided that they are compliant with DTI-issued protocols;
 - b. Dine-in restaurants, fast food, and food retail establishments, including those in supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of seating capacity⁴;
 - c. Category IV and all other establishments not permitted to operate under previous issuances, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) operational capacity;
 - d. For hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances may operate, AND only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT. For this purpose, the DOT and DILG shall work with the City Government of Meycauayan to ensure compliance of accommodation establishments.
 - e. Establishments falling under the **NEGATIVE LIST**⁵ of industries issued by the DTI are **NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE** in any form of community quarantine.

Specific industries under each category are reflected under *Memorandum Circular No. 2020-44* issued on 31 July 2020 by the DTI is herewith attached as Annex "A" and shall form part of this Executive Order.

Business establishments are still directed to report or notify public health authorities of employees and/or staff who show signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Further, in cases that their employees and/or staff have been exposed to COVID-19, the business establishment must implement contact tracing in coordination with the DOH and the City Health Office of Meycauayan.

12. Work in government offices shall now be at full operational capacity, or such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem appropriate in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.

SECTION 4. MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS AND FACE SHIELDS IN PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE ENCLOSED SPACES. Face shields, together with face masks, are required to be worn in all government offices, commercial places, indoor workplaces, and

³ As provided by the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine, with amendments as of September 10, 2020

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ (1) Holding of traditional cockfighting and operation of cockpits;

(2) Beerehouses & similar establishments whose primary business is serving of alcoholic drinks;

(3) Kid amusement industries (e.g. playrooms & rides)

enclosed areas accessible to the public. Persons not wearing the said PPEs shall not be allowed to enter the said premises.

All enclosed establishments must post a signage stating, "No Face Mask and Face Shield, No Entry".

SECTION 5. QUARANTINE PASS OR COMPANY ID FOR ENTERING ESTABLISHMENTS. SINGLE QUARANTINE PASS PER HOUSEHOLD POLICY. No person, other than the designated individual by household bearing the quarantine pass or the APOR bearing the necessary documents shall be allowed to go outside of their homes for the purpose it was issued.

In case of APOR, they shall be allowed to go outside from home to work and in order to render their services upon presentation of, but not limited to the following:

1. Company issued identification card;
2. Contract of employment; or
3. Other necessary documents or those that may be imposed by existing national guidelines as the case may be.

Persons entering commercial buildings, markets, shopping centers, stores, shops, or any enclosed spaces accessible to the public, shall be required to present a quarantine pass, duly issued by their respective barangays, or a valid company ID, as proof of their non-leisure reasons for being outside their homes.

Persons who fail to present any of the said documents shall not be allowed to enter the said premises.

Every establishment shall post a notice to the public that no transaction shall be entertained unless a quarantine pass or the necessary document is presented as the case may be.

SECTION 6. REGULAR DISINFECTION. All establishments shall regularly disinfect frequently-touched objects like doorknobs, buttons, keypads, handles, tables, chairs, counters, pens, and high-traffic locations and common areas such as pantries and restrooms.

To the extent feasible, all establishments must install handwashing facilities which are easily accessible to their patrons and employees, where soap, water, and alcohol are available at all times.

SECTION 7. GUIDELINES FOR INTERZONAL AND INTRAZONAL MOVEMENT.

1. The movement of all types of cargoes within the City of Meycauayan shall be unhampered.
2. Workers in the logistics sector such as cargo, trucking, courier delivery and port operations shall likewise be allowed to transit across the City of Meycauayan.

3. Only five (5) personnel may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load.
4. Strict social distancing measures must be observed, which may include, if necessary, the putting up of additional safe and humane seats or space in the vehicles.
5. The PNP shall have the authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for ensuring that protocols on strict home quarantine are observed.
6. The movement of the following persons within and across the City of Meycauayan shall be permitted:
 - a. Government officials and government frontline personnel;
 - b. Duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAs);
 - c. Persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
 - d. Persons going to the airport for travel abroad;
 - e. Returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos returning to their places of residence;
 - f. Other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon observance of the necessary quarantine protocols and with the concurrence of the receiving LGUs; and
 - g. Anyone crossing zones for work permitted in the zone of destination, and going back home.
Authorized shuttle services shall be allowed to travel within and across areas placed under any form of community quarantine, with priority given to persons rendering health and emergency frontline services.

SECTION 8. STORE OPERATING HOURS - Operating hours for the following industries shall be maintained:

1. Wet and Dry Market - Five o'clock in the morning (5:00 AM) up to Five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00 PM) only; and
2. Other Stores, Groceries, and Industries classified under Categories I to IV - Eight o'clock in the morning (8:00 AM) up to Nine o'clock in the evening (9:00 PM) only.

The abovementioned business establishments shall be allowed to operate from **MONDAY to SUNDAY**.

SECTION 9. CURFEW HOURS - The City-wide curfew shall be from 11:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning.

However, the curfew shall not extend to those APOR, or employees working outside Bulacan and, by the nature of their work, are required to work during the specified hours, provided that he/she presents proof of work and identification.⁶

SECTION 10. ANTI COVID-19 DISCRIMINATION - Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as but not limited to, coercion, libel, slander, physical injuries, and dishonor of contractual obligations, such as contracts of lease or employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly, and administratively in accordance with appropriate governing laws or ordinances.

⁶ Section 6 of Provincial Ordinance No. 87-S'2020.

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SECTION 11. ENFORCEMENT. The Punong Barangay, barangay tanods, the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), and the Meycauayan PNP shall implement this Order.

Any person found violating any of the provisions under this Executive Order shall be penalized under Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code, RA 11332, and such other applicable laws and ordinances. Further, the liquor or alcoholic beverage subject of such violation shall be confiscated by the authorities for proper disposal.

The business permit and license to operate of any business establishment or company found to be violating any of the provisions of this Executive Order, including the failure to strictly implement the Minimum Public Health Standards as defined in Section 2 hereof may be **SUSPENDED, CANCELLED** and/or **REVOKED**. In addition thereto, its owner/s and persons in charge of managing the business shall be charged in court, and its establishment shall be closed for the duration of the hearing.

Any public officer or government employee, whether or not duty-bound to enforce this Order, who shall knowingly prevent, prohibit, refuse, or violate the implementation hereof shall be charged in court for such criminal and administrative offense/s as the case may be.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Order be declared unconstitutional or inconsistent with law, the other remaining parts thereof shall remain valid in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All of the issuances of the National Government, IATF-MEID, Bulacan Provincial Government, including the IATF-MEID Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, and their Amendments, and such other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the authorized officials and agencies of the national government in relation to COVID-19 and the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), are hereby adopted, incorporated herein, and shall form integral parts hereof.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This *Executive Order* shall take effect immediately. Any previous order inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed.

Done this October 1, 2020, at the City of Meycauayan, Bulacan.


LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
City Mayor