## Republic of the Philippines Province of Leyte Municipality of Palo

Office of the Mayor సుస్థాతిళు



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18**

Series of 2021

## "AN ORDER IMPOSING PROACTIVE MEASURES IN VIEW OF THE RISING NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES"

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Covid-19 of this Municipality convened on April 19, 2021 to discuss concerns relating to covid-19 situation of the Municipality.

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of the lifting of the MECQ currently imposed in the National Capital Region, the IATF recommended, through Resolution No: 2, Series of 2021, the continuation of and to require the mandatory RT-PCR testing of travelers arriving into the Municipality consistent with the provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-01.

**WHEREAS**, the Inter Agency Task Force through Resolution No: 3 and 4, Series of 2021, also discussed the restriction against the holding of close-contact sports specifically basketball, both in public and private places, and to prohibit visitors who are non-residents of barangays celebrating the barangay fiesta from visiting, partying and celebrating with residents of said barangays celebrating the fiesta specially during the upcoming month of May.

**WHEREAS**, based on the statistics and data of the Municipal Health Office, transmission of Covid-19 cases oftentimes occur during gatherings of persons, assembly and parties.

**WHEREAS**, the number of active positive cases in Metro Manila is at an alarming level of more than 8,000 new cases per day in the past few days.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA,** Municipal Mayor, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, in the interest of public health and safety, and through the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Covid-19, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1**. To adopt the provision of the Integrated Leyte Protocol (ILP) – Version 9, highlighting the following features:

- a. All persons/individuals arriving in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte shall be referred to as TRAVELER/s.
- b. Resumption of RT-PCR Testing All travelers arriving in Palo, Leyte, shall undergo RT-PCR swab test on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of their arrival. Covered individuals pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-01 shall report their arrival to the MHO or BHERT.

**Section 2**. To adopt the provisions of the Integrated Leyte Protocol (ILP) - Version 9 with the following changes:

a. ALL TRAVELER/s shall inform the Punong Barangays/BHERT/RHU of their arrival details before their actual arrival date.

- b. All Travelers arriving in this municipality must immediately report themselves to their Punong Barangays/BHERT/RHU and subject themselves to a facility-based quarantine (municipal quarantine, barangay quarantine, or other authorized quarantine facility).
  - c. All Travelers confined in the quarantine facility shall undergo RT-PCR test on the  $5^{\rm th}$  day after the date of arrival.
    - c.1 If the traveler shows a NEGATIVE result, he/she may be sent home.
    - c.2 If the traveler shows a POSITIVE result, he/she shall be brought to the municipal quarantine facility, or any authorized quarantine facility and will be considered a covid-19 positive patient to be monitored by the MHO.
      - c.2.1 Subsequent RT-PCR tests shall be done: on the  $10^{th}$  day from the date of positive result, and every 7 days thereafter until the patient shall show a negative result.
      - c.2.2 Should the patient still show a positive result on RT-PCR test done on the 28<sup>th</sup> day, the patient may be allowed to continue on home isolation provided that the person has his/her own room and own bathroom from the rest of the household members and shall commit to abide to the minimum health protocols at home.
      - c.2.3 The Municipal Health Officer shall continue to monitor the patient, and the LGU shall continue to conduct an RT-PCR swab test on the patient every 7 days until the patient will show a NEGATIVE test result.
    - **Section 3: Prohibition on Barangay Fiesta -** It is hereby declared prohibited for persons who are non-residents of the barangays of this Municipality to attend, celebrate, visit and party with residents of a barangay in Palo who is celebrating the *vesperas* (day before the fiesta), fiesta and liwas (day after the fiesta). For this purpose, the PNP, PATU and barangay officials are hereby directed to ensure the implementation of this Order.
    - **Section 4: Restriction on Basketball and other Close-Contact Sports** To lessen the transmission of covid-19, it is hereby declared prohibited to engage in close-contact sports, specially basketball, both in public and private places. However, barangay basketball courts shall be open for other recreation or sports which are not considered close-contact sports. The concerned punong barangay shall ensure that barangay basketball courts are not utilized for close-contact sports.
    - **Section 5**: **Penalties -** Persons found in violation of this Order shall be prosecuted in accordance with Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-01 and other applicable National Law and regulations.
    - **Section 6: Effectivity -** This Executive Order is effective starting May 01, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effective until revoked or lifted.

DONE in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, this **29th day of April** in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA Municipal Mayor