



Republic of the Philippines

Province of Davao del Sur
Brgy. Matti, Digos City



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 14

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SETTING FORTH TRAVEL PROTOCOLS FOR TRAVELERS
COMING TO THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR**

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act (RA) 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall, among others, promote health and safety in their respective localities;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922, Series of 2020, dated 8 March 2020, placed the Philippines under a State of Public Health Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF – MEID) was created to formulate guidelines connected with the management of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the IATF – EID issued Resolution No. 101, Series of 2021, dated 26 February 2021, approving the uniform travel protocols for land, air and sea for travelers within the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation issued a Memorandum dated 27 February 2021, approving standardized travel protocols for land, sea and air;

WHEREAS, IATF – MEID Resolution No. 101, Series of 2021, and with updated Memorandum Circular MC-05 dated 14 March 2021 provides, among others, that TESTING shall not be mandatory for travelers **EXCEPT if the LGU of destination (Province with respect to their municipalities and component cities) will require testing prior to travel, as a requirement, and such shall be limited to RT-PCR;**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DOUGLAS RA. CAGAS, LLB MBE, MNSA, Governor of the Province of Davao del Sur, by virtue of the power vested in me by law do hereby ORDER the following travel protocols for travelers coming to the Province of Davao del Sur:

SECTION 1. All Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) from any place outside of Davao del Sur shall be required to present a NEGATIVE RT-PCR test result upon arrival at his/her municipality/city of destination. The said result must be within seventy-two (72) hours from the time the swab test was taken. If upon arrival, the test result has yet to be released, proof of swab test may be presented on the condition that the traveler will undergo quarantine at the facility of the LGU concerned until the release of a NEGATIVE result.

SECTION 2. During arrival at the airport or seaport, LSIs and ROFs shall be picked up by the LGU (city /municipality) vehicles, upon the discretion of the LGU – Municipal/City IATF. LSIs and ROFs shall coordinate with the LGU of the city/municipality of destination on the exact schedule of their travel.

SECTION 3. The LSI, upon the discretion of the receiving LGU, may be required to secure a Barangay Acceptance prior to travel. If the LSI is able to present a NEGATIVE RT-PCR test result and manifests no COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival at the city/municipality of destination, but coming from a high risk area, shall be required to subject himself/herself to be quarantined in a facility; However, those coming from a low risk area, shall be subjected to home quarantine, upon arrival at the receiving community, which will be counted as Day 1. The Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) concerned shall monitor his/her condition for fourteen (14) days if coming from an area declared under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) or Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ), and ten (10) days if coming from an area declared under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ). Should symptoms manifest, the BHERT shall impose the necessary quarantine requirements, and swabbing will be performed. If the LSI is placed under home quarantine upon manifestation of symptoms, he/she will be immediately transferred to an Isolation facility. Alternatively, the municipality/city may request the traveller to go into voluntary home quarantine for 14 days, and if no signs and symptoms manifest during the said period, he/she will be considered cleared.

SECTION 4. If the ROF is able to present a NEGATIVE RT-PCR test result and manifests no COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival at the city/municipality of destination, he/she shall be subjected to undergo facility quarantine for fourteen (14) days. Alternatively, the municipality/city may request the traveller to go into voluntary home quarantine for 14 days, and if no signs and symptoms manifest during the said period, he/she will be considered cleared.

SECTION 5. On the 5th to 7th day of quarantine, the LSI/ROF shall undergo RT-PCR testing for FREE. If the test yields a NEGATIVE result, he/she shall immediately be discharged from the LGU quarantine facility and to continue at home the required quarantine period of 10-14 days. If the test yields a POSITIVE result, the LSI/ROF shall be required to undergo another seven (7) days of quarantine, after which he/she shall be discharged without any repeat RT-PCR test, provided no COVID-19 symptoms has manifested for the past three (3) consecutive days.

SECTION 6. All travellers are subject to the strict compliance with the Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) upon arrival and during their stay at Davao del Sur.

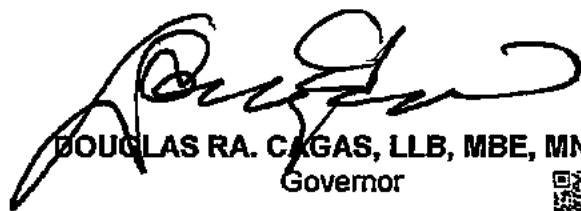
SECTION 7. Existing Travel Guidelines issued by the IATF-MEID for areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ), and those which will be issued subsequent hereto are hereby adopted.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of the Executive Order is declared invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such declaration and shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 26 day of April, 2021 at the Provincial Capitol, Mati, Digos City, Davao del Sur.


DOUGLAS RA. CAGAS, LLB, MBE, MNSA
Governor

