



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ALBAY
Legazpi City

Office of the Governor

AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-1 Series of 2021

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8 SERIES OF 2021 ENTITLED "AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING BORDER ENTRY RESTRICTION IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY TO ALL BUSES, VEHICLES AND ALL TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF THE BICOL REGION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

WHEREAS, under the latest IATF-EID Resolution No. 101, relaxed the transport of passengers from the NCR and other highly urbanized/metropolitan areas to the provinces to boost the national economy. Thus, as proactive measure to spur business activity, the same IATF Resolution provides that testing shall not be mandatory for traveler except if the LGU of destination (province with respect to their municipalities and component cities and highly urbanized cities [HUCs] and independent component cities [ICCs]) will require testing as a requirement prior to travel and such shall be limited to RT-PCR;

WHEREAS, as of date, however, there is an upsurge of COVID-19 cases in Metro Manila and other highly urbanized cities at an alarming rate posing a threat to public health in the Province of Albay;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 provides that every local government unit has the power necessary, appropriate or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively to promote the general welfare, health and safety, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 465(b)(1)(vii) of the same Republic Act mandates the Provincial Governor for the efficient, effective and economical governance for the purpose of the general welfare of the province and its inhabitants, to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, Honorable Joseph C. Cua, Governor, Province of Catanduanes, thru a letter dated March 19, 2021, had requested Honorable Al Francis C. Bichara, Governor, Province of Albay, to require all travelers from the National

Capital Region (NCR) bound to his province to present RT-PCR or Antigen or Saliva or Rapid Test Result at the border control of Albay Province.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA, Governor of the Province of Albay, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. AMENDED TITLE. – This order shall be known as “**An Order Implementing Border Entry Restriction in the Province of Albay to all Buses, Vehicles and All Types of Transportation as well as Person/Travellers Coming from Outside of the Bicol Region**”.

SECTION 2. BORDER ENTRY RESTRICTION IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY. - Entry of persons/vehicles and all types of transportation to the Province of Albay by land, air and sea shall be restricted effective March 20, 2021 until lifted, except when carrying and/or transporting basic and essential goods such as food, medicine, water, gasoline and other petroleum products, agricultural products and implements such as fertilizers, feeds and the like; power/telecommunication equipment and supplies; construction materials and aggregates.

All local chief executives, particularly those at the point of entry, shall supervise the implementation of this order and monitoring of all travelers and their activities.

SECTION 3. SETTING UP OF BORDER CHECKPOINTS. – Border checkpoints, particularly at the Albay-Camarines Sur border (Polangui), Tiwi-Camarines Sur border (Tiwi-Sangay Coastal Road), Libon-Camarines Sur border, Tabon-Tabon-Sorsogon border and Pioduran-Masbate border, shall be set up to be manned by the uniformed personnel of Albay Philippine National Police (Albay PNP) upon coordination with the Provincial Government of Albay pursuant to Resolution No. 07 s. 2020 issued by the Bicol Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease.

SECTION 4. PRESENTATION OF NEGATIVE RT-PCR/ANTIGEN/SALIVA TEST RESULT AT THE BORDERS OF ALBAY. – All persons travelling by land, air and sea shall present at the borders of the Province of Albay the Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) or Antigen or Saliva Test Result issued by any Department of Health (DOH) accredited testing centers at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled travel to the province for screening purposes. Further, they shall likewise comply with other protocols issued by the Philippine Ports Authority, Aviation Management and land terminals.

All travelers from National Capital Region (NCR) bound to Catanduanes shall present either negative RT-PCR or Antigen or Saliva or Rapid Test Result issued by any DOH accredited testing centers at the borders of Albay Province and/or upon entry thereof and shall likewise comply with other protocols issued by the Philippine Ports Authority, Aviation Management and land terminals.

All persons/travelers passing through the borders of the Province of Albay shall be given temporary access time to pass through Albay.

The LGU of destination shall conduct the standard profiling, clinical and health assessment, administering of proper medical procedures including

isolation/quarantine. All LGUs shall likewise coordinate and submit daily report to the Provincial Health Office (PHO) for monitoring purposes.

SECTION 5. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. – Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) from national government agencies and their attached agencies must provide their identification card, travel order, and travel itinerary, and must pass symptom-screening at the point of entry and exit pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 98-A dated February 4, 2021.

Employees, and wage earners from local/neighborhood province shall present an identification card issued by their employer whose business outfit is duly registered with the DTI.

All residents from Bicol who have not travelled outside the region within fifteen (15) days from entering Albay shall present any identification card containing their address preferably government issued identification cards.

All persons entering the Province of Albay, in transit or as final destination, are required to use the ALBAYGET-PASS for contact tracing purposes.

Monitors for the ALBAYGET-PASS shall be installed at the boundary checkpoints of the Province of Albay for effective contact tracing of passengers coming from Metro Manila and other provinces outside of Bicol Region.

SECTION 6. FAILURE TO COMPLY. – Failure to comply with the said directive shall be a ground for the filing of appropriate cases pursuant to Republic Act No. 11332 and other pertinent laws applicable.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any part of this executive order be declared unconstitutional or invalid by proper authority, other provision herein which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. - This order takes effect on March 22, 2021 and supersedes or modifies any order or memorandum issued that may be inconsistent herewith.

Done at the City of Legazpi, Province of Albay, Philippines, this 20th day of March 2021.

