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Province of La Union

Office of the Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-03-023
Series of 2020

AN ORDER IMPOSING GUIDELINES ON ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND STRINGENT SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAOAN, LA UNION AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

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WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines on the 8th day of March 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19 this being an emergency threatening national security. The said declaration mandated mandatory monitoring/reporting of cases, intensifying government response and measures, and enforcing quarantine and disease control prevention measures;

WHEREAS, in view of the said declaration, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) has advised all Local Government Units (LGUs) to take precautionary measures to help contain the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, the DOH-DFA-DILG-DOJ-DOLE-DOT-DOTr-DICT Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease(IATF) issued Resolution No. 11 Series of 2020 dated March 12, 2020 approving the recommendation made by the Department of Health Technical Advisory Group on Imposing Stringent Social Distancing Measures to prevent spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, Provincial Governor Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III, has issued Executive Order No. 12 Series of 2020 on March 15, 2020 "declaring the Province of La Union under community quarantine and further enhancing the implementation of mandatory precautionary measures against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation 922, Joint Resolutions 11 and 12 of the IATF and the provisions of RA 11332, a Memorandum was issued on March 16, 2020 by Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea, directing all agencies and instrumentalities of government to impose the Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing guidelines over the entire Luzon ;



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WHEREAS, in view of this situation and the urgent need to shield our population from getting infected by the disease as embodied by orders coming from the President, Provincial Governor and concerned health agencies, there is a necessity to adopt and impose localized guidelines as precautionary emergency measures to help contain the spread of the disease in the municipality;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ALELI U. CONCEPCION, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. In adherence to the directive of the President and the Enhanced Community Quarantine and Stringent Social Distancing Guidelines issued for Luzon, the following safety and security measures shall be strictly observed from March 17, 2020 to 12:00AM of April 13, 2020, to wit;

1. Classes and all school activities in all levels in public and private schools shall remain suspended until 14 April 2020 and shall resume on 15 April 2020. Parents shall be responsible in ensuring that their children remain at home and strictly prohibit them to loiter and roam around public places;
2. All mass gatherings which draw crowds or a large number of participants shall be prohibited. A mass gathering is an event where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response of the community hosting the event;
3. A strict "home quarantine" in all households shall be imposed. Movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated. Only one (1) individual per household shall be allowed to do errands, specifically, to procure basic necessities for the household only such as food, medicines and the like. Children shall not be allowed to go on errands. No person shall loiter or roam around in public places such as the plaza, in basketball courts or playgrounds and the like;



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4. Work in LGU Balaoan is hereby suspended from March 17, 2020 to April 12, 2020 except those engaged in disaster relief/response, rescue, health and other vital services to ensure that delivery of government services is not hampered. A "work from home" arrangement shall be implemented instead as an alternative work arrangement following Announcement No. 13 Series 2020 of the Civil Service Commission. National government agencies stationed in the municipality shall have the discretion on their respective work arrangements following the directives from their respective national or mother offices;
5. Only the following establishments/businesses providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production shall continue to operate:
 - a. public market
 - b. supermarkets
 - c. groceries
 - d. convenience stores
 - e. hospitals
 - f. medical clinics
 - g. pharmacies and drug stores
 - h. food preparation and delivery services
 - i. water-refilling stations
 - j. manufacturing and processing plants of food products and medicines
 - k. banks
 - l. money transfer services
 - m. power
 - n. energy
 - o. water and telecommunications supplies and facilities
 - p. gas stations
 - q. sari-sari stores
 - r. pawnshops
 - s. others as may be allowed by the municipal government when the need arises

They shall observe strict skeletal workforce to support operations and strict social distancing measures at all times. Food-related establishments like restaurants, eateries, carinderia, lugawan and the like shall not accept dine-in customers at all times. Only takeout and delivery is allowed, as may be applicable.



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6. Curfew shall be imposed from 8:00 pm to 5:00 am daily. The municipal siren shall be sounded to signal the start of the curfew.
7. The Balaoan Public Market shall be open only from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm starting March 18, 2020 until further notice. Dry goods section selling clothes, "wagwagan", school supplies and other non-essential wares shall be closed except those selling agricultural supplies and rice. Eateries at the second floor may remain open subject to strict skeletal workforce and strict social distancing guidelines. The common dining area shall be closed.

The public market will only allow passage through one (1) entrance and one (1) exit. All individuals are highly encouraged to handwash at the designated washing area strategically set up at the market. A temperature check will likewise be done upon entry. All market vendors are strongly advised to wear masks and observe proper hygiene. Once a week, disinfection/sanitation of the market area will be implemented;

8. Ambulant vendors, street food vendors (i.e. barbeque), hardwares, computer shops, videoke rentals, beauty parlors, barber shops, repair shops, machine shops, and glass and sash factories shall temporarily cease operations for the duration of the enhanced community quarantine period in the municipality;
9. All resorts, tourism-related establishments, tourist spots, picnic areas, and similar places that provide vacation and recreation services including cockpits shall be temporarily closed until further notice;
10. Mass public transport facilities shall temporarily cease operations. Tricycles may be allowed to operate during certain circumstances so as not to totally paralyze the movement of people subject to rules and regulations that may be agreed upon between the municipal government and the TODAs taking into paramount consideration public health and safety;
11. All ongoing public and private infrastructures activities and road clearing operations shall temporarily be stopped;
12. Subsistence farming and fishing shall be allowed provided that strict social distancing measures are followed;



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13. Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) are tasked to monitor their constituents, especially those coming from Metro Manila and other COVID-19 affected provinces/cities in the Philippines and from abroad, list their names and other relevant data and submit the list to the Municipal Health Office. They are required to undergo self quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days and to seek medical assistance immediately if symptoms develop. Immediate reporting of suspected COVID-19 infection is strongly urged. In case of emergency, contact directly the hotlines 09610216145 and 09277142308;
14. Backride in motorcycles is not allowed as it violates social distancing.
15. Land, air and sea travel shall be restricted. However, the movement of cargoes shall be unhampered. Guidelines for the accompanying crew or personnel of transiting cargoes formulated by the Department of Transportation shall be followed;

Land, air and sea travel of uniformed personnel for official business, especially those transporting medical supplies, laboratory specimens related to the COVID-19, and other humanitarian assistance, shall be allowed;
16. During the period of enhanced community quarantine in the municipality, there will be heightened presence of uniformed PNP and/or Military personnel to enforce quarantine procedures. Municipal Health Office (MHO) personnel, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO) personnel, Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (BDRRMO) personnel, Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) and Barangay Peacekeeping Action Teams (BPATs) may be called upon to assist and/or augment uniformed personnel as may be necessary;
17. Posting or sharing of unverified reports is strictly prohibited. Official announcements shall come only from the LGU Balaoan, La Union official Facebook page;



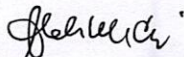
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18. All Barangay Officials are hereby directed to implement this order within their respective jurisdiction and coordinate with MHO personnel and uniformed PNP and/or Army personnel. Punong Barangays are directed to take a proactive approach and be vigilant;
19. All business establishments found to be violating this Executive Order may be subject for the cancellation of their Business Permits after proper review by the Business Permits Licensing Officer; and
20. Failure to abide by the foregoing shall be meted out with appropriate sanctions in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations.

SECTION 2. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately until it is lifted and/or amended accordingly when the prevailing situation warrants.

DONE in the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union, this 17th day of March 2020.


ATTY. ALELI U. CONCEPCION
Municipal Mayor