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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-05-033
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**AN ORDER PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A GENERAL
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAOAN, LA UNION**

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 922 dated 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and eventually declared a State of Calamity over the Philippines and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine over Luzon;

WHEREAS, the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over Luzon shall end on April 30, 2020 and the same shall extend until May 15, 2020 but of different quarantine levels depending on the identified risk of the area;

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020 the President announced that he has approved the recommendation of the National Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) to place some areas in the country which are considered moderate-risk and low-risk of the CoVid-19 infection under General Community Quarantine starting May 1, 2020 and until further notice;

WHEREAS, the Province of La Union has been declared and identified as one of the areas with moderate-risk and therefore placed under General Community Quarantine (GCQ);

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union being a component municipality of the Province of La Union will now also be under General Community Quarantine (GCQ). As such, it shall upon effectivity of this order, shift from "Enhanced Community Quarantine" to "General Community Quarantine" effective May 1, 2020;

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



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order to prescribe guidelines for the implementation of a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union.

SECTION 1. GUIDELINES UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ).

The following guidelines shall govern the municipality during the period of General Community Quarantine (GSQ) which shall commence on May 1, 2020 pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force For the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases approved during the 30th IATF Meeting held last April 29, 2020, as amended, and other relevant issuances to wit;

1. Minimum public health standards as set by the Department of Health shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the GCQ including but not limited to wearing of face masks, observance of social distancing, temperature check, provision of hand washing/sanitation areas and regular sanitation or disinfection of premises.
2. The movement of all persons in areas placed under GCQ shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder. Provided, that movement for leisure purposes shall not be allowed.
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 the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residence at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.
4. Loitering is prohibited at all times.
5. Work in government offices may be at full operational capacity, or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem proper in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).
6. The following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate:



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- a. **Category I Industries** - Agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries, food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, food delivery services, health-related establishments, the logistics sector, information technology and telecommunication companies, the media, at full operational capacity;
 - b. **Category II Industries.** Mining and other manufacturing, export-oriented, and electronic commerce companies, as well as other delivery, repair and maintenance, and housing and office services, at anywhere between fifty percent (50%) up to full operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements.
 - c. **Category III Industries** - Financial services, BPOs, legal and accounting, and auditing services, professional, scientific, technical, and other non-leisure services, barber shops, salon and other personal care services, and other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments, at a maximum of fifty percent (50%) work-on-site arrangement, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements.
7. Limited operations in shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. Provided, that establishments and services allowed to operate in shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with item (6) above. Provided, further, those aged below 21 years old, and those 60 years old and above may not enter malls and shopping centers, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein.
 8. Essential public and private construction projects, such as but not limited to sewerage, water services facilities, and digital works, and health facilities, and priority projects, shall be allowed to operate in accordance with guidelines issued by the DPWH.



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9. Amusement, gaming, and fitness establishments, as well as those in the kids and the tourism industries may not operate.
10. No hotels or similar establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating the following:
 - a. Guests who have existing long-term bookings;
 - b. Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
 - c. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
 - d. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine; and
 - e. Healthcare workers and other employees from exempted establishments .

Provided that, in all of the foregoing, hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic lodging to guests.

11. Physical classes shall be suspended for the duration of the GCQ. This notwithstanding, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) may hold classes through flexible learning arrangements to finish the Academic Year 2019-2020, and may operate at a limited capacity to receive students' requirements and prepare and issue credentials to students subject to the guidelines as may be issued by the Commission on Higher Education.
12. Entertainment-related, business-related, politically-related, sports-related and religious gatherings are not allowed.
13. Public Motorized Tricycles with Mayor's Permit for 2020 are allowed to operate within their routes at a reduced capacity. Only one (1) passenger is allowed. No face mask, no ride policy shall be observed and minimum health standards. TODA route presidents shall ensure that only 50% of their members ply their routes according to schedule from May 2-8 (Batch 1) and May 9-15 (Batch 2). They are directed to submit



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the body numbers of tricycles pursuant to their schedule of travel to the Office of the Mayor.

<u>Route</u>	<u>No. of Tricycles with Mayor's Permit for 2020</u>
Almeida/Paraoir	17
Balaoan-Luna	91
Balcorta	173
Balenorta	6
Balsanta	51
Bigsanjo	29
Canbarbusuy	30
Capagtata	23
Nagsabaran	46
Pasabet	79
Sincatalba	108
Southern Highways	123

14. Private vehicles, private cars and motorcycles are allowed to operate for essential travels only. Cars will only be allowed one passenger to occupy the front passenger seat while front-facing seats shall not exceed two passengers per row. Backride in motorcycles is strictly prohibited. Use of bicycles is encouraged.
15. Curfew hours shall be implemented which is now from 8:00 pm to 5:00 am in compliance with Provincial Ordinance No. 209-2020 for non-workers.
16. Supermarkets, grocery stores, agri- fishery supply stores, veterinary supply stores, pharmacies, drug stores, and other retail establishments engaged in the business of selling essential goods may operate for a maximum of 12 hours starting at 7:00 a.m.
17. The Balaoan Public Market shall be open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except every Tuesday and Friday when the market shall be disinfected at 4:00 p.m. Schedule of barangays and non-residents in accessing the public market prescribed in Executive Order No. 2020-04-27 shall be maintained. Marketgoers shall present a valid ID or barangay certification or clearance as proof of age and residence. Health



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and sanitation protocols shall continue to be implemented at the designated entrance of the public market.

18. Eateries, restaurants, and carinderias shall be allowed to operate for takeout/delivery only. The common dining area at the second floor of the public market shall be closed. Street food peddlers may operate but only for takeout. Ambulant vendors are allowed to operate.
19. Use of Municipal Official Pass Slip is already lifted. However, all persons going out of their homes are required to bring with them a valid ID to prove their age or employment. In the absence of a valid ID, a barangay certification or clearance will suffice.
20. Barangay control points/monitoring posts may be removed. Barangay officials and uniformed personnel shall see to it that social distancing is observed in their areas of jurisdiction and they can conduct random checks to verify the age and purpose of an individual in being outside of his/her residence at any time.
21. Non-residents entering the municipality to access essential goods or services shall present a valid ID and and health/medical certificate issued by their local health officer. This shall not apply to those mentioned in Item no. 22 below.
22. The non-essential entry and exit of people to and from the ECQ zone shall be prohibited, except: (1) health workers, (2) government officials and government frontline personnel, (3) those traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (4) persons transiting to the airport for travel abroad, (5) workers in permitted establishments and persons providing essential goods and services and public utilities, (6) essential skeletal workforce, (7) repatriated OFWs and non-OFWs returning to their residences, and (8) other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon conduct of the necessary quarantine protocols and in concurrence with the receiving LGUs.
23. The movement of all types of cargoes by land, air, or sea within and across areas placed under ECQ or GCQ shall be unhampered. Workers in the logistics sector, such as cargo, trucking, and port operations shall likewise be allowed to transit across



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areas placed under ECQ or GCQ. Provided that, only a maximum of five (5) personnel may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load. Provided, further, that strict social distancing measures must be strictly observed, which may include, if necessary, the putting up of additional safe and humane seats or space in the vehicles. Provided, finally, that the PNP retains its authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for the purpose of ensuring that protocols on strict home quarantine are observed.

24. Land, air or sea travel by uniformed personnel and government officials and employees for official business, with the corresponding travel authority, especially those transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19, and other relief and humanitarian assistance, shall be allowed.
25. OFWs, permanent residents of foreign jurisdictions, and stranded foreign nationals may leave for abroad through any of the airports or seaports in areas placed under ECQ or GCQ without any impediment. Provided that, this provision shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel by Filipinos to countries where travel restrictions are in place. Provided, further, that departing passengers may be accompanied by not more than one (1) person when traveling to any international port, who shall be allowed to return to his/her point of origin.
26. Repatriated OFWs or returning non-OFWs who have been issued a DOH or LGU certificate of completion of fourteen (14)-day facility-based quarantine, or those who may be required to undergo a mandatory fourteen (14)-day home quarantine shall be granted unhampered transit across zones en route to their final destination in the Philippines.

SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE - All orders, issuances, and memoranda issued inconsistent herewith are either deemed superseded, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or parts hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this order or not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.



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SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue to be effective until revoked by the undersigned.

SECTION 5. RESERVATION CLAUSE- The foregoing shall apply pending the approval of an extended Enhanced Community Quarantine in the province by the national government.

DONE in the Municipality of Balaoan, La Union, this 1st day of May 2020.


ATTY. ALELI U. CONCEPCION
Municipal Mayor