

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Palo

Office of the Mayor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10

Series of 2021

"AN ORDER PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL MEASURES AND RESTRICTIONS IN VIEW OF THE RISING NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES IN THE MUNICIPALITY"

WHEREAS, for the past few weeks, there has been an increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the municipality, and in the entire Region 8.

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, the Regional IATF of Eastern Visayas issued Resolution No: 25 "Reminding Local Government Units to intensify the implementation and observance of minimum public health standards to prevent super spreader event.

WHEREAS, the entire region of Eastern Visayas was likewise placed under Modified General Community Quarantine per IATF-IED Resolution No. 118-A Series of 2021 dated May 31, 2021 in view of the rising number of covid-19 cases. And at present, there is a pending recommendation in the Regional IATF to place the region under General Community Quarantine.

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, an emergency meeting was conducted by the Municipal Covid-19 team and the barangay captains to discuss recommendations and actions to be taken by the LGU to address the surge of covid-19 cases. Based on MHO data, the 3 events and activities that cause covid spread are:

- a. Travelers violating the protocol of reporting to the MHO upon arrival and staying on quarantine;
- b. Having meals or eating with non-household members where people remove masks and talking to each other;
- c. When there is cross-border movement of people to and from places who are on a higher risk level of community quarantine (GCQ).

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 under Section 16 of the Local Government Code , do hereby order the following:

Section 1: Temporary Closure of Public and Private Beach Areas - All beach areas, both public and private, including kiosks and stalls appurtenant to the beach are hereby ordered **CLOSED** until further notice. Likewise, all beach activities and events are suspended.

immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times. (emphasis supplied)

Section 4: Restriction on Basketball and other Close-Contact Sports- Pursuant to E.O. No: 18, the prohibition to engage in close-contact sports, specially basketball, both in public and private places is hereby reiterated. However, barangay basketball courts shall be open for other recreation or sports which are not considered close-contact sports. It shall be the duty of the punong barangay to ensure that barangay basketball courts are not utilized for close-contact sports.

Section 5: Religious Activities and Food Retail Establishment- Pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, all church activities and restaurants and other similar establishment are allowed to operate up to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity. The serving of buffet in restaurants and in allowed events is strictly prohibited. In lieu of buffet, the serving of pre-packed meals is highly recommended.

The mandatory provision of alcohol and washing areas in all business establishment are hereby reiterated.

For this purpose, the BPLO department is mandated to monitor the concerned establishment in order to ensure compliance with these requirements.

Section 6: Private Gatherings- Social private gatherings of persons belonging to different households converging in one home is not allowed.

Section 7: Prohibition on Entertainment and Amusement Venues- Pursuant to the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, as amended, the operation of entertainment venues such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters, Fairs/Peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom and kiddie rides is ordered temporarily closed and suspended.

Violation of these requirements shall result into the revocation and cancellation of its business permits and license to operate.

Section 8: Curfew Hours- Pursuant to E.O. No: 13, the imposition of curfew hours from 9:00PM to 5:00AM for non-workers, is reiterated.

Section 9: Issuance of Acceptance Letters- All acceptance letters for arriving individuals in Palo shall be issued exclusively by the barangay captains only. For this purpose, the Palo Action Center shall cease to issue acceptance letters for arriving individuals.

Section 10: Mandatory Reporting- Pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 2020-01, arriving individuals shall report to the MHO or Barangay captain. For travelers who violated the protocol on proper reporting of their/ his arrival, and in addition to the penalties under existing laws and Municipal Ordinance, the MHO shall cause the mandatory quarantine of the traveler and his contacts for (21) days, and shall not be swabbed for RT-PCR by the LGU. Their lockdown period may be shortened only if a negative PCR test is presented to the MHO at their own cost.

Section 11: Implementation- The PNP, PATO, barangay captains/officials/tanods, BPLO shall strictly monitor and ensure compliance by all concerned with this Executive Order.

Section 12: Penalty- Any person found in violation of the provisions of this Order shall be charged under the provisions of RA 9271, RA 11332, RA 11469 and existing provincial and municipal ordinance. Business owners violating this Order shall be meted the penalty of revocation of business permits and licenses.

Section 14: Effectivity- This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise extended or revoked, or when the Provincial Governor of Leyte or IATF-EID lift the Modified General Community Quarantine.

DONE in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, this 11th day of June in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.


FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA
Municipal Mayor