



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26 Series of 2020

#### **“AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES OF AN ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) IN BISLIG CITY.”**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on the spread of Covid-19 infection;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 placing the country in a State of Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 929 declaring a State of Calamity in the entire country for a period of six (6) months;

**WHEREAS**, there is already a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Caraga Region;

**WHEREAS**, it becomes necessary to implement Enhanced Community Quarantine and impose stricter measure within the City of Bislig in order to curtail the entry and/or spread of the virus in the City;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code provides that within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and promote health and safety of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, Article 87 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991 has specified the powers, duties and functions of the City Mayor aimed at promoting the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants necessitate the enforcement of community quarantine of the entire city to contain the transmission of corona virus among its residents and prescribing rules and regulations and sanctions against violation thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I FLORENCIO C. GARAY**, City Mayor of Bislig City, Surigao del Sur, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following during the duration of the enhanced community quarantine, to wit:

**SECTION 1. Declaration.** There is a need to implement an ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) for the suppression of the spread of Covid-19 infection in Bislig City beginning 12:00 midnight of 12 April 2020 until otherwise declared lifted or sooner withdrawn, as the public health or safety requires.

**SECTION 2. Adoption.** The following provisions are hereby adopted from Executive Order No. 23, Series of 2020 to wit: **Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11.**

**SECTION 3. Guidelines.** The following are additional and amendatory guidelines to Executive Order Nos. 23 and 25, Series of 2020, enumerated as follows:

1. Wearing of mask is **mandatory** when going out in public;
2. All government offices must work from home and leave minimal employees to continue work in offices except those involved in security, health, social services, sanitation, and disaster, who must continue to work on full operation;

3. All private establishments and offices must close **EXCEPT** groceries, supermarkets, wet markets/palengkes, food commissaries, food processing or manufacturing, food delivery services, wholesale food outlets, convenience stores, sari-sari stores, hospitals, medical laboratories, pharmacies, drugstores, other health services/personnel, banks and ATMs, savings and credit cooperatives, money-transfer services and bayad centers, pawnshops, courier services, other delivery services, doctor's and dentist's clinics, gas stations, water refilling stations, LPG stations, funeral parlors, cemeteries, and mass media outlets. Whenever possible, skeletal workforce arrangement must be implemented and at all times physical distancing between employees must be observed;

4. All other business establishments and private offices not mentioned but are considered essential sectors, including but not limited to energy, water, telecommunications, cargo, must work only for preventive maintenance and during emergencies;

5. Manufacturing, fabrication, construction work that is not pertinent to the food sector, the state of public health emergency and state of calamity response should immediately cease operation. Agri-business and farms should reduce workload and extend their deadlines to significantly reduce laborers in the job site and to maintain a two-meter distance between laborers;

6. The following workers are exempted from curfew:

- those employed in government offices related to security, health, social services, sanitation, and disaster;
- 24-hour groceries/convenience stores;
- wet markets/palengkes;
- food commissaries, food processing or manufacturing, food delivery services;
- hospitals, medical laboratories, pharmacies, drugstores, other health services/personnel, doctor's and dentist's clinics;
- gas stations;
- funeral parlors; and
- mass media outlets.

7. A twenty four-hour (24-hour) curfew is hereby imposed on the entire City of Bislig. Only those with Quarantine Pass are allowed to go outside from 5AM to 9PM. All individuals on the streets must carry and, whenever asked by law enforcement or barangay checkpoints, must present their Quarantine Pass, Work Pass or Emergency/Medical Pass whichever is applicable;

8. No liquor and any other alcoholic or intoxicating drinks shall be sold, served, or consumed in public twenty-four (24) hours of the day during the enhanced community quarantine;

9. No minor, senior citizen, pregnant women, sick, and immunocompromised individuals, can go out of the residence or dwelling EXCEPT to go to the hospital, medical, or allied medical institutions. Those who live alone may get an FM pass or whenever possible and if appropriate, ask a neighbor or a friend to help them buy food and medicines;

10. Individuals are allowed to exercise or go out into the sun or get some fresh air, provided that they are within a few meters from their residence or dwelling;

11. All hotels, spa, barber shops, beauty salons, massage parlors, gyms, beach resorts and inland water resorts and similar establishments must be closed until further notice;

12. Sari-sari stores must not allow people to stay and loiter and must be open only from 6AM to 6PM, or anytime within the said time frame;

13. Public markets/palengkes must be closed at 7 PM; and

**14. Restaurants, catterias, food chains and the like are limited to take out services only.**

**SECTION 4. Ingress and Egress of Individuals.** The following are the guidelines for entry and exit of individuals, to wit:

1. All persons entering Bislig City must be checked for signs and symptoms in the established checkpoints and subject to questioning for travel history;
2. All persons coming from a place with confirmed local transmission shall undergo mandatory self-quarantine;
3. All vehicles carrying essential food commodities, agri-fishery products and inputs must be allowed passage through the checkpoints. The City Agriculture Office shall implement the "Food Pass" in every checkpoint; *(See Annex "A" of this EO for the list of food items and farm inputs that should not be unhampered.)*
4. Only the driver and assistant/helper of the delivery trucks should be allowed to enter. Free-riders are prohibited from entering;
5. Residents of Bislig may be allowed entry upon showing of legitimate proof of residence only from **6AM to 6PM**;
6. Non-residents who intend to enter the City may be allowed entry from **6AM to 6PM** and only for purposes of **work, procurement of medicine and banking/money-transfer transactions**. They may be granted entry upon presentation of the following documents at designated checkpoints:
  - Valid Identification Card (ID)
  - Travel Pass
  - Certification of employment (for workers)

**SECTION 5. Use of Quarantine Pass.** The Barangay LGUs of the City may establish their own strategic Barangay Quarantine Control Points to regulate and limit the entry and exit of its people by requiring them to present the following passes, to wit:

1. **Quarantine Pass** – Shall be given to only one person per household. Movement shall be limited to purchasing basic necessities, provision for food and accessing essential health services.
2. **Work Pass** – Shall be issued for employers and employees. However, an employee ID is sufficient for private or public employees.
3. **Emergency/Medical Pass** – For persons who seek constant/regular medical attention and treatment or urgent medical check-ups.

Other Passes:

1. **Food Pass** – In order to ensure unrestricted movement of cargoes, delivery trucks and vans carrying essential commodities. (To be issued by the City Agriculture Office.)
2. **Travel Pass** – For individuals travelling to other city or municipality. (To be issued by the Local Chief Executive)

**SECTION 6. Suspension of Mass Public Transportation.** The City shall ensure the suspension of the operation of all forms of mass public transportation. The LGU will provide for transportation arrangements to skeletal workforce of allowed establishments, especially health and emergency frontline service workers, border control personnel, and other critical services, including those providing basic necessities.

The agencies and employers of the skeletal work force in the government and in the private sector, shall provide a point-to-point transportation.

Transportation shall also be provided by the LGU for those seeking to avail of basic services, such as those needing to go to hospital or clinics, and those who have limited access to establishments providing basic necessities.

**SECTION 7. Imposition of Curfew.** The curfew hours shall be **twenty-four (24) hours**. Only those people with quarantine pass can go out of their houses during curfew hours, except in cases of emergencies or if going to work in the exempted sectors/frontline offices;

**Penalties:**

- **First offense – imprisonment of 1 month to 4 months, or a fine of P1,000.00 or both at the discretion of the court;**
- **Second offense – imprisonment of 4 months and 1 day to 8 months, or a fine of P3,000.00 or both at the discretion of the court; and**
- **Third offense – imprisonment of 8 months and 1 day to 1 year, or a fine of P 5,000.00 or both at the discretion of the court.**

**SECTION 8. Management of the Dead.** The following are the guidelines for proper handling and disposal of the remains of COVID-19 confirmed cases and PUIs, to wit:

1. General infection precautions must be strictly observed to avoid further spread of the disease.
2. The COVID-19 Task Force must designate funeral facilities to handle the remains.
3. Funeral homes that refuse to provide logistics and transport of COVID-19 remains shall be penalized.
4. The DSWD shall allocate amounts for a funeral support fund allocated to indigent confirmed COVID-19 cases and PUIs. DSWD shall allot P25,000.00 per deceased for this purpose.

**SECTION 9. Penalty.** Any violation or wilful disobedience of the prohibitory provisions of this Executive Order shall be penalized in accordance with Section 8 of Republic Act No. 9271, or Quarantine Act of 2004, imposing a penalty of fine ranging from P10,000 to P50,000 and/or an imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, without prejudice to the provision of Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code for Resistance or Disobedience to a Person in Authority or his Agents with a penalty of *Arresto Mayor* and fine not exceeding P100,000, as the case may be.

**SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** In the event that any provision in this Order or any part hereof is declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in force and in effect.

**SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** All orders, rules and regulations, other issuances, or parts hereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect at **12:00 midnight of April 12, 2020** and shall remain in force unless sooner revoked or amended.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at the City of Bislig, Surigao del Sur.

  
**FLORENCIO C. GARAY**  
City Mayor

cc.

All Department Heads

All Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

All Barangay Captains