

## Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR City of Davao

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55

Series of 2021

## AN ORDER APPROVING HOME ISOLATION FOR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES DURING A SURGE

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS,** President Rodrigo Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 1218 dated September 10 2021, extending the State of Calamity in the country until September 12, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-101 dated July 17, 2020, providing guidelines for home isolation of asymptomatic and mild cases of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Health Davao Center for Health Development issued Advisory No. 11 dated August 31, 2021, reiterating the abovementioned DILG Memorandum Circular with the region's healthcare utilization rate reaching critical risk level;

**WHEREAS,** there is a surge of cases in Davao City and the emergence of new COVID-19 variants, particularly the Delta variant;

**WHEREAS,** the current number of beds in Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facilities (TTMFs) and hospitals for isolation cannot accommodate the current number of active cases of COVID-19 in Davao City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE,** City Mayor of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. HOME ISOLATION.** Home isolation for confirmed cases is allowed only for asymptomatic (individuals who are not experiencing any symptoms), mild cases (individuals with mild symptoms, e.g., loss of smell and/or taste, and other symptoms of influenza-like illnesses (ILIs), as well as with stable vital signs, e.g., 95-99% oxygen saturation, normal blood pressure and blood sugar levels, does not belong to the vulnerable population (below 18 years old and above 60 years old and pregnant women), and has no comorbidity.

**SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO BE APPROVED FOR HOME ISOLATION OF COVID-19 CASES.** The medical doctor in the COVID-19 Cluster Clinic shall inform cases of their positive result, and assess their classification if they can qualify for home isolation. The line list of cases from the COVID-19 Cluster Clinic shall be given to the district focal persons of the Contact Tracing Cluster to be distributed to ground contact tracers to verify the following on households of these

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## cases:

- i. Separate bedroom
- ii. Separate bathroom with toilet and sink
- iii. Well-ventilated room
- iv. No household member is vulnerable or has comorbidity (malignancy, diabetes mellitus, bronchial asthma, on high dose steroids, on chemotherapy treatment, with chronic kidney disease on hemodialysis, post-transplant, with HIV/AIDS, senior citizen, or pregnant)

The ground contact tracers shall endorse with supporting documents, e.g., pictures and videos, to the COVID-19 Cluster Clinic for the approval of home isolation for cases in their districts. The medical doctor in the COVID-19 Cluster Clinic, in turn, shall endorse the list of cases approved for home isolation to the Patient Monitoring and Evaluation Cluster for daily monitoring through telemedicine.

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF A SURGE.** The City Mayor, with the recommendation of the City Health Officer, shall declare if there is a surge (when home isolations shall be allowed), when the surge is over (when isolations shall be restricted to TTMFs), or when situations arise for the need to allow home isolation.

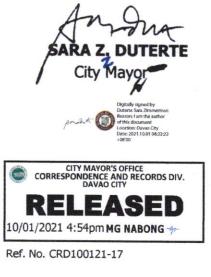
**SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All orders, rules, regulations, and other issuance, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this <u>1st</u> day of **October** 2021, in Davao City, Philippines.

Attested by: ATTY. ZULEIKA T LOPEZ City Administrator





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