

Republic of the Philippines OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

City of Davao

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

Series of 2022

AN ORDER ADOPTING PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07 SERIES OF 2022 ALLOWING THE VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SETTINGS AND REITERATING THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS IN DAVAO CITY DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Presidential Proclamation No. 57 series of 2022, dated September 12, 2022, extending the State of Calamity in the country until December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, Davao City has achieved herd immunity on the number of individuals with primary doses, with 1,327,323 million individuals or 101.45% of the target population in the city having been fully vaccinated and 327,161 individuals or 24.65% of the target population having received booster doses against COVID-19 as of November 24, 2022, as reported by the Davao City Task Force on COVID-19;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Presidential Executive Order No. 03, dated September 12, 2022 providing guidelines allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in outdoor settings and reiterating the continued implementation of the minimum public health standards during the state of Public Health Emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Davao released Executive Order No. 43, series of 2022 adopting Presidential Executive Order No. 03 allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in outdoor settings and reiterating the continued implementation of the minimum public health standards in Davao City during the state of public health emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Presidential Executive Order No. 07, dated October 28, 2022 allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in indoor and outdoor settings, reiterating the continued implementation of minimum public health standards during the state of Public Health Emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Davao City Task Force on COVID-19 issued Resolution No. 22 s. 2022, adopting said national guidelines.

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

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SECTION 1. ADOPTION. The guidelines as prescribed under Presidential Executive Order No. 07 allowing the voluntary wearing of face masks in indoor and outdoor settings and reiterating the continued implementation of minimum public health standards (MPHS) is hereby adopted in Davao City.

SECTION 2. VOLUNTARY WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN INDOOR AND OURDOOR SPACES. The wearing of face masks in indoor and outdoor settings shall be optional or voluntary except in the following settings:

- a. Healthcare facilities, including, but not limited to, clinics, hospitals, laboratories, nursing homes, and dialysis clinics;
- b. Medical transport vehicles, such as ambulance, and paramedic rescue vehicles; and
- c. Public transportation by land, air, or sea.

Wearing face masks is highly encouraged for the following sectors:

- a. The elderly;
- b. Individuals with comorbidities;
- c. Immunocompromised individuals;
- d. Pregnant women;
- e. Unvaccinated individuals; and
- f. Symptomatic individuals.

SECTION 3. MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. The minimum public health standards (MPHS) intended to effectively prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the city shall continue to be implemented consistent with the principles of shared accountability, evidence-based decision-making, socioeconomic equity, and rights-based approach.

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 other orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION & FFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this <u>DEC 0 1 2022</u> in Davao City, Philippines.

SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE

Attested by:

ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG

Acting City Administrator

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