



ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL INTERVENTIONS AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE POSSIBLE RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN NAGA CITY DUE TO THE DELTA VARIANT

WHEREAS, aside from B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) variants of SARS-CoV-2, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) have likewise confirmed the presence of the B.1.617 (Delta) variant in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Delta Variant has already been labeled as a variant of concern since studies have shown that it is 225% transmissible than the original strain and may also cause more severe implications (e.g., increased possibility of hospitalizations or deaths);

WHEREAS, proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to hamper or, if not, slow down the surge in COVID-19 cases, to buy time for the health system to cope up and find a cure, if possible, and to protect limbs and lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and upon the recommendations of the Naga City Health Emergency Task Force, as well as pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS ON SENIOR CITIZENS. Given studies that senior citizens are highly vulnerable to the Delta variant, only fully vaccinated senior citizens shall be allowed, except for accessing vaccines or medicines or during emergency cases, to go out of their residences, subject to the presentation of a duly issued COVID-19 vaccination card. Establishment administrators shall require senior citizens to present their vaccination cards prior entry.

For purposes of this provision, an individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:

- a. 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2-dose series
- b. 2 weeks after having received a single-dose type of vaccine.

SECTION 2. AGGRESSIVE EFFORTS TO VACCINATE SENIOR CITIZENS OF NAGA. The Naga City Vaccination Team shall undertake aggressive efforts to vaccinate senior citizens of Naga by:





- a. establishing at least two (2) vaccination sites or pop-up barangay vaccination sites;
- b. instituting strategies to vaccinate all or, if not, at least 85% of those in the A2 category (senior citizens) in Naga;
- c. ramping up vaccination of bedridden senior citizens thru house-to-house inoculation; and,
- d. partnering with groups and agencies in the enlistment of volunteer doctors, nurses and vaccinators to extend Naga's vaccination period up to 8:00 pm.

SECTION 3. MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS ON CHILDREN. Children (17 years old and below) shall not be allowed outside of residence, *except when accessing medical services and/or during emergencies*.

SECTION 4. CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PLAZAS. Public plazas shall be temporarily closed to the public, until further notice.

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE MONITORING. The Safety and Compliance Cluster shall organize no less than 10 inspection and compliance teams that shall monitor establishments' compliance on safety protocol and ensure establishments' adherence to Safety Seal checklists.

SECTION 6. FACILITY-BASED ISOLATION. The facility-based isolation for all confirmed patients shall be continued. In the event of emergence and detection of a Delta Variant, the Sta. Cruz Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility shall be used as Delta Positive Isolation Facility.



SECTION 7. SWAB CAB. The swab cab project is hereby institutionalized in close coordination with the Office of the Vice President and the private sector. RT-PCR and/or antigen testing of close contacts shall be done at home and rapid antigen tests shall be used for confirming suspect/probable cases and close contacts.

SECTION 8. ACTIVE CASE FINDING. Contact tracing and active case finding activities shall be continued and further enhanced. The Naga City Contact Tracing and Monitoring Center shall contact trace up to 3rd generation of close contacts.

SECTION 9. BORDER CONTROLS. Border control point at Naga-Pili Boundary shall be established to complement Naga-Milaor boundary control point in order to ramp up checking of returning residents and screen entry of non-Authorized Persons Outside Residence (non-APOR).

SECTION 10. INTER-REGION TRAVEL. Persons from other regions are required to quarantine if without negative antigen or RTPCR test result, to wit:



- a. 7 days quarantine at home for asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals;
- b. 14 days quarantine at home for asymptomatic, unvaccinated individuals;
- c. All symptomatic individuals shall be tested using RT-PCR test.

All returning residents (with or without negative RT-PCR or COVID antigen tests) shall be subjected to monitoring of BHERTs

SECTION 11. CURFEW. Strict implementation of curfew pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2020–046, as amended by City Ordinance 2021-051, shall be observed. During curfew hours:

- a. No person shall be in a public place, such as streets, alleys, parks and plazas, playgrounds, subdivision open spaces, subdivision roads, buildings and facilities where no legitimate business is normally transacted at nighttime, or in vacant/idle lot, or vacant/ abandoned buildings/ structures;
- b. To facilitate the observance of curfew hours, businesses which are normally open only for a fixed period per day shall open only after 4:00 o'clock a.m. and close not later than 8:00 o'clock p.m.;
- c. Businesses which are normally open 24/7 shall ensure that they do not serve as refuge for curfew violators;
- d. The Philippine National Police and the Public Safety Office shall enforce the curfew citywide, and barangay tanods shall enforce the curfew within their respective jurisdiction, particularly in interiors of their barangays;
- e. Barangay tanods may call upon the PNP or the PSO for assistance in the enforcement of curfew hours if such is warranted.
- f. The following persons are not covered by the curfew:
 - i. Persons involved in an emergency situation. This includes unforeseen circumstances, or the status or condition resulting therefrom, requiring immediate action to safeguard life, limb or property. It also refers, but is not limited to, fires, calamities, disasters, automobile accidents, or other similar circumstances
 - ii. Government officials, employees, and volunteers with mission orders and are in the actual performance and exercise of its law enforcement, incident management and peace and order functions, including those manning vital government facilities such as Naga City People's Mall, Bicol Central Station, Naga City Abattoir, and the Solid Waste Management Office.
 - iii. Church ministers in charge of attending to the sick and the dying.



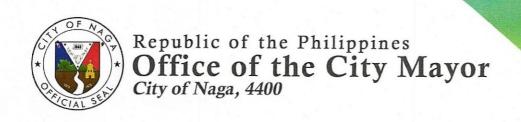


- iv. Employees of essential service facilities whose working schedules overlap the curfew period, and are en route to and/or returning home from work, such as, but not limited to:
 - · Hospitals, lying-in clinics, humanitarian agencies
 - · Business Process Outsourcing companies
 - Electric generation and distribution utilities
 - Water Utilities
 - · Communication Companies
 - Media
 - Pharmacies and/or drug stores with 24/7 operations
 - Fuel refilling stations with 24/7 operations
 - · Fastfood chains and convenience stores
- v. Those buying food or medicines for patients confined in hospitals and lying-in clinics.
- vi. Those accompanying night-shift workers to or fetching them from their place of work
- vii. Food and essential goods delivery personnel.
- viii. Immediate family members attending to the wake of a diseased relative.
- g. Vehicles passing thru or arriving in Naga City during curfew hours shall be allowed to continue its transit thru the city or to its final destination in Naga City. Public utility vehicles intending to stop in Naga City shall do so only at their designated terminal. Vehicles bound for Naga City shall proceed directly to its final destination.

SECTION 12. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. The City Events, Protocol and Public Information Office, in coordination with the City Hall Press Corps and Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas, shall disseminate information on the variants of concern and expected actions to be taken by individuals, establishments, and implementers. They shall also:

- a. Correct information on the variants of concern to counter mis- and dis-information.
- b. Provide clear call to action on:
 - i. Correct and consistent Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) implementation.
 - ii. Early consultation and adherence to isolation/quarantine guidelines.
 - iii. Implementation of adequate ventilation and safety protocols at workplaces and establishment.
 - iv. Enhanced response by the LGUs to areas with increased cases.







SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 4^{th} day of August, Two Thousand and Twenty One in the City of Naga, Philippines.

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Attested by:

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