



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2022-008

## UPDATING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2 IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY'S COVID-19 SITUATION

WHEREAS, based on the data and analysis of the Analytics Team, our city's COVID-19 key indicators show encouraging numbers, to wit:

- 1. From a peak of 118 in mid-January, our 7-day average positive cases are down to 5 in the last two days;
- 2. Our two-week growth rate has dramatically decelerated, which is now on negative territory since the beginning of February;
- 3. Since mid-February, our 14-day Average Daily Attack Rate (ADAR) has also gone back below 7 (as of February 20, Naga's ADAR is at 3), from a peak of 47.
- 4. The city also registered decent positivity rate numbers, from a peak of 63% in mid-January back to 11% as of February 20.
- 5. Our Hospital Care Utilization is also at low-risk, with data showing that there are no more covid patients in our hospitals and all active cases are currently isolating at home with only mild symptoms.
- 6. Our city's vaccination is just two percentage points shy of the 70% required for herd immunity that is already based on the total city population of around 210,000 persons and not anymore on a subset of the population originally targeted at approximately 140,000 individuals;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2022, the DILG has already relaxed certain COVID-19 restrictions and has even allowed the resumption of Cockpit Operations or Cockfighting in Areas under Alert Level 2;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, NELSON S. LEGACION,** Mayor of Naga City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and pursuant to pertinent rules issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), do hereby update the guidelines on the implementation of COVID-19 Alert Level 2 in Naga City:

**SECTION 1. ENTRY TO ESTABLISHMENTS.** The following entry procedures shall be implemented by administrators of all private and public establishments, including places of worships, in Naga City:



- For Vaccinated Individuals. Vaccinated individuals, regardless of age, shall be allowed entry to private and public establishments, including places of worship, upon presentation of the following in the main entrance of the building or facility:
  - a. Vaccination Card, and
  - E-Salvar QR ID or submission of the duly accomplished health declaration and contact tracing form
- For Unvaccinated Individuals. In the case of unvaccinated individuals, they shall
  be allowed entry to private and public establishments, including places of worship,
  upon presentation of the following in the main entrance of the building or facility:
  - a. negative antigen or RT-PCR test which shall be valid within 48 hours from the date and time of the test, and
  - b. E-Salvar QR ID or submission of the duly accomplished health declaration and contact tracing form
- 3. **Exempted Persons.** The following persons shall be exempted from presentation of documentary requirements in entering establishments:
  - a. persons involved in emergencies and those accessing medical care, and
  - b. unvaccinated children below 5 years old, provided that they are accompanied by their fully vaccinated parents or guardians, and provided further that, due to current studies showing high suffocation risks, children below two (2) years old may be allowed entry without facemasks.

SECTION 2. GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS. The following shall govern the operation of certain establishments to ensure infection control:

- 1. Venue Capacity. Indoor establishments shall be allowed to operate, or be undertaken, at a maximum of 50% indoor venue capacity for vaccinated individuals and 70% outdoor venue capacity.
- 2. Vaccination Requirement for Workers. All on-site workers/employees of establishments, or organizers of activities, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and minimum public health standards shall be strictly maintained.
- 3. Establishments, or activities allowed to operate, or be undertaken. Subject to the venue capacity limitation and vaccination requirement for onsite workers and organizers, the following establishments, or activities, shall be allowed to operate, or be undertaken, under Alert Level 2:
  - a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
  - b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;



- Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
- e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
- f. Cinemas and movie houses;
- g. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education subject to prior approval of the Office of the President;
- Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;
- In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
- j. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agency, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
- Dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;
- Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI;
- m. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for individual non-contact exercise and sports, *provided that* patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and subject to DTI sector-specific protocols.
- n. Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and the DOH;
- o. Contact sports approved by the LGU where such games shall be held
- p. Funfairs/peryas or kid amusement industries, such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;



- q. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters; and
- r. Gatherings in residences with individuals not belonging to the same household.
- s. Licensed Cockfighting Arena

**Section 3. Incorporation Clause**. Rule V, VI, VII and VIII of Executive Order No. 2022-006 are hereby adopted and incorporated in this Executive Order and shall be adhered to and implemented by the public and all units, task forces and offices involved in COVID-19 Response.

Section 4. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Order or any part thereof be declared invalid, the other provisions, insofar as they are separable from the invalid ones, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Repealing Clause**. All executive issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect on February 25, 2022.

Issued this 23rd day of February 2022 in the City of Naga, Philippines.

NELSON LEGACION

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Acting City Administrator