

# EXECUTIVE ORDER (No. 02 Series of 2022)

### AN ORDER IMPOSING MORE STRINGENT GUIDELINES FOR TRAVELERS COMING FROM HIGHER ALERT LEVEL STATUS LIKE THE NCR AMID THE OMICRON COVID-19 VARIANT THREAT

**WHEREAS,** Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution declared it a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic, and on March 08, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922, which placed the Philippines under a State of Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, guidelines for the Pilot Implementation of Alert Level System in the National Capital Region were adopted by the IATF and published on 13 September 2021, and were expanded to include other provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 144-D (s.2021) issued on 18 October 2021;

**WHEREAS,** as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, the Philippines and the National Capital Region were again considered as high risk to COVID-19 due to rising cases as per the Department of Health, with NCR now in Alert Level 3 classification;

WHEREAS, according to Health Undersecretary Ma. Rosario Vergeire, between Dec. 6 to 19, 2021 and Dec. 20, 2021 to Jan. 2, the two-week growth rate of infection in the country was at 222 percent while NCR's was at 813 percent;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Bongabong, along with other municipalities in the Province of Oriental Mindoro, has been classified under Alert Level 2, with few active cases as of this writing, hence the need to impose more stringent guidelines from travelers coming from higher alert level status, and to prevent transmission of the Omicron COVID-19 variant within the municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE I, ELEGIO A. MALALUAN,** Municipal Mayor of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby promulgate this Order, as follows:

SECTION 1. IMPOSING A MORE STRINGENT GUIDELINES FOR TRAVELERS COMING FROM HIGHER ALERT LEVEL STATUS, PARTICULARLY THOSE COMING FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)

- A. For those travelers from the NCR and other areas with higher Alert Level Status than Bongabong who are **not fully vaccinated**, a negative **RT-PCR test result** (issued within 48 hours prior to date of travel) is required;
- B. For those travelers from the NCR and other areas with higher Alert Level Status than Bongabong who are **fully vaccinated**, a negative **Antigen test result** (issued within 24 hours prior to date of travel) is required along with the Vaccination Card/VaxCert;
- C. All travelers are required to register, accomplish, and have their Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage application or S-Pass approved by the LGU prior to travel;
- D. Local residents of Bongabong are required to show proof of residency as part of their travel requirements, such as Barangay Acceptance and Valid IDs showing Bongabong as their place of residence;

## SECTION 2. REPEALING CAUSE

All rules and regulations, executive orders, memoranda, or any part thereof, previously promulgated in conflict with or contrary to these Executive Order or any portion thereof, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

## SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any portion or provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

## SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect from the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022 and shall remain enforced unless revoked or amended. Let copies of this Order be furnished to all concerned for their information, guidance, and action.

**DONE** in the Municipality of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro, this 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022.

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Municipal Mayor