EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 76, s.2021

AN ORDER ADAPTING/IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-B-2021 FURTHER EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-2021 OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR DUE TO CONTINUED SURGE OF COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, and to protect them from public health threats through the efficient and effective measures and disease surveillance;

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, the Office of the Governor issued Executive Order No. 17-B-2021 extending the effectivity of its E.O. No. 17-2021, entitled: *"Reiterating Strict Compliance with Health and Safety Protocols Due to the Delta variants of COVID-19 and Other Related Purposes"* from 12:00 a.m. of 1 September 2021 up to 11:59 p.m. of 15 September 2021;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, **TEDDY C. TUMANG,** in my capacity as the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Mexico, Pampanga, hereby adapt **ALL THE GUIDELINES** issued by the Office of the Governor Effective 5:00 a.m. of 1 September 2021 until 11:59 p.m. of 15 August 2021. In summary the guidelines include but not limited to:

SECTION 1: Movement of residents:

A. All persons:
   1. Below 18 years old;
   2. Over 60 years old;
   3. Those with Immunodeficiency, Comorbidities, Health risk; and
   4. Pregnant women;

   must stay at home at all times except for indispensable/medical/essential goods and services.

B. Minimum public health standards
   1. Wearing of facemask and face shield;
   2. Physical distancing;
   3. Hand Hygiene;
   4. Cough etiquette;

C. Only maximum of two individuals per household shall be allowed to go out to purchase essential goods;

D. Loitering in public as well as in work places is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 2: Entry and Stay of Non-residents:

A. Non-resident entering Pampanga must present negative RT-PCR Test or anti-gen test in order to enter and stay in the province taken not more than 48 hours before entry and provided they complied with all the safety protocols subject to the exceptions indicated in the executive order (Delivery of cargoes and APOR's);

SECTION 3: Social Gatherings.

Social gatherings, such as weddings, anniversary, baptismal, birthday celebrations and similar gatherings, defined as the congregation of more than five (5) persons in one place, are generally prohibited, except the following:

(a) Social and family gatherings in resort, function halls, covered courts and the like: Provided, that, the organizer thereof must secure a **written permit** from the IATF and the Local Government Unit having jurisdiction over the venue specifying among others, the date, duration, and the number of allowed participants for such activity;

(b) residential gatherings which are confined to members of the same household; and,

(c) **gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed; Provided, that the same shall be limited to a maximum three (3) nights**;

In all instances:

1. the owner or authorized representative of the establishment or venue shall ensure that the contact tracing forms are properly accomplished by the participants which shall be kept and presented to authorities when warranted;

2. the participants shall be limited to thirty percent (30%) to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity; and,

3. Minimum Public Health Standards shall be strictly complied with.

SECTION 4: Work in both public and private offices shall be subject to the following guidelines:

(a) Face to face meetings shall be minimized and the use of existing technology for voice calls and video conferencing/online meetings are highly encourage;

(b) Heads of offices and employers are mandated to make the necessary engineering controls, such as installation of proper barriers, adjustments of workplace layout to ensure physical distancing, and proper ventilation; and,

(c) Having meal groups shall be strictly prohibited. The immediate superiors shall ensure that the personnel physically present shall be afforded a rotational and sufficient period to take their respective lunch/meal brakes to avoid eating in groups in the workplace and ensure that physical distancing is always observed.

Further, public and private offices or employers are encouraged to adopt the following Alternative Work Arrangements:

1. Work-from-Home;
2. Skeleton (skeletal) Workforce;

3. Four-day (Compressed) Workweek, except for banks, financial institutions, hospitals, and other disaster and/or emergency response offices or agencies;
4. Work Shifting/Flexible (Staggered) Working Hours;
5. Other Alternative Work Arrangements.

SECTION 5: Basketball. - Basketball shall only be allowed to the extent of tournament bubbles duly sanctioned by the Games and Amusement Boards.

SECTION 6: Curfew- 10pm to 5am, except for:

Front liners/Health workers on duty/night shift workers; emergency and other similar reasons.

SECTION 7: Modified Liquor Ban – The ban on the sale and consumption of alcohol is hereby lifted: Provided, that, consumption of any alcoholic beverages shall only be allowed within the confines of residential compounds and between members of the same household only.

SECTION 8: Convenience Stores / Restaurants/Fast Food Chains/ Other similar Business Establishments:

DINE - IN: strictly up to 10:00 PM only;

DRIVE THRU: (Mc Donald's and Jollibee) 24 hours service is allowed only for this service (primarily for the health workers /frontliners);

Convenience Stores / Groceries/ Supermarkets/ Sari-Sari Stores/ Other Similar Stores up to 10:00 PM only;

GASOLINE/ FUELING STATIONS: 24 hours service is allowed;

NLEX AREA (specifically Acli and Lakeshore area): All business establishments within these areas are allowed to operate 24 hours.

SECTION 9: Permitted Establishments. – All permitted establishments and activities in areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine as provided by the Omnibus Guidelines issued by the NIATF as of 20 May 2021 are allowed to operate: Provided, that, swimming pools in resorts shall be limited to thirty percent (30%) and fifty percent (50%) venue capacity, respectively; Provided, further, that dine-in and al fresco restaurants or food establishments shall be limited to thirty percent (30%) and fifty percent (50%) venue capacity respectively.

SECTION 10: Public Markets – Strict observance of the following:

1. Only 50 percent capacity of the Public market;
2. No Facemask, No Face Shield No entry;
3. Physical Distancing;
4. Strict entry exit points;
5. With assistance of PNP and Barangay Officials;

SECTION 11: Barangay Checkpoints - Barangay Checkpoints shall be strictly implemented;

SECTION 12: Barangay Health Emergency Response – All Covid suspect cases must be properly tested and isolated within 24hours of detection.

SECTION 13: Tracing and Quarantine- All close contacts/housemates of Covid patient/s shall remain at home or stay in quarantine facility pending clearance by health officials.

SECTION 14: Implementation – All are mandated to comply with the assistance of PNP, Government/Barangay Officials.

All other provisions in the Provincial Executive Order No. 17-2021, IATF Rules and guidelines including Municipal Ordinance No. 011- Series of 2020 must be strictly implemented.

SECTION 15: Effectivity: 5:00 a.m. of 1 September 2021 until 11:59 p.m. of 15 September 2021.

Fail not under penalty of law.

September 1, 2021. Mexico, Pampanga.

TEDDY C. TUMANG
Municipal Mayor