



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24 Series of 2022

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTERS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO (PGOM) AND THOSE CONDUCTED IN THE PREMISES OF PROVINCIAL CAPITOL AND OTHER PGOM-OWNED AREAS, FACILITIES, AND VENUES

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that *every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;*

WHEREAS, monkeypox is a zoonotic disease caused by infection with monkeypox virus which belongs to the *Orthopoxvirus* genus, declared by the World Health Organization as a public health emergency of international concern;

WHEREAS, on 24 May 2022, the Department of Health issued Department Memorandum No. 2022-0220 providing for "*Interim Technical Guidelines for the Implementation of Monkeypox Surveillance, Screening, Management, and Infection Control*" and advised the public to maintain minimum health standards and protocols to prevent the spread of the monkeypox virus, alongside the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 28 July 2022, the DOH Research Institute for Tropical Medicine tested and confirmed the first case of monkeypox in the country;

WHEREAS, the conduct of meetings and activities is essential to the implementation of projects and programs; therefore there is a need to promulgate guidelines that will ensure the prevention of monkeypox and COVID-19 transmission in the meetings and activities organized by PGOM and those conducted in areas and venues owned by the former;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D., by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Local Government Code of 1991 and other pertinent laws of the Republic of the Philippines as the Provincial Governor of Oriental Mindoro, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Prior Notice of Activities and/or Meetings to the Provincial Health Office. All Departments and Program Implementers of the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro (PGOM) are hereby required to report any of their activities and/or meetings with more than fifty (50) attendees/participants to the Provincial Health Office (PHO). Said report/notice must be communicated in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the conduct of such meetings/activities and specifically designate the Safety Officers for the meeting/activity.

SECTION 2. Duties of the Provincial Health Office. Upon receiving such notice, the PHO shall assess the carrying capacity, ventilation, and the overall condition of the venue. The PHO may recommend measures that will enhance safety of the attendees/participants and avert transmission of COVID-19 and monkeypox during the conduct of the meeting/activity.

The PHO must apprise the designated Safety Officer with their recommendations and other minimum health protocols which must be consistently observed before and during the meeting/activity. Upon due assessment and informing the designated Safety Officer of the PHO's recommendations, the latter shall issue a clearance for the conduct of meeting/activity.

SECTION 3. Designation of Safety Officers. There shall be designated Safety Officers for every PGOM-organized meeting and/or activity. The Safety Officers will monitor temperature and health conditions of the participants and attendees upon entering the venue. Safety Officers must inform

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the public of health precautions and ensure observance of the minimum health standards throughout the duration of the meeting/ activity.

SECTION 4. Use of the *Bulwagang Panlalawigan*, Halls, and other PGOM-owned facilities/venues by other government agencies and the private sector. Meetings and/or activities to be conducted in the *Bulwagang Panlalawigan*, *Mangyan Hall*, *Tamaraw Hall*, and other PGOM-owned facility/venue by other government offices/agencies and the private sector shall likewise require the above-mentioned prior reporting to the PHO. Meetings and activities covered by this Section shall encompass every meeting conducted in said PGOM-owned facilities/venues, regardless of the number of attendees/participants.

Government offices/agencies and private sector must also designate Safety Officers to perform the functions enumerated in Sections 3 and 6 hereof.

SECTION 5. Minimum Health Standards. Participants and attendees of meetings and activities must strictly observe the minimum health standards in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Every participant, attendee, and even the event organizers and speakers must all properly wear well-fitted masks, except for the following instances:


- a. Eating and drinking;
- b. Participating in team and individual sports in venues where ventilation standards can be maintained;
- c. Practicing outdoor sports/exercise activities where physical distance can be maintained; and
- d. Other similar situations.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All other executive orders, rules and regulations, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby amended, repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, this 8th day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.


HUMERTO A. DOLOR, MPA, Ph. D.
Provincial Governor