



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Isabela
MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Literal copy of *Municipal Ordinance No. 2022-05-110* approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its *Regular Session* on *February 28, 2022* held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05-110

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO INCREASE DEMAND FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (e) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to educate the public on emerging infectious diseases and its prevention, control and management to promote positive health behaviors, and address public fear and anxiety through the conduct of a nationwide EID awareness campaign;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, recognizing the COVID-19 pandemic requires the mobilization of a whole-of-government response, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency in the entire Philippines through Proclamation No. 922. The declared State of Calamity was extended on 16 September 2021 for one year through Proclamation No. 1021, s. 2020 and on September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant, through Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021);

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines that have been granted with Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (PFDA) are considered safe and effective, and, based on current available evidence, have been shown to (1) prevent symptomatic infection (2) prevent severe infection and (3) prevent transmission;

WHEREAS, following the Enhanced Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate-Vaccinate Strategy of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, its Vaccine Cluster is currently implementing the National COVID-19 Immunization Program that aims to provide added protection to all eligible Filipinos from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the National COVID-19 Immunization Program has been opened to the general public nationwide as provided for under the IATF Resolution No. 141 (s.2021). Further, the IATF approved recommended Strategy for the Vaccination Rollout for the Rest of the Pediatric Population (ROPP) pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 146 (s.2021);

WHEREAS, as of 04 November 2021, the country already received a total 108.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines with additional shipments until the end of the year. These doses of vaccines shall cover the target of vaccinating 54 million Filipinos with one dose by the end of November 2021 and 54 million Filipinos fully vaccinated by the end of December 2021;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s.2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has given new directives for a whole-of-government solution to increase the demand for COVID-19 vaccination, regardless of brand, for a healthier and resilient Philippines;

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WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines - National Institute of Health (NIH) bio-surveillance have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), and P.1 (Gamma) variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the Philippines. The DOH, UP-PGH, and UP-NHI have likewise confirmed the presence of the B.1.617 (Delta) variant that was first detected in India;

WHEREAS, continued implementation of proactive measures and restrictions must be put in place to slow down surge in COVID-19 cases, stop further spread of variants, buy time for the health system to cope, and to protect more lives.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in a session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1: TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as **"IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO RAMP-UP DEMAND FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION"** Ordinance.

SECTION 2. REGULATED ACTS. The following measures to increase the demand for COVID-19 vaccination by, among others:

1. Requiring all establishments and employers in the public and private sector to require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19, especially in the LGU. Eligible employees who remain to be unvaccinated may not be terminated solely by reason thereof. However, they shall be required to undergo RT-PCR tests regularly or at least once every two weeks at their own expense for purposes of on-site work;
2. Providing incentives for fully vaccinated individuals, and for business establishments which institute measures that promote vaccination among their employees and clients;
3. To the extent allowed by law, requiring proof of vaccination before individuals and/or entities may undertake or qualify for certain activities such as, but not limited to, implementing "No Vaccine, No Entry" to all public and private establishments within the locality, provided, that frontline and emergency services shall continue to render assistance to all persons regardless of vaccination status and prioritization of fully vaccinated individuals when providing government services.
4. All partially vaccinated employees in the public and private sector tasked to do onsite work need not undergo regular RT-PCR test at their own expense, as long as their second dose is not yet due pursuant to the interval prescribed for the brand of vaccine received as first dose, except when all the onsite employees/workers of an establishment are required under the Alert Level System Guidelines to be fully vaccinated.
5. To require all Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs) within the locality to ensure strict implementation and adherence to the Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Test-Reintegrate strategy and adherence and compliance to Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS).
6. To prioritize fully vaccinated individuals in availing of government programs and services in the Municipality.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT. This Ordinance shall be primarily implemented by the members of the Philippine National Police assigned or stationed in the Municipality, Punong Barangays and their Tanods and other municipal employees who may be duly deputized by the Local Chief Executive to ensure the full enforcement of this ordinance with due regard to human rights.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY AND AUTOMATIC DISSOLUTION CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication. This Ordinance shall be deemed automatically dissolved and without effect during the period until the Municipality is declared as free from COVID-19 and other emerging variants.

ENACTED, February 28, 2022.


I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela during its **Regular Session**.


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:**

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