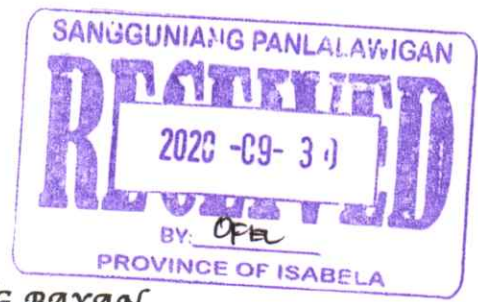




Republic of the Philippines  
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MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

Literal Copy of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2020- 060** approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its **Regular Session** on **September 7, 2020** held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

Sponsored by: **CRISELDA S. DELA PENA**, Sangguniang Bayan Member

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-060**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING AND STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUARANTINE AND HEALTH SAFETY STANDARD PROTOCOLS TO CONTAIN COVID-19 AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 4 HEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 168, series of 2014 created the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), which is mandated to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases in the country;

**WHEREAS**, in a Memorandum dated 18 March 2020, the Office of the Secretary directed the local government units (LGUs), among others, to adopt, coordinate and implement guidelines, which the IATF may issue on the COVID-19 situation;

**WHEREAS**, on 30 April 2020, the President issued Executive Order No. 112, and in Section 3 thereof confirmed and adopted the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines recommended by the IATF;

**WHEREAS**, the DOH has defined and operationalized minimum public health standards as a set of guidelines, strategies, and other non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) intended to mitigate and suppress the transmission of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, Memorandum No. 69, series of 2020 dated August 10, 2020 of the Provincial COVID-19 Task Force reiterates the existing protocols on the declaration of Community Quarantine in our respective jurisdiction pursuant to Executive Order No.112 issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on April 30, 2020;

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

**SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS** – refer to procedural interventions or modifications in policies, standards, and processes, that are meant to reduce frequency and severity of exposure to infectious diseases (e.g. hygiene and disinfection protocols, work shifting, etc.)

**COMORBIDITY AT RISK OF COVID-19 EXACERBATION**- presence of one or more additional conditions co-occurring with (that is, concomitant or concurrent with) a primary condition that increases an individual’s risk for mortality if afflicted by COVID-19. This includes immunocompromised individuals (such as but not limited to those with cancer, HIV/AIDS and other autoimmune disorders) and individuals with chronic conditions (such as but not limited to hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and chronic kidney disease).

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS** – refer to physical interventions or modifications in spaces or environments, that is meant to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases (e.g. use of physical barriers, exhaust ventilation, etc.)

**MEDICAL – GRADE PROTECTIVE APPAREL** –refers to the specialized personal protective equipment worn by healthcare workers and other frontliners involved in the disease outbreak response, for the purpose of protection against infectious materials. These include surgical facemasks, N95 respirators, face shield or goggles, coveralls, isolation gowns, surgical gloves, protective oversleeves, head cap, and shoe cover, among others.

**MODIFICATION POTENTIAL** –refers to the degree to which mitigation strategies and other public health measures can reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in different settings.

**MOST-AT-RISK POPULATION (MARP) FOR COVID-19** - refers to population groups who have a higher risk of developing severe COVID -19 infection such as individuals aged 60 and above, pregnant, and those with underlying conditions or comorbidity at risk of COVID-19 exacerbation.

**NON-PHARMACEUTICAL INTERVENTIONS (NPI)** – refers to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, that individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population.

**PROTECTIVE PERSONAL EQUIPMENT** –refers to protective garments or equipment worn by individuals to increase personal safety from infectious agents.

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**FACE SHIELD** – a personal protective face gear composed of a head strap with an attached rigid visible sheet, usually made with plastic, that aims to protect the wearer’s entire face from pathogens, viral agents, and other potentially infectious microscopic materials and organisms.

**VULNERABLE GROUPS** – refers to socially disadvantaged groups that moral susceptible to suffer directly from disasters and health events. These include senior citizens, immunocompromised individuals, women, children, persons deprived with liberty (PDL), persons with disabilities (PWDs), and members of indigenous peoples (IPs), internally displaced persons (IDPs), indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), among others.

**SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES.** The adoption and implementation of the standards shall be guided by the following principles:

**1. SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY**

- a. Health is a key development objective that is the shared accountability of the government, communities, households, and individuals.
- b. A whole-of-system, whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach is essential to develop cohesive solutions to current and future challenges to public health and national security.
- c. All efforts shall espouse the government’s strategic directions of national government-enabled, local government-led, and people-centered response to the COVID-19 health event.

**2. EVIDENCED-BASED DECISION MAKING**

- a. Evidence shall guide policy development and decision-making at all levels of government.
- b. As science continues to evolve, all actors shall periodically assess and recalibrate policies, plans, programs and guidelines.

**3. SOCIO-ECONOMIC EQUITY AND RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH**

- a. Recognizing that vulnerabilities are socially determined, it is important to be cognizant to the equity considerations and implications of blanket policies, plans, and programs that are being conceptualized for scaled-up implementation. Vulnerable groups should therefore be identified and provided additional social safety net protections.
- b. Policy design shall always choose the least restrictive alternative that achieve its goals.
- c. In the event of any conflict of rules or guidelines, the interpretation shall ensure the protection of human rights. As such, the safety, needs and well-being of the individual shall prevail.

**SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES**

**1. INCREASE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESILIENCE**

- a. Ensure access to basic needs of individuals, including food, water, shelter and sanitation.
- b. Support adequate nutrition and diets based on risk.
- c. Encourage appropriate physical activity for those with access to open spaces as long as physical distancing is practiced.
- d. Discourage smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages.
- e. Protect mental health and general welfare of individuals.
- f. Promote basic respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.
- g. Protect essential workforce through provision of food, PPE and other commodities, lodging, and shuttle services as necessary.
- h. Provide financial and healthcare support for workforce who contracted COVID-19 through transmission at work.
- i. Limit exposure of MARP groups, such as through limitation in entry or prioritization in service or provision of support.
- j. Provide appropriate social safety net support to vulnerable groups for the duration of the COVID-19 health event.

**2. REDUCE TRANSMISSION**

- a. Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water, and discourage the touching of the eyes, nose, and mouth, such as through appropriate information and education campaigns.
- b. Encourage symptomatic individuals to stay at home unless there is a pressing need to go to a health facility for medical consultation, if virtual consultation is not possible.
- c. Ensure access to basic hygiene facilities such as toilets, handwashing areas, water, soap, alcohol/sanitizer.
- d. Clean and disinfect the environment regularly, every two hours for high touch areas such as toilets, doorknobs, switches, and at least once everyday for workstations and other surfaces.
- e. Ensure rational use of personal protective equipment (PPEs) that is suitable to the setting, and the intended user. Medical-grade protective apparel shall be reserved for health care workers and other frontliners, and symptomatic individuals at all times.

**3. REDUCE CONTACT**

- a. Implement strict physical distancing at all times, especially at public areas, workstations, eating areas, queues, and other high traffic areas.

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- c. Restrict unnecessary mass gatherings.
- d. Limit non-essential travel and activities.
- e. Install architectural or engineering interventions, as may be deemed appropriate.
- f. Implement temporary closure or suspension of service in high-risk areas or establishments, as necessary.

**4. REDUCE DURATION OF INFECTION**

- a. Identify symptomatic individuals and immediately isolate, such as through the use of temperature scanning, symptom self-monitoring, and voluntary disclosure.
- b. Coordinate symptomatic individuals through appropriate health system entry points such as primary care facilities or teleconsulting platforms.
- c. Trace and quarantine close contacts of confirmed individuals consistent with Department of Health guidelines.

**SECTION 4. REGULATED ACTS.**

- 1. Wearing of face shield in addition to face mask when in public place, in a public utility vehicle or in any place where people physically converge or where there is mass gathering. Wearing of face shield aside from face mask while outside of his or her residence, except if conducting an activity which requires the removal thereof such as but not limited to, eating and drinking;
- 2. Strict observance of social or physical distancing;
- 3. Non-compliance to existing health protocols set forth by the Palanan IATF particularly in isolation and quarantine protocols of individuals entering the territorial jurisdiction of this Municipality; *diagnostic*
- 4. Penalizing parents or guardians of minors (*below 21 years of age*) who violate health safety standard protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SECTION 5. PENALTY CLAUSE.** Any person who violates Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be punished of:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense** : Fifteen (15) days community service;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense** : Twenty (20) days community service;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense** : Thirty (30) days community service;

**SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT.** The Members of Philippine National Police, Inter-Agency Task Force COVID-19, Office of the Municipal Health Officer and Frontliners are hereby enjoined to enforce the provisions of this ordinance and authorize to arrest any person violating hereof, if circumstances warrant.


**SECTION 7. FUNDING** - An initial funding to defray the expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced out from the MOOE of the Municipal Mayor of this Local Government Unit.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If, for any reason (s), any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, rules and regulations in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby modified/repealed.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

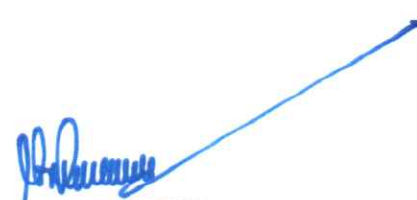
**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela during its **Regular Session on September 7, 2020.**

  
**NELIA ALAMO-PLATA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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

**APPROVED:**

  
**RONNIE ALATIENZA**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member/Temporary Presiding Officer

  
**ELIZABETH B. OCHOA**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: 09-18-2020