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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-126

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE IMPOSITION OF QUARANTINE FOR ALL COVID-19 CASES WHO SHALL BE IDENTIFIED IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. No. 7160) further provides that, "every local government unit (LGU) shall exercise powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental to its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare";

WHEREAS, Section 11 (a) (4), Article V of R.A. No. 7926, otherwise known as the "Charter of the City of Muntinlupa", provides that, "the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government, and in this connection shall adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following said events";

WHEREAS, Section 11 (e) (12) of the same law also provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of R.A. No. 11332, otherwise known as the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act", empowers the public health authorities to declare quarantine, isolation, and rapid containment measures for disease prevention and control.



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WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, through Executive Order No. 168, adopted Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020, of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), which provides recommendations for the management of the COVID-19 situation, effectively placing the entire National Capital Region (NCR) under Community Quarantine;

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the Office of the President, through the Executive Secretary, issued a Memorandum regarding the Stringent Social Distancing Measures and Further Guidelines for the Management of the COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the Office of the City Mayor issued Executive Order No. 13 providing for the Prohibition on Major Public or Mass Gatherings in the City of Muntinlupa to forestall and avoid Community Transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on 24 March 2020, the Congress of the Philippines, through the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act (R.A. 11469) declared a State of National Emergency over the entire country to respond efficiently to the crisis brought about by the COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on 17 July 2020, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-101 regarding the Guidelines in the stricter Conduct oh Home Quarantine for Mild and Asymptomatic COVID-19 patients and the Implementation of "OPLAN KALINGA" where LCEs are enjoined to immediately perform the identification and transfer of COVID-19 positive individuals to identified quarantine/isolation and medical facilities in their respective area of jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, on 21 July 2020, DILG issued an Advisory per recommendation of the IATF-MEID, and to avoid the further spread of the virus, advising all LGUs to regulate the existing guidelines on home quarantine for COVID-19 positive cases, whether asymptomatic or are exhibiting mild symptoms;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Muntinlupa recognizes the need to adopt concrete measures to prevent, contain, and restrict the spread of COVID-19 to protect Muntilupeños and all individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Muntinlupa against the harmful effects of this pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panglunsod in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "Mandatory Quarantine Ordinance of the City of Muntinlupa".

SECTION 2. Purpose, Scope, and Coverage. The primary purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the prevention, containment and restriction of the spread of infectious/communicable diseases outbreaks, epidemics, and/or pandemics such as COVID-19, as prescribed by B.A. No. 11332.

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This Ordinance shall be in effect during the imposition of any community quarantine, as may be determined by the IATF and/or other implementing authorities, and shall cover all persons residing and/or working, whether in public or private institution, in the City of Muntinlupa.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.

- (a) Close contact refers to a person who may have come into contact with a probable or confirmed case two days prior to onset of illness of the confirmed COVID-19 case until the time that said case tests negative on laboratory confirmation or other approved laboratory test. Close contact can mean any of the following:
 - 1. Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within one (1) meter and for more than 15 minutes;
 - 2. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
 - Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment; OR
 - 4. Other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.
- (b) Confirmed COVID-19 case refers to an individual who tested positive for COVID-10 through laboratory confirmation at the national reference laboratory, subnational reference laboratory, or a DOHcertified laboratory testing facility. A confirmed COVID-19 case can be either asymptomatic or symptomatic.
- (c) Front liner refers to a natural person who renders essential services and who by nature of their work are required to render services outside the person's home or residence.
- (d) Health Care Workers refers to all persons who are engaged in health and health-related work, and all persons employed in hospitals, health facilities, barangay health centers, and other health related establishments, whether owned and operated by the government or its political subdivisions with original charters, or by private sector, and shall include medical, allied health professionals, administrative and support personnel employed regardless of their employment status.
- (e) Home Quarantine refers to the restriction or limitation of movement of a person within the confines of a person's residence for a period of fourteen (14) days or until a negative result has been released, whichever is earlier, as determined by the guidelines and protocols issued by the Department of Health (DOH) and other governing bodies.



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(f) **Probable COVID-19 case** – refers to a suspect case who fulfills anyone of the following listed below:

- 1. Suspect case whose test results for COVID-19 is inconclusive;
- Suspect who tested positive for COVID-19 but whose test was not conducted in national or subnational reference laboratory or officially accredited laboratory for COVID-19 confirmatory testing;
- 3. Suspect case who died without undergoing any confirmatory testing.
- (g) Suspect COVID-19 refers to a person who is presenting with any of the conditions below:
 - 1. All Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) cases where NO other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation;
 - 2. Influenza-like Illness (ILI) cases with one of the following:
 - i. With no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation AND a history of travel to or residence in an area that reported local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onsetl; OR
 - With contact to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to the onset of symptoms;
 - Individuals with fever, cough or shortness of breath or other respiratory signs or symptoms fulfilling any one of the following conditions:
 - i. Aged 60 years and above;
 - ii. With a comorbidity;
 - iii. Assessed as having a high-risk pregnancy; and/or
 - iv. Health worker.
- (h) Quarantine refers to separation of persons that have been exposed to COVID-19 in places and under conditions that prevent the direct or indirect conveyance of the infectious agents from those exposed persons to those susceptible or who may spread the agent to others in the event those exposed persons develop illness or are otherwise infectious;

Quarantine facility – any structure or place built with partitions or distances between patients, all according to the standards set by the DOH or local government unit for the purpose of isolating Covid-19 positive patients to stop or prevent transmission to family members and neighbors.



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SECTION 4. *Mandatory Home Quarantine for COVID-19 Cases.* Home quarantine for COVID-19 positive cases, that are either asymptomatic or are exhibiting mild symptoms, including probable and suspected cases, and their close contacts, shall be allowed upon concurrence of the following requirements, to wit:

- (a) The COVID-19 case shall have his/her own room to conduct total isolation measures and shall not come into contact with people living under the same household;
- (b) The COVID-19 case shall have his/her own comfort room (CR) for hygienic purposes and to abate the indirect spread of the virus through touching of shared items (faucets, bidets, dippers, etc.); and
- (c) The COVID-19 case shall ensure that no vulnerable people (with existing co-morbidities, above the age of 60, under the age of 21, pregnant women, etc.), or those susceptible to obtaining the virus with severe effects are living in the same household where he/she intends to conduct self-isolation measures.

Barangay health workers with the company of the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) shall conduct house visitations and ensure that the aforesaid requirements are complied with before a COVID-19 case undergoes home quarantine. The absence of any of these requirements shall forfeit the possibility of a COVID-19 case to conduct home quarantine, and shall instead be sent to a government-managed isolation facility.

SECTION 5. Establishment of Quarantine Facility and Isolation Unit in Barangays. Barangay isolation unit and quarantine facility shall be established in every Barangays in the City of Muntinlupa pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 17 dated March 30, 2020 and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-13 dated February 6, 2020.

SECTION 6. *Referral and Transfer of Cases to Government-Managed Isolation Facility*. Any person who has undergone swabbing shall undergo mandatory Fourteen (14)-day quarantine at home, if the requirements for home quarantine is met. However, upon certification that a COVID-19 case is disqualified to undergo Mandatory Home Quarantine, local health workers shall coordinate the referral and transfer of the COVID-19 case with the City Health Office and shall coordinate with the PNP in ensuring the cooperation of all persons or entities identified as having the notifiable disease, pursuant to R.A. No. 11332.

It is ensuring that no violations of human rights are committed, and everything is facilitated in the most civilized and humane manner.

SECTION 7. Certificates of Completion. Upon completion of the mandatory fourteen (14)-day home quarantine period, any confirmed, probable, suspected, and close contacts of a COVID-19 case shall be issued a Certificate of Completion through their local health units (Barangays).



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SECTION 8. *Exemption.* Medical workers, such as doctors, nurses, medical technicians and the like, who shall undergo Covid-19 test, need not follow the protocol herein required but shall be governed by the policies issued by the Ospital ng Muntinlupa, City health Office and the Department of Health;

SECTION 9. Prohibited Acts:

- a. While under quarantine, a confirmed, probable, or suspected case shall be prevented from establishing or making personal contact with other persons except medical front liners or health workers treating or monitoring them.
- b. Any act in violation of the quarantine guidelines and protocols issued by the DOH, CHO, and other governing bodies shall likewise be penalized in accordance with the provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. *Penalties.* The following penalties, after due notice, shall be imposed against individuals violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, without prejudice to other penalties that may be imposed under applicable laws, rules, and regulations:

First Offense: A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00).

Second Offense: A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00).

Third and Succeeding Offenses: A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) and/or a maximum of one (1) year imprisonment upon discretion of the court.

The person violating this Ordinance shall be immediately placed under a Mandatory Home Quarantine or at designated Quarantine Facility, for a period stated in Section 4.

SECTION 11. *Imposition of Penalties.* Any person apprehended for violation of a City Ordinance, who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the fine imposed upon him/her, prior to the filing of a formal complaint with the Office of the City Prosecutor, shall be allowed to pay the said fine within five (5) working days from the issuance of the City Ordinance Violation Receipt (COVR) with the City Treasurer to avoid being criminally prosecuted.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions or parts not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause. All other ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.





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SECTION 14. *Publication.* This Ordinance shall be published pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Code and shall be posted by the Public Information Office (PIO) in the Official Website of the City Government of Muntinlupa and in all available social media platforms.

SECTION 15. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Let copies of this Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Administrator, City Legal Office, City Health Office, Philippine National Police (PNP-Muntinlupa City), Public Order and Safety Office (POSO), Liga ng mga Barangay, Public Information Office (PIO), and other concern offices for their information, guidance and reference.

ENACTED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 1ST day of September 2020, on its 60 Regular Session.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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APPROVED

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