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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 41
Series of 2020

**PROVIDING FOR NEW GUIDELINES IN THE CONDUCT OF RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS
IN PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA
UNDER GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

WHEREAS, Section B of Resolution No. 80, Series of 2020, issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, and dated 22 October 2020, provides that "(R)estrictions on mass gatherings for religious activities in areas under General Community Quarantine shall hereinafter be relaxed. For this purpose, Section [4], Paragraph 12 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines shall be amended, to wit:

*12. Mass gatherings, such as, but not limited to, movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited. Gatherings that are for the provision of critical government services and authorized humanitarian activities while adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards shall be allowed. Religious gatherings in areas under General Community Quarantine shall be allowed up to **thirty percent (30%)** of the seating or venue capacity. Provided that, religious gatherings shall be limited to the conduct of religious worship and/or service; Provided further, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gatherings may take place. The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards, particularly the social distancing measures and non-pharmaceutical interventions such as the obligatory wearing of face masks and immediate availability of hand hygiene necessities in the premises."*

WHEREAS, the City Health Office (CHO) of Muntinlupa reports, as of 25 October 2020, of the following details, namely:

Total Number of Confirmed Cases	:	4,597;
Total Number of Recovered Cases	:	4,379;
Recovery Rate	:	95.26%;
Doubling Time	:	18.41%;
Attack Rate	:	8.50 / 1,000;
Number of Active Cases	:	69;
Prevalence Rate	:	0.13;
Population	:	540,842.

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WHEREAS, these developments augur well for the relaxation of guideline with regard to the number of people that can be allowed to attend and participate in a religious gathering;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jaime R. Fresnedi, City Mayor of Muntinlupa, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree that:

Section 1. Definition of Terms.

- a. Religious Gatherings. This shall refer to any assembly or congregation of people whose purpose is to give worship, praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty;
- b. Places of Worship. This shall refer to an enclosed building, auditorium, hall, or room, like a church, a chapel, a prayer service center, a synagogue, a mosque or any similarly-situated edifice, or to an open-air setting, wherein people are allowed to express and manifest their collective faith to the Almighty.
- c. Administrator. This shall refer to the person in charge of the Religious Gathering, who may or may not be the same person in charge of the Place of Worship concerned, who may be a bishop, a monsignor, a priest, a pastor, a minister, a rabbi, an imam, or any similarly-situated officiant.

Section 2. Relaxation of Rule on Seating or Venue Capacity.

From the previously ordered ten percent (10%) seating or venue capacity for Religious Gatherings in Places of Worship, this shall be increased to thirty percent (30%), provided that the Administrator shall ensure strict adherence to safety and health protocols, including the following, namely:

- a. Wearing of face masks and face shields within the premises at all times;
- b. Observing physical distance of at least a meter from each other;
- c. Placing of hand hygiene implements at the entrance and within the premises, such as 70% solution rubbing alcohol, hand wash stations, among others;
- d. Placing foot baths at the entrance to the premises;
- e. Providing a sheet for writing the name, address, contact details and a thermal scanner for the temperature, or providing a Quick Response (QR) code to which the participant shall register, in order to assist in contact tracing efforts, if proven necessary; and
- f. Regulating, if not altogether prohibiting, the presence of ambulant vendors within the premises of the Place of Worship in order to avoid people coming together.

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Section 3. Functions of Concerned Offices.

A. City Health Office.

- i. Coordinate with the Administrator and ensure all health protocols are strictly observed; and
- ii. Provide contact details and place in a conspicuous area within the Place of Worship for participants to report suspected or probable cases and to inquire on necessary steps to be undertaken.

B. Philippine National Police, Muntinlupa City Station.

- i. Coordinate with the Administrator and ensure all health and safety protocols are strictly observed;
- ii. Ensure that the ambulant vendors are regulated, if not altogether prohibited, within the premises of the Place of Worship.

Section 4. Repealing Clause.

All orders or directives inconsistent with any provision found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Separability Clause.

In the event any provision found herein is judicially declared illegal or administratively struck down infirm, untouched provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing, and it shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked or amended accordingly.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this 26th day of October 2020 in the City of Muntinlupa.


JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor *RJS*

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