



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Davao del Norte
CITY OF PANABO

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

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Service to God*

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130
Series of 2022

AN ORDER PROVIDING THE GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES/MEMORIAL PARKS DURING THE UNDAS SEASON FROM OCTOBER 31, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2022

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the "State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them," and Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 expressly mandates the local government units to take charge with the promotion of health and safety within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, former President Duterte through Proclamation No. 922, declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management and Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) on the optional use of face masks outdoors, President Ferdinand R. Marcos issued Executive Order No. 3 dated September 12, 2022, which prescribed the voluntary wearing of facemasks in outdoor settings and reiterates the continued implementation of minimum public health standards during the state of public health emergency relative to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, it has been a long-held tradition of Filipinos to visit their departed loved-ones at the cemeteries and memorial parks during the *Undas* Season, especially on the observance of All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) of every year, as it is also a time and opportunity for families to spend time together;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to still implement precautionary measures to ensure that there will be no spikes in COVID-19 cases during the *Undas* season and prescribe certain measures for families or individuals visiting cemeteries/memorial parks on October 31, 2022 to November 3, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. COVERED PERIOD. The following guidelines will be implemented in public and private cemeteries, memorial parks, including columbariums and the like from **October 31, 2022 to November 3, 2022 at 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The public is advised to clean, repaint and renovate the graves of their departed ones earlier or until October 30, 2022 only.

SECTION 2. ENTRY TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC CEMETERIES/MEMORIAL PARKS. All public and private cemeteries, memorial parks, including columbariums and the like, may only allow entry of individuals who shall pass the body temperature checking and the observance of minimum health protocols.

Any person exhibiting flu-like symptoms (*fever, cough and cold*), Senior Citizens, children (*7 years old and below*) and persons with comorbidities are discourage from visiting the cemeteries.



SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES. The following items and activities are prohibited inside the premises of cemeteries:

- a. Alcoholic beverages
- b. Flammable materials
- c. Firearms, bladed weapons and sharp objects
- d. Videoke or any sound system that will cause loud sounds
- e. Any type of vehicles
- f. Deck of cards, bingo cards or any kind of gambling
- g. Overnight staying

All visitors are responsible for the proper disposal of their wastes and apply "*Clean as you go*" or *Basura ko, linis ko*".

SECTION 4. INTERMENTS AND CREMATION SERVICES. Interments and cremation services during the said period are not allowed, except for the remains of the suspected/probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases, wherein, the burial or cremation is done within 12 hours after death.

SECTION 5. PEACE AND ORDER, ENFORCEMENT AND ASSISTANCE. The Civil Security Unit, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Bureau of Fire shall be responsible for the peace and order in all cemeteries.

The Traffic Management Unit will be responsible for ensuring the flow of traffic, assisted by barangay officials and auxiliaries having jurisdiction over the cemeteries.

The Public Order and Safety Office shall identify parking areas for vehicles and designate areas specifically for flower, candle, and ambulant vendors.

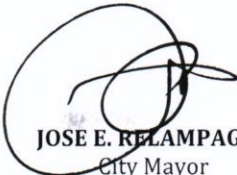
The City Health Office, assisted by the Barangay Health Workers, is directed to put up a health assistance desk in all cemeteries.

SECTION 6. OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS. All individuals entering the cemeteries are mandated to observe minimum health protocols such frequent hand hygiene and strict observance of social distancing.

SECTION 7. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. The City Information and the Public Order and Safety Office are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this order to the social media and in posting of this order in conspicuous places of the City.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof.

Issued this 25th day of October, 2022 at Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Philippines.


JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS
City Mayor