



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

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SETTING/IMPOSING GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS TO CONTAIN THE WIDESPREAD OF COVID-19 DURING THE 2020 CHRISTMAS SEASON IN CLAVERIA, CAGAYAN

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF- MEID) in the Philippines, our country has been declared in a State of Public Health Emergency because of the continuing spike in the number of COVID-19 infected individuals in the country, in general and in our province, in particular;

WHEREAS, Christmas Season is a time of festivities, family gatherings, social gatherings and parties which are contrary to the stringent social distancing and community quarantine measures and guidelines;

WHEREAS, as part of our prompt and whole approach in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak in our town, there is a need to take urgent and appropriate measures to contain the spread of the virus this Christmas season.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CELIA T. LAYUS, MD, Municipal Mayor of Claveria, Cagayan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and in accordance with Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, Section 16, do hereby impose guidelines and protocols during the celebration of the Christmas season, and hereby order the following:

1. **Simbang Gabi or Misa Aguinaldo.** To keep the Filipino Christmas tradition alive, the Municipality allows the holding of religious masses but limited to fifty per cent (50%) of the seating capacity of the venue.
2. To avoid congestions inside and outside the church, church officers or organizers are encouraged to schedule or conduct mass as many as possible; set markers on the seats to be occupied; put demarcation line on the floor to keep social distancing; put hygienic footbaths or mats at the church entrance/doorstep; get body temperature using thermal scanner; and provide logbook or form for contact tracing. Parishioners must wear face mask (no face mask, no entry policy). Disinfection or decontamination shall be done every after religious gathering or event.
3. **Christmas Carolling.** Christmas carolling shall not be allowed within the municipality from December 16, 2020 – January 6, 2021, as singing can potentially aerosolize droplets. Barangay officials are responsible to strictly implement this measure within his/her jurisdiction.

4. **Christmas parties, Social Gatherings and Other Christmas-Related Events or Gatherings.** The conduct/holding of Christmas parties/programs in public and private offices are not allowed during the effectivity of this Order.

Social gatherings in line with Christmas celebrations shall be limited to family members only with a maximum of ten (10) individuals and the same shall be held in their respective households or residences. Visitors and guests are not allowed.

Social gatherings to celebrate or commemorate personal or family milestones such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, reunions (family, clan or batch), gatherings to mourn departed love ones held in hotels, conference halls, convention venues and other similar premises shall be allowed provided, that they are not more than 50% of the venue seating capacity. The venue shall be inspected prior to the event by the Operation Center (OPCEN) and LDRRMO or his authorized representative and approval is secured from the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

5. **Curfew.** The municipality adopts its existing curfew hours, 11:00 pm- 4:00am.
6. **Videoke and Karaoke.** Playing of videoke and karaoke machine is strictly prohibited.
7. **Drinking Liquor.** While the Municipality does not impose liquor ban, it is hereby reminded that drinking should not be done in public places and should be in moderation.
8. **Conduct of Sports Events.** The conduct of sports events like basketball, volleyball and the like are definitely prohibited.
9. For individuals 15-65 years old are allowed to go outside their residences for essential and non-essential purposes.
10. **Observance of Minimum Public Health Standards.** All other minimum public health standards should be observed.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 15th day of December, 2020 in Claveria, Cagayan.


CELIA T. LAYUS, MD

Municipal Mayor 