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# CERTIFICATION

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the regular session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on March 8, 2021 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:*

Authored by SP Member Margielou Orange D. Humilde-Verzosa

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 261-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE REOPENING OF TOURISM IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AS AMENDED**

**WHEREAS**, Provincial Ordinance No. 254-2020 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, approved on December 17, 2020, prescribed the specific guidelines for the reopening of tourism in the Province of Pangasinan amid COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 101, dated February 26, 2021, approving the uniform travel protocols for land, air, and sea travel crafted by the Department of the Interior and Local Government;

**WHEREAS**, in compliance thereto, the Provincial Governor has issued Executive Order No. 0018-2021, dated March 1, 2021, adopting the uniform travel protocols under the said IATF-EID Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, due to the easing up on restrictions on travel guidelines, the Provincial Government of Pangasinan may now admit tourists, subject to reasonable restrictions which may be imposed by the host LGU;

**WHEREAS**, in pursuance to the said directive of IATF, there is a need to amend Provincial Ordinance No. 254-2020;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Margielou Orange D. Humilde-Verzosa, duly seconded, it was –

*Be it enacted by the Province of Pangasinan in session assembled:*

**Section 1. TITLE.** - This Ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE REOPENING OF TOURISM IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AS AMENDED”;



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**Section 2. THE PANGASINAN TOURISM RECOVERY COMMITTEE.** The Provincial Tourism Recovery Committee shall continually convene to review and monitor policies, protocols, and guidelines and to recommend appropriate measures and programs to ensure a safe and responsible tourism in Pangasinan. Composition is as follows:

- Chairman:** BOARD MEMBER ORANGE HUMILDE-VERZOSA  
1st District Board Member  
Chairman, Committee on Tourism, Arts and Culture  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs and OFW Concerns
- Co-Chairman:** ATTY. NIMROD S. CAMBA  
Provincial Administrator
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Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Officer
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- MS. BENITA M. PIZARRO  
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- MR. ALEX F. FERRER  
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**Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

1. **Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS)** – a one-stop-shop application/communication for travelers. For this purpose, a focal person from the province with respect to their municipalities and component cities, and from highly urbanized cities (HUCs) and independent component cities (ICCs) shall be assigned.
2. **COVID-19 Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)** – is a real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in upper and lower respiratory specimens (such as nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs, sputum, lower respiratory tract aspirates, bronchoalveolar lavage, and nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate) collected from individuals suspected of COVID 19 by their healthcare provider (HCP), as well as upper respiratory specimens (such as nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, or mid-turbinate swabs) collected from any individual, including from individuals without symptoms or other reasons to suspect COVID-19 infection ([www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) LabCorp COVID-19 RT – PCR test EUA Summary-7/24/2020).
3. **Online Visitor Registration System (OVRs)** – a computer system used to upload tourist information needed for visitor management and contact tracing.

**Section 4. GUIDELINES FOR PANGASINAN RESIDENTS:**

- A. **Residents of Pangasinan Traveling within the Province for Leisure.** Residents of Pangasinan are allowed to visit public parks, spaces and tourist attractions for leisure purposes while following minimum health standards, subject however, to various local impositions and restrictions including health and safety protocols set by the LGU destination.



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Persons below fifteen (15) years old, or those who are over sixty-five years of age shall not be allowed to travel. The following persons shall also be prohibited from tourist travel:

1. Pregnant women;
2. Persons with existing high-risk health conditions and co-morbidities;
3. Minors who have medical complexity, neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions, or who have congenital disease/s.

**B. Residents of Pangasinan Traveling outside the Province for Tourism**

1. If the resident-tourist travels outside the province, he/she must, upon returning to his/her place of residence, report to Barangay Health Emergency Rescue Teams (BHERTs) for assessment.
2. The resident-tourist must, upon his/her return, comply with the Local Government Unit's guidelines for returning residents.

**Section 5. GUIDELINES FOR TOURISTS.**

**A. Tourists Allowed.** Philippine residents may travel to Pangasinan, subject to reasonable restrictions which may be imposed by the host local government unit (LGU), except:

1. Persons below fifteen (15) years old, or those who are over sixty-five years of age;
2. Pregnant women;
3. Persons with existing high-risk health conditions and comorbidities;
4. Minors who have medical complexity, neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions, or who have congenital heart disease;

**B. Travel Requirements.**

1. Valid ID (as proof of identity, residency and age)
2. Other requirements reasonably imposed by the host LGU

**C. Protocols to be Strictly Followed.**

**1. Before Travel**

- a. Tourists must comply with the entry requirements of the host LGU.
- b. If intended travel is strictly for hotel/resort staycation, tourists are advised to pre-arrange their accommodation requests, requirements and secure booking confirmation with accommodation establishments.



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- c. Tourists are encouraged to register to the Online Visitor Registration System (OVRs). Each traveler, of any age, must have an individual visitor registry to be able to have access to the Safe, Swift, and Smart Passage (S-PaSS) Travel Management System of the Department of Science and Technology.
- d. If awaiting of tour services or packages, tourists are encouraged to register at [Pangasinan.tarana.ph](http://Pangasinan.tarana.ph) Online Visitor Registration System.
- e. Tourism service providers, i.e., resorts or accommodation establishments and tour operators, must be DOT accredited.

### 2. During Travel

- a. Tourists are advised to only use pre-determined safe pit stops for purposes of stopovers for eating and personal necessities.
- b. Health protocols shall be conducted in every pit stop, such as temperature check and the filling up of the establishment's Health Declaration Form (HDF).

### 3. Upon Arrival

- a. If required by the host LGU, tourists must register at LGU-designated areas.
- b. Upon clearance from the LGU Tourism Officer/designated clearing officer, tourists can immediately proceed to their pre-booked hotel/accommodation facility.

### 4. Upon Check-in

- a. Regular temperature check, other sanitation protocols and mandated SOPs for accommodation establishments shall be done and complied with whenever coming back from tourism establishments and tourist sites.

### 5. During Tours

- a. Tourists must log in and out of tourism establishments and tourist sites for contact tracing purposes. Health protocols such as temperature check and wearing of face masks and face shields shall be required.
- b. Tourists on staycation are only allowed within the premises of the hotel/resort and can only go out when arranged by a DOT-accredited tour operator or tour guide.



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- c. For transfers from a tourist attraction to an accommodation establishment and vice versa within an LGU, tricycles may be used but must be supervised and regulated by the LGU through the Tourism Office, ensuring safety and compliance to existing regulations on public transport. The LGU Tourism Office must formulate local guidelines and maintain an inventory of tricycles for this purpose, to be submitted to PTCAO for information and reference.

**6. Protocols for Critical Health Care**

- a. Tests using RT-PCR shall be required when the following occurs:
  - i. When tourist starts to manifest symptoms for COVID-19.
  - ii. When tourist unjustifiably deviates from the itinerary without coordination and/or cannot be contacted by tour operator or tour guide.
- b. If the test result turns out to be positive for the above circumstances, patient is turned over to host city/town health care officials who shall advise and recommend health management procedures depending on official diagnosis.
- c. Tourists shall cover the expenses arising from these necessary additional health protocol requirements.

**7. During Re-entry to Hometown or Home Province**

- a. Re-entries to point of origin or home province or town shall be subjected to the LGU's existing prescribed protocols and requirements such as mandated testing or mandated home quarantine.
- b. No LGU shall deny their own returning residents of re-entry when entering as positive with COVID-19. Proper health care management shall be provided by the local health care officials.

**Section 6. GUIDELINES FOR TOURISM ESTABLISHMENTS**

**A. Accommodation Establishments**

1. Accommodation Establishments shall comply with DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2020-002-A: AMENDED HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE NEW NORMAL and Provincial EO No. 0059-2020: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN PANGASINAN. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation and suspension of DOT-CAO/PCAO.



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2. Accommodation establishments shall ensure that during their guest's stay, a log of the guest's entry and exit shall be maintained.

### **B. Restaurants**

1. Restaurants and food establishments shall comply with the DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2020-004: GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF DOT-ACCREDITED RESTAURANTS and Provincial EO No. 0059-2020: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN PANGASINAN. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation of business permit.
2. Restaurants and food establishments shall ensure that guest/s is/are checked-in/out every entry/exit.

### **C. Tourist Shops**

1. Visits to public markets, shopping malls, and other crowded areas are discouraged to tourists. Tour operators, tour guides or the accommodation establishment representatives may assist in the purchase of local products, other goods and souvenirs.
2. Tourist shops shall comply with DOT, DTI and DOH issuances.
3. Tourist and souvenir shops shall ensure that guests are digitally checked-in/out every entry/exit.

## **Section 7. GUIDELINES FOR TOURIST SITES**

Public spaces such as parks, beaches, resorts and the like are open, subject to appropriate health protocols, carrying capacity and crowd control by their respective LGUs and/or operators/managers.

1. Beaches and Island Destinations (DOT AOs No. 2020-004 and 2020-007)
2. Nature and Farm Tourism Sites
3. Heritage, Culture and Arts Sites
4. Weddings and Small Events Destinations (DOT AO 2020-003)
5. Public Spaces
6. Pit stops



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### Section 8. GUIDELINES FOR TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR GUIDES

1. Tour operators, travel agents, tour guides, and driver-guides shall conform and comply with basic ethical and professional standards set forth in their DOT accreditation with utmost hospitality standards when providing services to travelers. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation and suspension of accreditation and/or business license.
2. DOT accredited tour operators may offer Pangasinan tour packages, but must ensure that services of local tour operators are utilized.
3. Tour guides and driver-guides shall serve as safety officers for guests, thus will have the responsibility to ensure that reminders and alerts on required safety protocols are aptly and timely given to guests.

### Section 9. GUIDELINES FOR TOWNS/CITIES

- A. Readiness Criteria.** Destination Towns/Cities must ensure at all times that provisions for readiness are adequate. The following are the basic readiness factors:
1. Functional Registration and Monitoring System
  2. Operational Tourism Information and Assistance Center
  3. **TOEs** and **TREs** DOT Accreditation and Compliance
  4. DOT/PTCAO-approved Tour Programs and Packages
  5. Efficient Border/Site Management System
  6. Sufficient Information and Educational Campaign
- B. Health Care Capacity must be adequate, following the criteria set by IATF and DOH:**
1. Presence of Epidemiology and Surveillance Officer
  2. Adequate Contact Tracing Personnel
  3. Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams
  4. Testing Laboratory Trained Testing Staff
  5. Functionalization of Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit
  6. Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF)
  7. Isolation Beds in the TTMF's
  8. Ambulatory Transport Mechanism and Emergency Response Capacity
  9. Transport Vehicle for COVID-19 Specimen
  10. Funeral Home for COVID-19 Deaths





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**Section 10. SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

1. Local government units shall determine the carrying capacity of each destination and strictly implement the necessary regulations or other concrete measures. Likewise, adherence to the principles of responsible and sustainable tourism must also be ensured in public and private spaces and establishments.
2. Efficient waste management systems in tourist sites and related facilities, public spaces and the general community must also be ensured by the host local government unit.

**Section 11. TEMPORARY EXCLUSION OF DESTINATIONS.** A particular destination town/city or specific tourist attraction may be temporarily excluded for the following reasons:

1. Destination is deemed not ready by the local government and DOT Regional Office as assessed using set readiness criteria.
2. Destination town/city experiences spike in COVID-19 positive cases to a high-risk level or localized outbreak as confirmed by the local government unit, Provincial IATF, IATF-EID or DOH Regional Office.

**Section 12. PENALTIES.** Component LGUs are encouraged to enact measures that shall enforce the guidelines in this Ordinance, with penalties for violations thereof.

**Section 13. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All provisions of local ordinances, orders, and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 14. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and automatically ceases until further revoked.

CERTIFIED BY:

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Vice Governor  
*(Presiding Officer)*

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Governor