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Province of Palawan  
Municipality of El Nido

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER** 21-011

**AN ORDER PRESCRIBING COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES FOR THE REOPENING OF TOURISM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF EL NIDO**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic that affected most parts of the world significantly reduced the tourism industry;

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of community quarantines in the country, including Palawan, prevented the arrival of approximately 420,000 tourists in El Nido from March 2020 to January 2021; and El Nido lost an estimated amount of at least six (6) billion pesos in tourist receipts due to the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2020, Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 20-191 was passed and approved, launching "**Our Safe Haven**" as the Municipality's official New Normal Tourism Campaign;

**WHEREAS**, data from the tourism related occupational permits recorded 5,997 individuals directly employed in the tourism industry have suffered unemployment or under-employment making a significant part of El Nido's population needing economic movement fueled by tourism;

**WHEREAS**, in a meeting with Department of Tourism's (DOT) Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat on October 23, it was agreed upon that in order to revive and sustain tourism, El Nido will need to reopen for more tourists from outside Palawan. Following the said meeting, several recommendations were advised by the DOT and the DOT-Regional Director for proper administration of tourism Reopening;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, EDNA GACOT-LIM, Municipal Mayor of El Nido, Palawan, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby declare the following comprehensive guidelines for the reopening of tourism in the Municipality of El Nido:

Section 1. **SHORT TITLE.** – This Order shall be known as the Tourism Re-opening Guidelines:

Section 2. **ACRONYMS AND DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

2.1. **ACRONYMS**

- A. **LGU- EL NIDO**- refers to the Municipal Government of El Nido
- B. **LSOC** – Local Seal of Compliance
- C. **MHO**- refers to the Municipal Health Office of El Nido
- D. **MTO**- refers to the Municipal Tourism Office of El Nido

## 2.2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. **Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs)**-Travelers classified as APORs are health and emergency frontline services personnel, government officials and government frontline personnel, duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors (HAAS), persons traveling for medical or humanitarian reasons, persons going to the airport for travel abroad, anyone crossing zones for work or business permitted in the zone of destination and going back home, returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos (OFs) returning to their places of residence, and other persons transported through the efforts of the national government.
- B. **DOT Accreditation** – refers to the Certification issued by the Department of Tourism (DOT) to a tourism enterprise that officially recognizes it as having complied with the minimum standards for the operation of tourism facilities and services.
- C. **Independent Private Attractions**- privately owned and managed attractions/ spots utilized for leisure activities (without accommodation) such as, but not limited to, ziplines and canopy walk.
- D. **Minimum Health Standards**- basic sanitation and hygiene standards set by the Department of Health such as, but not limited to, wearing of facemasks and face shields, keeping physical distance of at least 1 meter from one person to another, frequent handwashing, and stepping on footbaths
- E. **Private Transportation**- transportation utilizing private vehicles and merits no income.
- F. **Tourist** – refers to any visitor who is not a resident of the Municipality of El Nido, has a purpose of leisure, learning, business meeting or any activity that merits no income.
- G. **Palawan-based Tourists** – Individuals residing in other areas in Palawan (except El Nido) travelling to the Municipality of El Nido for leisure purposes and staying herein for not more than six (6) months.

- H. **Tourist One Stop Site (TOSS)** – refers to a specific site set up within the entry points to the Municipality of El Nido. It is manned by a composite unit composed of LGU El Nido officials/employees and other government officers whose function is to receive arrivals and assure their compliance to set standards and protocols.
- I. **Tourism-related Enterprises (TRE)**– refers to commercial establishments that directly cater to tourists. TREs include accommodation establishments, food and beverage establishments, and tour agencies.
- J. **QR-Coded Tourist ID (QT-ID)**–refers to the identification containing a quick response code given to tourists once they have complied with the requirements mandated by the Local Government of El Nido

Section 3. **ALLOWABLE ENTRY.** –Tourists allowed to enter the Municipality of El Nido:

- 3.1. Tourist from within Palawan, provided that the QR-coded Tourist ID (QT-ID) has been accomplished.
- 3.2. Tourist originating from other areas outside Palawan traveling to El Nido via the Municipalities of Coron and San Vicente, Palawan, provided that they have complied with the requirements set by said receiving Municipalities including; but not limited to, a negative RT-PCR swab test at most 72 hours prior the tourist's flight to Palawan; that the QR-coded Tourist ID (QT-ID) has been accomplished; and that there is proper coordination and endorsement between the Municipal Tourism Offices involved.
- 3.3. Tourist from outside Palawan traveling to El Nido via the Lio Aiport, provided that a negative RT-PCR swab test taken seventy-two (72) hours prior to flight to El Nido, and QR-coded Tourist ID (QT-ID) have been accomplished.
- 3.4. Tourist on board yachts or private boats, provided that that a negative RT-PCR swab test taken seventy-two (72) hours prior the departure to El Nido; QR-coded Tourist ID (QT-ID)and; observance of Section 8 herein; have been accomplished.

Section 4. **ACQUISITION OF QR-CODED TOURIST ID (QT-ID).** – Accomplishment of the QT- ID shall be made within 72 hours prior to the tourist's arrival. If all requirements have been complied with, a QT-ID will be issued, which can be downloaded for saving or printing. Tourists shall save a digital copy or printed hardcopy of the issued QT-ID and the documents provided below. The QT-ID will serve as clearance at LGU-TOURIST ONE STOP SITE (TOSS) and entry points of establishments.

- 4.1. To accomplish the QT-ID, one must access the El Nido Tourism website at [www.elnidotourism.ph](http://www.elnidotourism.ph) or the El Nido Tourism QR code for QT-ID and provide the necessary details. The QT-ID will be sent via email upon verification of electronically accomplished/submitted:
- i. Accomplished health declaration;
  - ii. Booking or reservation in an accommodation establishment with valid DOT Accreditation;
  - iii. Valid identification card. For minors, identification cards (IDs) of guardians;
  - iv. Self-accomplished travel itinerary in El Nido. (Sample format stated in Section 7 of this Executive Order)
  - v. For tourists originating from areas outside Palawan via the Lio Airport and the Municipalities of Coron and San Vicente, the following requirements shall also be submitted:
    1. A negative RT-PCR swab test result taken within the last seventy-two (72) hours prior the tourist's flight to Palawan;
    2. Medical certificate issued within the last seventy-two (72) hours prior the tourist's flight to Palawan;
    3. Copy of the tourist's flight tickets to and from Palawan.

Section 5. **PURPOSE OF QT-ID.** -For purposes of contact tracing, the QT-IDs will be used by tourists as they enter and exit commercial establishments, get on board tourist transport, and visit tourist spots.

Section 6. **GUIDELINES FOR RT-PCR SWAB TEST.** - A negative RT-PCR swab test shall be performed within the last seventy-two (72) hours prior to the tourist's flight to Palawan. The performing laboratories shall be accredited by the Department of Health. The submitted negative swab test results shall undergo verification processes.

**Section 7. GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL ITINERARY.**

7.1. Travel itineraries shall include the activities the tourist will do, including the visit to tourist attractions, whether island, mainland beaches, and independent private attractions. All said visits shall be accompanied by personnel of the tour agency pre-arranged by the guests' respective local tour operators/travel agencies.

7.2. Travel itineraries shall include the tourism-related enterprises (TREs) such as food and beverage establishments and tourist shops to be visited by tourists.

*Sample format*

7.3. All visits to the TREs to be visited by guests shall be coordinated and pre-arranged by the guests' AEs staff with the staff of the receiving TRE.

7.4. The Municipal Tourism Office shall screen the entries in all travel itineraries submitted by tourists and assure that their activities are allowable and the TREs to be visited are compliant to the health protocols endorsed by the Department of Health and the Local Government Unit. The Municipal Tourism Office shall also provide the tourists a comprehensive list of operational tourist attractions, tourism-related establishments that are compliant with the local government's Local Seal of Compliance (LSOC) should it be necessary.

**SECTION 8. TOURISTS COMING TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF EL NIDO ON BOARD A YACHT OR A PRIVATE BOAT SHALL OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:**

- 8.1. Proper coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard and Philippine Ports Authority stationed in El Nido prior to arrival.
- 8.2. Passengers of yacht or private boats shall not be allowed to mingle with the community. Purchase of food and other essential things shall be coordinated with the Philippine Coast Guard.

TRAVEL ITINERARY IN EL NIDO		
GUEST NAME: _____		
BIRTHDATE: _____		
HOME ADDRESS: _____		
CONTACT NUMBER: _____		
<b>IF TRAVELING TO EL NIDO DIRECTLY VIA THE LIO AIRPORT</b>		
DATE OF ARRIVAL IN EL NIDO: _____		
ARRIVAL DETAILS (TRANSPORT/FLIGHT DETAILS): _____		
DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM EL NIDO: _____		
DEPARTURE DETAILS (TRANSPORT/FLIGHT DETAILS): _____		
<b>IF TRAVELING TO EL NIDO VIA CORON AND SAN VICENTE</b>		
DATE OF ARRIVAL IN EL NIDO: _____		
ARRIVAL DETAILS (TRANSPORT DETAILS) TO EL NIDO: _____		
DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM EL NIDO: _____		
DEPARTURE DETAILS (TRANSPORT DETAILS) FROM EL NIDO: _____		
ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT(S) IN EL NIDO: _____		
<b>DAY 1:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>TOURISM SUPPLIER:</b>
ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT HOTEL CHECK		AIRPORT NAME OF HOTEL WITH DOT ACCREDITATION*
<b>DAY 2:</b> BREAKFAST		NAME OF HOTEL/ RESTAURANT
ISLAND HOPPING TOUR (BIG LAGOON PREMIUM)		NAME OF LOCAL TOUR OPERATOR WITH LOCAL WITH SEAL OF COMPLIANCE (LSOC)
DINNER		NAME OF RESTAURANT WITH LSOC
<b>DAY 3:</b> BREAKFAST		NAME OF HOTEL/ RESTAURANT
ISLAND HOPPING TOUR (BIG LAGOON PREMIUM)		NAME OF LOCAL TOUR OPERATOR
DINNER SOUVENIR SHOPPING		NAME OF RESTAURANT WITH LSOC NAME OF SHOP WITH LSOC
<b>DAY 4:</b> BREAKFAST VISIT TO NACPAN BEACH HOTEL CHECK-OUT DEPARTURE		NAME OF HOTEL/ RESTAURANT NAME OF LOCAL TOUR OPERATOR NAME OF HOTEL AIRPORT
<b>PREPARED AND CERTIFIED CORRECT BY:</b>		
SIGNATURE OVER PRINTED NAME OF GUEST		

- 8.3. Yachts or private boats may only visit the Bukal Island, Sabang Beach, and Binangkulan Beach with proper coordination with MEEDO and the Philippine Coast Guard. Should tourists on board yachts and private boats wish to visit the spots that are parts of the seven (7) island tours, the services of a local tour operator shall be availed.

Section 9. **PAYMENT OF ECO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FUND.** -All tourists are required to pay the Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF) at the Tourist One Stop Site (TOSS) located at the entry points to El Nido.

#### Section 10. **QT-ID DATA PRIVACY SECTION**

- 10.1. In compliance with R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, all data on health declaration and whereabouts submitted by the guests shall only be accessed by the Municipal Mayor's Office, Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Municipal Health Office (MHO), as warranted, particularly for contact tracing purposes.
- 10.2. QT-ID scanners shall read specified code corresponding to the uploaded ID.
- 10.3. All whereabouts information shall be deleted after 30 days in the system's storage.
- 10.4. Upon the discretion of the Local Chief Executive (LCE), the Local Government Unit (LGU) shall endorse identified VIPs to the Municipal Tourism Office (MTO) for exemption in the accomplishment of the QT-ID.

#### Section 11. **TOURIST ONE STOP SITE (TOSS).** – Duties and functions.

- 11.1. TOSS, shall be established in Lio Airport, El Nido Seaport, and So. Bubulungan of Bgy. Corong-corong.
- 11.2. The following shall be accomplished at every TOSS:
- i. QT-ID Scanning
  - ii. Temperature Check
  - iii. ETDF payment collection

- 11.3. All tourists shall enter El Nido through the established TOSS.

Section 12. **PROTOCOLS TO BE OBSERVED BY TOURISTS UPON ARRIVAL IN EL NIDO TOSS.** - Upon arrival at the entry points, tourists will be required to accomplish the following at the TOSS:

- 12.1. Presentation of the QT-ID for scanning; and the documents submitted to avail the said ID, should it be necessary;
- 12.2. At the LGU-TOSS, tourists must follow the procedures for health check by health officers; and
- 12.3. Payment of the Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF).

## Section 13. PROTOCOLS TO BE OBSERVED BY TOURISTS WHILE IN EL NIDO

### 13.1. In the Accommodation Establishments (AEs)

- i. Present QT-ID to the accommodation front desk for digital check-in and out whenever tourist goes in and out of the accommodation facility.
- ii. Undergo regular sanitation protocols and health protocols.
- iii. Submit luggage for disinfection.
- iv. Tourists shall inform their AE staff about their visits to different tourism-related enterprises (TREs) such as restaurants and tourist shops that have complied with the LGU's Local Seal of Compliance (LSOC). Before tourists leave their AEs, their AE staff shall have coordinated with the staff of the receiving TRE regarding the tourist's visit.
- v. Should visits to TREs require transportation, such transportation arranged shall be private.

### 13.2. During Tours and visit to other tourist spots – Mainland and Island Activities

- i. Tourists doing island activities must present their QT-ID during the pre-departure inspection at the floating dock for contact tracing purposes. Health protocols such as temperature checks and wearing of face masks are required.
- ii. Tourists doing mainland activities must present their QT-ID during inspection prior to entrance to tourist spots for contact tracing purposes.
- iii. Tourists shall always observe minimum health standards.
- iv. Tourists from within Palawan and tourists from outside Palawan shall go on separate tours and tour vehicles/vessels.
- v. Tourists shall be accompanied by licensed tour guides pre-arranged by the guests' respective local tour operators/travel agencies.
- vi. As a general rule, tourists are not allowed to deviate from their submitted itinerary. Should there be necessary alterations to the guest's itinerary based on valid reasons such as weather conditions, the tourist's AE staff shall coordinate with the Municipal Tourism Office (MTO) and a new itinerary shall be made.
- vii. Leisure travel is open to all ages without underlying conditions and comorbidities. Minors shall be accompanied by their parents or guardians.

**13.3. When in other TREs and other allowable establishments and areas**

- i. Tourists shall always observe minimum health standards.
- ii. Tourists shall log entry and exit using their respective QT-IDs.
- iii. Tourists are highly encouraged to pay for tourist services contactless or online.

**Section 14: PROTOCOLS FOR CRITICAL HEALTH CARE****14.1. In the TOSS:**

- i. Should tourists start showing symptoms caused by the COVID-19 virus, they shall be immediately isolated in the isolation area within the TOSS.
- ii. The Municipal Health Office (MHO) will facilitate immediate rapid testing.
- iii. Should tourists test positive in the rapid test, they will be brought to the isolation facility.
- iv. An RT-PCR swab test will be facilitated through the MHO
- v. Should tourists test positive in the accomplished RT-PCR swab test, they will be referred to the nearest available healthcare facility.
- vi. Expenses borne out of the additional health protocol requirements shall be on the account of the tourist.

**14.2. In the Accommodation Establishments (AEs)**

- i. Should tourists start showing symptoms caused by the COVID-19 virus, they shall be immediately isolated in their respective isolation rooms within their AEs.
- ii. AE staff shall coordinate with their committed on-call medical personnel to perform immediate assessment of the tourists showing symptoms.
- iii. The committed on-call medical personnel shall coordinate with the Municipal Health Office (MHO) regarding their assessment. The MHO shall decide whether guests shall be rapid tested for COVID-19 or treated differently if the symptoms are related to other diseases.
- iv. Should tourists test positive in the accomplished rapid test, an RT-PCR swab test will be facilitated through the MHO (testing is done at Ospital ng Palawan (ONP)).
- v. Should tourists test positive in the accomplished RT-PCR swab test, they will be referred to the nearest available healthcare facility.
- vi. Expenses borne out of the additional health protocol requirements shall be on the account of the tourist.



### 14.3. Other establishments shall follow the following:

- i. Should tourist in other establishments starts manifesting signs and symptoms of COVID-19 virus, they shall immediately call MHO hotline for assessment;
- ii. The staff of the establishment shall report the tourist to the MHO immediately.
- iii. Tourists shall be immediately brought by the LGU ambulance or any specified vehicle to the isolation room in the tourists' AE.
- iv. AE staff shall coordinate with their committed on-call medical personnel to perform immediate assessment of the tourists showing symptoms.
- v. The committed on-call medical personnel shall coordinate with the Municipal Health Office (MHO) regarding their assessment. The MHO shall decide whether guests shall be rapid tested for COVID-19 or treated differently if the symptoms are related to other diseases.
- vi. Should tourists test positive in the accomplished rapid test, an RT-PCR swab test will be facilitated through the MHO (testing is done at ONP).
- vii. Should tourists test positive in the accomplished RT-PCR swab test, they will be referred to the nearest available healthcare facility.
- viii. Expenses borne out of the additional health protocol requirements shall be on the account of the tourist.

## Section 15. PROTOCOLS FOR TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS

### 15.1. Accommodation Establishments (AEs)

- i. AEs can accommodate multiple categories of permitted guests:
  1. Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs); or
  2. Guests for leisure.
- ii. AEs cannot accommodate permitted guests such as APORs arriving via Puerto Princesa City since said individuals shall undergo mandatory quarantine at the LGU-accredited quarantine facility.
- iii. AEs shall make sure that Palawan-based tourists and locals of El Nido are staying and using premises and facilities separated from those being utilized by APORs and tourists arriving from Manila. Palawan-based tourists and El Nido residents are only allowed to meet tourists from outside Palawan if they have a negative RT-PCR conducted 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- iv. AEs shall ensure that guests, using their respective QT-IDs, are digitally checked every entry and exit thru a mobile scanner.

- v. All AEs that intend to cater to tourists and APORs shall secure a DOT Accreditation prior to any operations.
- vi. AEs shall facilitate luggage disinfection prior to guests' check-in.

### 15.2. Food and Beverage (F&B) Establishments

- i. Restaurants and food and beverage establishments shall acquire the LSOC prior to operations.
- ii. Restaurants and food and beverage establishments shall strictly comply with the health protocols, particularly, the social distancing and capacity of venue at 75% only.
- iii. Restaurants and food and beverage establishments shall hold no lively gathering involving dancing and drinking spree.
- iv. Restaurants and food and beverage establishments with LSOC are now allowed to accept guests from within and outside Palawan for dine-in dining.
- v. F&B establishments are encouraged to make their digital menus available for diners and ensure that physical menus are sanitized after each use.
- vi. F&B establishments serving food to guests doing island and mainland tours shall exert best efforts to utilize environment-friendly food packaging. Single-use plastics are prohibited.

### 15.3. Tourist Shopping

- i. Tourist shops shall acquire LSOC prior to operations.

### 15.4. Wellness Centers

- i. Wellness centers shall acquire LSOC prior to operations.
- ii. Massage therapist shall sanitize before and after massage.
- iii. Accommodations establishments can only offer massage service if they have stay-in massage therapist/s and designated massage area. Room services are not allowed.

### 15.5. Transport Sector

- i. Those operating in the transport sector shall be in constant compliance with the carrying capacity and other health standards set by the Department of Transportation.
- ii. Those operating van transport shall ensure that guests, using their respective QT-IDs, are digitally checked every vehicle entry and exit through a mobile scanner.

## 15.6. Tours and Activities

- i. Through the Municipal Economic Enterprise and Development Office (MEEDO), reservation of tour slots and clearing of the accomplished tour manifests shall be made prior to issuance of trip Clearance/QR Code.
- ii. Tour agencies, tour operators and similar establishments such as diving operators shall acquire the LSOC prior to their operations in Phase 2.
- iii. Tour operators shall ensure passengers capacity for utilized vehicles/vessels in accordance with the guidelines set by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and MARINA.

### A. Utilized land transport vehicles for tourist activities

- 1) Wearing of face masks of the driver and other employees as mandated by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).
- 2) Observance of the proper physical distancing of tourists within the vehicle, accomplished through setting up of visual markers and non-permeable barriers.

### B. Utilized marine vessels such as pump boats and speedboats for tourists activities;

- 1) Wearing of face masks of the boat captain, tour guides, and other employees as mandated by the DOLE.
- 2) Observance of the proper physical distancing of tourists within the vessel, accomplished through setting up of visual markers and non-permeable barriers, if applicable.

- iv. During island hopping and dive tours, tourists shall be picked up and dropped off to and from their AE by private transportation, and shall be accompanied by their AE staff or guide to and from the floating dock where tour dispatch and disembarkation will be made. If there are signs and symptoms of COVID-19, guests are not allowed to go on a tour.

- v. The former Tours A, B, C & D shall be rebranded into the 7 Wonders of El Nido Tours. For social distancing purposes, the new set of tours shall have temporary limited capacity.

### A. PREMIUM TOURS:

#### 1) Small Lagoon Premium

Small Lagoon, Payong-Payong & Secret Lagoon.

#### 2) Big Lagoon Premium

Big Lagoon, Shimizu Island & West Entalula Beach.

#### 3) Matinloc Island Premium

Hidden Beach, Secret Beach & Matinloc Shrine Area.

**B. REGULAR TOURS:****1) Cave Exploration Tour**

Cudugnon Cave, Snake Island & Cathedral Cave.

**2) Tapiutan Strait Tour**

Talisay Small, Talisay Beach & Istar Beach.

**3) Cadlao Channel Tour**

Cadlao Lagoon, pasandigan Cove & Dilumacad Island.

**4) History Islands Tour**

Pinagbuyutan Island, Sandbar & 7 Commando Beach.

**C. EXPEDITION TOURS/ ACTIVITIES**

Expedition tours shall be allowed in El Nido with the following regulations:

- 1) Route shall be outside the island-hopping areas and in municipalities that already permitted the same activity.
  - 2) Expedition tours shall have an interval of seven (7) days.
  - 3) Expedition tours shall secure the Local Seal of Compliance (LSOC) prior to operations by accomplishing the following requirements:
    - a. Mayor's permit.
    - b. Orientation on minimum health standards by the Municipal Health Office.
    - c. Approved route by the Municipal Tourism Office.
  - 4) Tourists will be required to pay the Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF) to be made at the Office of the Municipal Treasurer's Office located at Municipal Hall Building.
- vi. All operating tour agencies and dive shops shall be DOT-accredited.
- vii. The limited capacities (ANNEX A) for all spots based on proper observance of physical distancing have been prescribed through the Municipal Health Office's Memorandum Order 2020-01.
- viii. Each set of island-hopping tours shall not exceed three (3) destinations. Combination tours are not allowed.
- ix. Party boats or boats playing loud music are not allowed.
- x. Centralized reservation of tour slots shall be handled by El Nido Island Management Authority through the Municipal Tourism Office official website. Personnel for reservation management and manifest clearing shall be provided primarily by the Municipal Economic Enterprise & Development Office (MEEDO). Additional

clearances from the Philippine Coast Guard-El Nido (PCG-El Nido) and Protected Area Office (PAO) – for small and Big Lagoons shall be secured.

- xi. Food service during tours shall be provided by restaurants with LSOC in partnership with travel/tour operators with LSOC.
- 15.7. The following should be available: foot baths and temperature checks in entrances, hand sanitizers/alcohol spray and handwashing facilities within premises for all establishments.
- 15.8. All staff shall wear face masks and face shields as mandated by the Department of Labor and Employment for all establishments.
- 15.9. Establishments shall ensure that minimum health standards are complied with, particularly on physical distancing.
- 15.10. Staff of all establishments shall make sure that guests' entry and exit are electronically logged through a mobile scanner.
- 15.11. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of business permit.

**SECTION 16. PROTOCOLS FOR TOURIST SITES.** - Public tourist sites such as parks and beaches shall open to all tourists, subject to appropriate health protocols and crowd control, and subject to the guidelines set by the DOT.

16.1. Mainland Beaches:

- i. Marimegmeg
- ii. Lio
- iii. Nacpan
- iv. Duli

16.2. Farm Tourism Sites:

- i. Ille Cave and Mangrove Tour in New Ibajay

- 16.3. Tourists will be required to pay the Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF) at the entrance of the public tourist sites or the Tourist One Stop Site (TOSS).
- 16.4. MTO staff assigned to the public tourism sites shall ensure that guests are digitally checked in and out through a mobile scanner.
- 16.5. MTO staff and barangay officials shall ensure that minimum health standards such as but not limited to wearing of face masks and proper physical distancing are observed at all times.

**SECTION 17. PROTOCOLS FOR INDEPENDENT PRIVATE ATTRACTIONS**

- 17.1. The Local Government Unit of El Nido requires independent commercial private attractions such as, but not limited to, zipline and canopy walk to accomplish LSOC prior to operations in Phase 2; log entry and exit of all guests through QR-ID scanning, and assure observance with minimum health standards such as

wearing of facemasks and maintaining proper physical distancing. An LSOC should be accomplished prior to resumption of operations.

17.2. Independent private attractions are now allowed to cater to all tourists.

**SECTION 18. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOUR OPERATORS, TOURGUIDES, DRIVERS OF ACCOMMODATION TRANSFERS, AE STAFF, F&B STAFF, AND OTHER TOURISM WORKFORCE**

- 18.1. Must conform and comply with basic ethical and professional standards, set forth in their DOT accreditation, if applicable, and utmost hospitality standards when providing services to tourists and travellers. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of accreditation and/or business license.
- 18.2. Serve as safety officers for guests and must ensure that the required safety protocols are complied with by all guests at all times.
- 18.3. Since restrictions for tourists shall be eased at a certain level, the tourism frontliners and workers are expected to be more vigilant in observing health protocols and assuring that guests do the same at all times.
- 18.4. AE staffs shall assist guests visiting TREs such as restaurants and tourist shops that have complied with the LGU's Local Seal of Compliance (LSOC) and make sure their visits are coordinated and pre-arranged before leaving the AE premises. Private transportation shall also be organized.
- 18.5. Licensed tour guides pre-arranged by the guests' respective local tour operators/travel agencies shall accompany tourists during their tours.
- 18.6. AEs staff shall assist guests visiting TREs and make sure their visits are coordinated and pre-arranged.

**Section 19. IMPLEMENTATION**

- 19.1. A monitoring team composed of the following shall be created to ensure that provisions of this order are followed:
- i. Municipal Administrator – Team Leader
  - ii. Business Processing and Licensing Office – Asst. Team Leader
  - iii. Municipal Health Office – for health protocols
  - iv. Municipal Tourism Office
  - v. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
- 19.2. All violations shall be forwarded by the team leader to the Municipal Mayor for imposition of sanctions such as, but not limited to, revocation of the Mayor's permit, LSOC and recommendation to the DOT for CAO revocation.

## Section 20. **FUNDING AND RESOURCES**

- 20.1. The monitoring team and other offices identified by the EOC involved in the implementation of this order shall submit budget proposals to the Municipal Mayor, thru the Municipal Budget office, for funding.
- 20.2. The Municipal Tourism Office shall prepare and submit proposals to the Department of Tourism for additional funding.

## Section 21. **COMMUNICATION PLAN/INFORMATION EDUCATION COMMUNICATION PLAN**

- 21.1. All official announcements shall be made through the official LGU social media pages and accounts through the approval of the Municipal Administrator.
- 21.2. The Municipal Administrator, with the assistance of other relevant LGU officers, shall be the official spokesperson of the LGU.
- 21.3. The Municipal Tourism Office shall prepare simplified information materials which will be distributed to El Nido Municipal Tourism Council Members and private sectors.
- 21.4. The Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Tourism shall lead the conduct of meetings with the private stakeholders for orientation regarding the guidelines provided in this executive order.

## SECTION 22. **SANCTIONS**

- 22.1. Suspension of the Mayor's business permit.
- 22.2. Suspension of the LSOC.
- 22.3. Suspension of the Mayor's occupational permit.
- 22.4. Other sanctions in accordance with the existing laws, rules, and regulations.
- 22.5. Mandatory quarantine for tourists falsifying RT-PCR swab test results and other medical documents without prejudice to the filing of case in a court.
- 22.6. Any violation of the provisions stated in this executive order including falsification of documents shall be dealt with in accordance with the existing laws, rules and regulations.

## SECTION 23. **INTERPRETATION CLAUSE**

In case of doubt, this Order shall be construed against the Government and liberally in favour of the tourist.

**SECTION 24. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All rules and regulations in Executive Orders 2020-078 and 2020-086 that are inconsistent with this executive order are hereby repealed and superseded.

**SECTION 26. EFFECTIVITY**

This order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Municipality of El Nido, Palawan, this 24 FEB 2021

  
**EDNA GACOT-LIM**  
Municipal Mayor