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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 63, Series of 2023.

AN ORDER MANDATING THE USE OF FACE MASKS IN INDOOR SPACES IN BAGUIO CITY

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WHEREAS, there has been a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in Baguio City. The City Health Services Office reports that our peak Average Daily Attack Rate in the month of May 2023 reached 5.3%, while our average cases per day for the past 7 days has grown to 19;

WHEREAS, although the city maintains a high rate of COVID-19 vaccination among our citizens at 128.34%, more actions must be done to address the increasing number of cases, brought on by the entry of new variants. For respiratory diseases, even prior to COVID-19, face masks have proven to be an effective and practical personal protection measure. To require the use of face masks in enclosed spaces will certainly aid in managing the current situation of case increase within the city;

WHEREAS, by Section 16 of the Local Government Code, the City Government of Baguio is duty bound to exercise those powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental to promote health, safety, and the general welfare of the people. Thus, given the current health situation, the return of mandatory wearing of face masks in indoor spaces is a necessary proactive action;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG, City Mayor, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The following health protocols shall be required for indoor, enclosed spaces such as, but not limited to, work places, classrooms, events venues, banquet halls, conference rooms, and other similar areas:

- a. Mandatory wearing of face masks except in the following circumstances:
 - i. Drinking or eating;
 - ii. Undergoing medical, dental, or personal care procedures that require the removal of face masks; and
 - iii. During the conduct of strenuous physical fitness activities;
- b. Ensuring that individuals eligible for COVID-19 vaccination, especially immunocompromised persons, are fully vaccinated and have received at least one (1) booster dose;
- c. Implementation of engineering controls that maximize ventilation such as opening windows, doors, and other air passageways;
- d. The mandatory use of face masks shall be done in consonance with strict hygiene and sanitation practices in order to prevent transmission of COVID-19;

SECTION 2. Face masks are also mandatory in public utility jeepneys and taxi units;





SECTION 3. The Health Services Office, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Public Order and Safety Division, Barangay Officials, and the Baguio City Police Office are empowered to ensure that the implementation of this Order is carried out with utmost consideration for the order, safety, and security of all persons involved;

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SECTION 4. The Public Information Office-City of Baguio is hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Order;

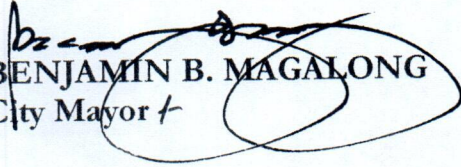
SECTION 5. Any violation of the foregoing shall constitute a violation of City Ordinance of Baguio Numbered 045, Series of 2020 (as amended), and all other laws and local ordinances applicable hereto;

SECTION 6. Should any provision of this Executive Order be declared invalid for any reason, those parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect;

SECTION 7. All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed amended, revoked, or modified accordingly;

SECTION 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately, and shall be in force and in effect until revoked.

Issued this May 15, 2023 - in Baguio City, Philippines.


BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG
City Mayor

