



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9  
Series of 2021

**PROVIDING PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF  
ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President declared Community Quarantine over Metro Manila;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the City Council declared Quezon City to be under a state of calamity due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, after several months of a declining trend in COVID-19 cases, on March 14, 2021, the OCTA Research team reported an alarming upsurge in new cases. According to OCTA Research, by April 2021 the Philippines might have up to 20,000 new COVID-19 cases per day if the outbreak is not contained<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) reports that currently, the City is encountering more than 300 new COVID-19 cases per day, a level of infection not seen since August 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the CESU has identified gyms, spas and internet cafes, as well as swimming resorts, as high risk locations contributing to community spread. To help mitigate the pandemic, it would be advisable for these establishments to suspend operations temporarily. Further, the City should have protocols in case future outbreaks require similar emergency measures;

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 6 (e) of Republic Act No. 11332, "The Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act," provides that local governments have the authority to conduct and enforce disease surveillance and response systems, epidemic/outbreak and epidemiologic investigations, and rapid containment, quarantine and isolation, disease prevention and control measures;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 455(b)(1)(vii) of the *Local Government Code*, the Mayor may carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during times of calamity.

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 12 of Ordinance No. 2934 s. 2020, *Providing Guidelines for Localized Community Quarantine*, empowers the Mayor to provide mechanisms to

<sup>1</sup><https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/nation/779641/20-000-new-covid-19-cases-a-day-possible-by-april-if-surge-not-contained-octa/story/>



combat the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate its impact and effects on the community;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE**, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**1. Closure of Establishments.** From time to time, to mitigate any COVID-19 outbreak or upsurge as shown by CESU data, the Mayor may as an emergency measure, order the closure of certain categories of establishments or specific establishments, for such period as the Mayor may reasonably determine to be necessary.

The Memorandum of the Mayor providing Supplemental Guidelines dated March 14, 2021 is hereby recognized as an emergency measure within the scope of this Order.

**2. Further Guidelines.** By way of further clarification of the Supplemental Guidelines dated March 14, 2021, the following additional guidelines are hereby issued:

**a. Spas.** Only full-service spas with saunas, jacuzzis, full-body massage and the like shall be covered by the temporary suspension of operations. On the other hand, nail spas, parlors, salons and the like that incidentally offer massage, reflexology and similar services may continue operations.

**b. Public Transportation.** Public utility vehicles shall be exempt from public safety hours and may continue operating at any time, as per Metro Manila Council Resolution No. 21-03, dated March 11, 2021.

**3. Review.** During the effective period of an emergency closure under this Order, the CESU shall continue to monitor and review the City's relevant COVID-19 data. Whenever appropriate, CESU shall recommend to the Mayor whether to lift, modify or extend the concerned emergency closure.

**4. Duration.** This Order shall remain effective until the City Mayor, on recommendation of the City Health Department and/or CESU, determines that the emergency public health measures contained herein are no longer necessary.

**5. Enforcement.** The member offices of the City's Law and Order Cluster, regulatory departments, the Barangays, and the QCPD and its Police Stations shall enforce this Order, consistent with the Memoranda from the Mayor on Warrantless Arrests dated July 13, 2020, on the Implementation of Existing Quezon City Ordinances to Combat COVID-19 dated March 8, 2021, and on the Incentive System for QCPD Police Station Performance in the Quezon City Government's Enforcement of Health Protocols dated March 12, 2021, including the use of Ordinance Violation Receipts (OVR).

**6. Violation.** Persons that violate this Order may be penalized under City Ordinance No. 2934 s. 2020 (Localized Community Quarantine), or any other




applicable Ordinance. Further, in accordance with Sec. 14 of the same Ordinance, the business permit of the offending establishment may be revoked. The foregoing is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges under Republic Act No. 11332 (Notifiable Diseases Act), or any other applicable law.

7. **Dissemination.** A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance pursuant to Section 455(1) (xii) of RA 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

8. **Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, March 16, 2021 Quezon City.

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor