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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45  
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**MANDATING STRICT OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS BY  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION 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, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-017 for Guidelines for Public Transportation for Areas Under General Community Quarantine;

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, Sec. 7 of City Ordinance No. 2934 s. 2020 approved June 1, 2020, which provides localized guidelines for community quarantine in Quezon City, requires all persons to comply with health measures including social distancing, the use of face masks/face coverings and disinfection of high-touch objects;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reaffirm and reinforce compliance with these minimum health protocols on public transportation, considering the increasing crowding observed as the economy re-opens;

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

**SECTION 1. Strict Observance of Minimum Health Protocols by Public Transportation.** Public transportation operating within Quezon City, including but not limited to buses, jeepneys, tricycles, taxis and the like, must comply with the following minimum health protocols:

- a. Wearing of face masks and face shields by all persons in the vehicle.
- b. Physical distancing of at least 1 meter between each person.
- c. Regular disinfection of all high-touch surfaces (seats, armrests, handles, etc.) while the vehicle is in operation.

Applicable regulations of the LTFRB, Department of Transportation, Department of

Health, or other relevant agency shall be deemed incorporated into the above minimum requirements.

**SECTION 2. Duration.** This Order shall remain effective until the City Mayor, on recommendation of the City Health Department, determines that the emergency public health measures contained herein are no longer necessary.


**SECTION 3. Violation.** Persons that violate this Order may be penalized under City Ordinance No. 2934 s. 2020, or any other applicable Ordinance. Further, in accordance with Sec. 14 of City Ordinance No. 2934 s. 2020, the business permit of the offending transportation company or operator may be revoked.

The foregoing is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges under other applicable Ordinances, or Republic Act No. 11332, or any other applicable law.

**SECTION 4. 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.

**SECTION 5. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 16 December 2020, Quezon City.

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

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