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Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Cebu Province

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 297, s. 2022

**DISSEMINATING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16, S. 2022 RE: RATIONALIZING
THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS WITHIN CEBU**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/District-in-Charge
Elementary/Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Office hereby disseminates to the field **Executive Order No. 16, s. 2022** entitled **Rationalizing the Wearing of Face Masks Within Cebu** dated 08 June 2022 for the information of all concerned.
2. Please refer to the attachment/enclosure for the complete details of the above-cited executive order.

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Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16
Series of 2022

RATIONALIZING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS WITHIN CEBU

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 929 placing the entire Philippines under a *State of Calamity* due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 25 November 2021, the IATF-MEID issued Resolution No. 150, mandating the strict observance and compliance of minimum public health standards, such as the proper wearing of face masks;

WHEREAS, in the same resolution, public and private establishments were directed by the IATF-MEID to exclude all persons who cannot comply with the said minimum public health standards, such as the proper wearing of face masks;

WHEREAS, Section 8, paragraph 5 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF required all persons to wear face masks or such other protective equipment which can effectively lessen the transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on 26 May 2022, the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) issued Resolution No. 168-A, Series of 2022, de-escalating the Province of Cebu's Alert Level classification to Alert Level 2;

WHEREAS, other countries, including Singapore, have already directed the wearing of masks and other personal protective equipment be *optional* in outdoor settings due to the global improvement of the COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, as a necessary step towards the new normal, there is a need to rationalize the requirement on wearing of masks;

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the Local Government Code, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Section 465 of the same code empowers the Provincial Governor to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of a man-made and natural disaster or calamity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA, Governor of Cebu, in consideration of the preambulatory clauses set forth above, do hereby order that the wearing of face masks shall be **required** only in closed and/or air-conditioned spaces.

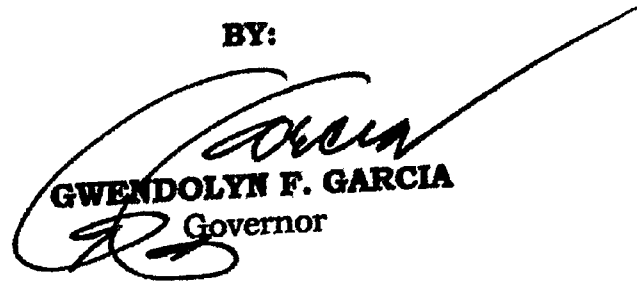
On the other hand, the use of face masks shall be *optional* in well-ventilated and open spaces. However, persons are highly encouraged to continue to wear their masks especially in crowded outdoor areas.

Persons who are unwell with symptoms of the COVID-19 such as fever, cough, or runny nose, are required to wear a mask at all times when they leave their homes.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

Done on 8 June 2022, at the Cebu Provincial Capitol, City of Cebu.

BY:



GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA
Governor