



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Eastern Samar  
Municipality of Guiuan

**-OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR-**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. AGK 12-78 SERIES OF 2020**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DEFINING AND PROHIBITING MASS GATHERINGS DURING  
THE CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SEASON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTIES  
THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, it is a declared policy of the State to uphold the people's constitutional rights to life, health, safety and property and to promote the general welfare of its people at all times;

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic brought about by the Covid-19 has greatly affected our way of life including but not limited to the people's health security, the ability to earn a living, the freedom of movement;

**WHEREAS**, the recent Department of Health data relating to the Covid-19 positive cases in the Municipality of Guiuan shows an unfortunate increase;

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that with the Christmas and Holiday season, different mass gatherings may occur which may further increase the positive cases of Covid-19 within the municipality and put a strain to our health services;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government of Guiuan is committed to protect and ensure the safety of all Guiuananons;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANNALIZA P. GONZALES-KWAN**, Municipal Mayor of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Mass Gatherings Defined** – The World Health Organization (WHO) defines “mass gatherings” as any event wherein the number of people it brings together is so large that it has the potential to strain the planning and response resources of the health system in the community where it takes place. In light of this, a gathering of ten (10) or more people may be considered as a mass gathering.

**Section 2. Prohibition of Mass Gatherings** – As mass gatherings play a role in the spread of the virus which causes Covid-19, the following are strictly prohibited:

Mass gatherings such as but not limited to:

1. Sporting events and other entertainment activities;
2. Community assemblies and non-essential work gatherings;
3. Christmas caroling;
4. Christmas parties and other type of parties;
5. Religious Gatherings, including but not limited to Misa de Gallos or Simbang Gabi;
6. Religious services attended by more than ten (10) people
7. Any non-essential gathering of ten (10) or more people.

Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, swimming, tennis, diving, skateboarding, and surfing are however, allowed as provided for under the IATF's Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines.

**Section 3. Curfew** – The Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar continues to enforce the daily curfew prohibiting the roaming and loitering of the general public in public places from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

**Section 4. Penalties** – Non-compliance of this Executive Order shall be penalized under the provisions of R.A. 11332, that provides for non-cooperation of persons and entities in the government’s response to curtail CoViD-19. In addition, persons found to be in violation of the provision of this Executive Order may be required to render community service within their respective Barangays.

Further, if the offense is committed by a public or private health facility, institution, agency, corporation, school, or other juridical entity duly organized in accordance with law, the Chief Executive Officer, President, General Manager, or such other officer in-charge shall be held liable. In addition, the business permit and license to operate of the concerned facility, institution, agency, corporation, school, or legal entity shall be cancelled.

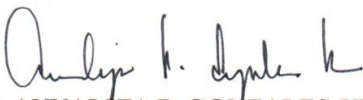
**Section 5. Separability** – In any event that any provision of this Executive Order or any part hereof is declared invalid, contrary to law, or unconstitutional, the provisions not thereby affected shall remain in force and effect.

**Section 6. Repeal** – All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**Section 7. Effectivity** – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain to be in force until amended, modified or repealed, in whole or in part by subsequent national and/or local government issuances.

**SO ORDERED.**

**Done this 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2020 at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.**

  
**HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES-KWAN**  
Municipal Mayor