

PHILIPPINE REGIONAL TOURISM UPDATE

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Community Quarantine Classifications Effective July 16-31, 2020

**Moderate Enhanced
Community Quarantine
(MECQ)**

**General Community
Quarantine (GCQ)**

**Modified General
Community Quarantine
(Medium Risk MGCQ)**

Cebu City

National Capital Region
Laguna
Cavite
Rizal
Talisay, Cebu
Minglanilla, Cebu
Consolacion, Cebu
Mandaue City

Lapu-Lapu City
Ormoc City
Southern Leyte
Zamboanga City
Butuan City
Agusan del Norte
Basilan

Baguio City
Benguet
Ilocos Sur
Pangasinan
Ilocos Norte
La Union
Dagupan City
Cagayan
Isabela
Nueva Vizcaya
Bataan
Nueva Ecija
Pampanga
Bulacan
Tarlac
Zambales
Angeles City
Batangas
Quezon
Lucena City
Oriental Mindoro
Occidental Mindoro
Puerto Princesa City
Albay
Masbate
Camarines Norte
Camarines Sur
Catanduanes
Sorsogon
Naga City
Iloilo
Negros Occidental
Capiz
Antique

Aklan
Guimaras
Iloilo City
Bacolod City
Negros Oriental
Bohol
Cebu Province
Leyte
Biliran
Western Samar
Tacloban City
Zamboanga del Sur
Zamboanga Sibugay
Zamboanga del Norte
Misamis Occidental
Bukidnon
Lanao del Norte
Cagayan de Oro City
Iligan City
Davao Oriental
Davao del Norte
Davao del Sur
Davao de Oro
Davao City
Cotabato
South Cotabato
General Santos City
Agusan del Sur
Dinagat Islands
Surigao del Norte
Surigao del Sur
Sultan Kudarat
Lanao del Sur
Maguindanao

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CAR Cordillera Administrative Region



Re-opening Updates As of July 6, 2020

Sagada, Mt. Province

Closure and/or suspension of TOURISM - All tourist sites, booking of guests by accommodation establishments, all forms of business promotions/ads, tour engagements of tourist guides and other concerns related to tourism (SB Resolution No. 110-2020)

Baguio City

September - the opening of Baguio City's doors for leisure purposes; opening of Camp John Hay and Burnham Park for wellness activities

Bakun, Benguet

Visiting non-residents are limited to Baguio-Benguet residents only who shall be allowed entry for permitted travels and transactions outside of their residence (EO No. 14-2020)

NCR
National Capital Region

Re-opening Updates

As of July 6, 2020

Caloocan

- Visit to tourist attractions require coordination with the Tourism Office
- Wearing of face mask in public spaces, temperature checks & hand sanitation at the entrance and social distancing within the sites are required

Valenzuela

- Valenzuela Cultural and Tourism Office, in cooperation with Business Permit and Licensing Office, to monitor compliance of tourism and tourism-related establishments to IATF guidelines and DOT Health and Safety Guidelines Under the New Normal

Manila

- The City Government has formulated guidelines in mainstreaming COVID-19 spread prevention in the Tourism and Cultural Development of Manila. Priorities for tourism recovery have been identified and detailed safety protocols and measures customized to different tourism components including events and attractions, meetings, shopping, dining, accommodation, tour operators, travel agencies and transportation have been provided



Marikina

- City Government to inspect frequently visited places and check on measures put in place to ensure that visitors are safe and social distancing is strictly observed
- City Government to prepare information materials and put up appropriate signage in its offices and government-managed historical and cultural sites for visitors to observe and follow

Mandaluyong

- Formulation of guidelines for tourism facilities and implementation of wearing of face masks, temperature check, sanitation/disinfection of hands, shoes and high-touch areas, physical distancing, health declaration form for contact tracing, and cashless payment methods
- Continued tourism promotions by posting guidelines for the new normal on social media accounts, promoting digital tourism, online meetings and webinars and recovery programs for the city's tourism industry

Malabon

- Stringent monitoring of tourism-oriented establishments and accommodation establishments on the implementation of the minimum health/safety standards in operations
- Restore the operation of Malabon Tricycle Tour by securing the approval of establishments and sites to accept visitors that avail of Malabon Tricycle Tours (max 6 pax/tour to maintain social distancing).

San Juan

- Ensure health, safety and welfare of the people through the enactment of safety protocol legislation, regular disinfection and sanitation, conduct of mass testing, and provision of assistance to domestic tourists, locally-stranded individuals and overseas Filipinos
- Push for green initiatives and shift to online tourism promotion and services

Makati

- Enact new legislation prescribing measures to prevent the spread of the virus
- Conduct strict inspection of all establishments to ensure compliance with IATF guidelines and safety protocol
- Regulate the opening of accommodation establishments as quarantine facilities/locally-stranded individuals

Pasig

- Management Plan issued for the information and guidance of every employee as a MINIMUM safety and health protocol aimed at addressing the prevention and control of COVID-19 in accommodation establishments

Taguig

- Wearing of face masks in public places, temperature check & hand sanitation at the entrance and social distancing within the sites are required

Las Pinas

- City Tourism Office with the Business Permits and Licensing Office and City Council Committee on Tourism conducts regular inspection of open establishments to ensure strict enforcement of health protocols
- City also plans to help the city-based tourism-related establishments in encouraging the residents to patronize and support local products especially MSMEs

Muntinlupa

- Protocols in place for tourism facilities (hotels, malls, restaurants) are temperature checks, hand and shoe sanitation, markers for physical distancing, wearing of masks and frequent sanitation of frequently touched items are required
- Likhang Munti Community Page to promote local establishments

Navotas

- Draft action plan for tourism to be presented to the Mayor (7/7/2020)

Quezon City

- Tourism Recovery Program for approval of the City Mayor

Paranaque

- Tourism Work Action Plan in process and for discussion of the Office of the City Mayor (07/07/2020)

Pateros

- For discussion with the Mayor and with the Municipality's Taskforce (06/15/2020)

Pasay

- Tourism Recovery Plan for discussion with the Mayor

Region I

Re-opening Updates

As of July 6, 2020

Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Vigan City, La Union, San Juan, Pangasinan, Alaminos City, Bolinao, Dagupan City:

- Accommodation establishments (AE), ancillary of AEs and restaurants are allowed to operate at 50% capacity
- Inter-town travel (within the province) is allowed
- Leisure activities for inter-town travel are allowed except for Western Pangasinan where this is allowed for residents only
- Tourist attractions are open in selected areas at limited capacity and time
- Outdoor activities are allowed
- Mass gatherings are allowed at 50% capacity and time
- Inter-provincial travel is allowed for Pangasinan, Bolinao and Dagupan City; and allowed for authorized persons outside residence (APOR) only in Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur and Vigan City; not allowed in La Union, San Juan and Alaminos City



Region II



Re-opening Updates

As of July 6, 2020

Batanes

- Not yet open
- With flight every 16 days for locally-stranded individuals

Cagayan

- Municipalities/City – limited number of persons are allowed in sites; by schedule and depending on the occasion (e.g., Piat)

Isabela

- No tourism destinations open yet; implementation of social distancing in restaurants, use of plastic spoons and forks, degradable cups, bowls and discourage boodle fight dining

Quirino

- No tourism destinations open yet
- Ongoing dialogues on the new normal in tourist destinations

Nueva Vizcaya

- Lower Magat Eco-Tourism Park in Diadi is not open yet but with Certificate of Authority to Operate (CAO)

Region III

Re-opening Updates

As of July 7, 2020

Aurora

- E.O. 2020-0038 Providing Guidelines in the Implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine (low-risk) in the province of Aurora and for other purposes

Bataan

- E.O. No. 49 s2020 An Order Providing for Guidelines for the Implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in Bataan

Bulacan

- E.O. No. 22 s2020 An Executive Order Implementing the Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Bulacan from 01 until 15 July 2020

Pampanga

- E.O. No. 15 s2020 Providing Guidelines for the Implementation of the Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Pampanga

Angeles City

- Guidelines on the Implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in Angeles City (17 June 2020)

City of San Fernando

- E.O. No. CMO2020-046 An Order Providing Guidelines for the Implementation of the Modified General Community Quarantine in Workplaces and Public Spaces in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Clark

- Modified General Community Quarantine Protocols (16 June 2020)

Zambales

- E.O. No. 19 s2020 An Order Placing the Entire Province of Zambales Under Modified General Community Quarantine Starting 16 June 2020

Subic

- Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Enforcement of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCCQ) in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone

Nueva Ecija

- No recent issuance

Tarlac

- No recent issuance



Region IV-A

Destinations Open for Tourists

(based on minimum public health and safety protocols)
As of July 6, 2020

Laguna Province

- Tayak Hills (Rizal), Pansol Hot Spring Resorts (Calamba City), farm sites in Laguna

Batangas Province

- Splendido Taal Golf Club (Laurel), Summit Point Golf and Country Club (Lipa City), Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club (Lipa City), Calatagan Golf Club (Calatagan), Batangas beaches (Calatagan, Nasugbu, Lian, Laiya), farm sites in Batangas

Quezon Province

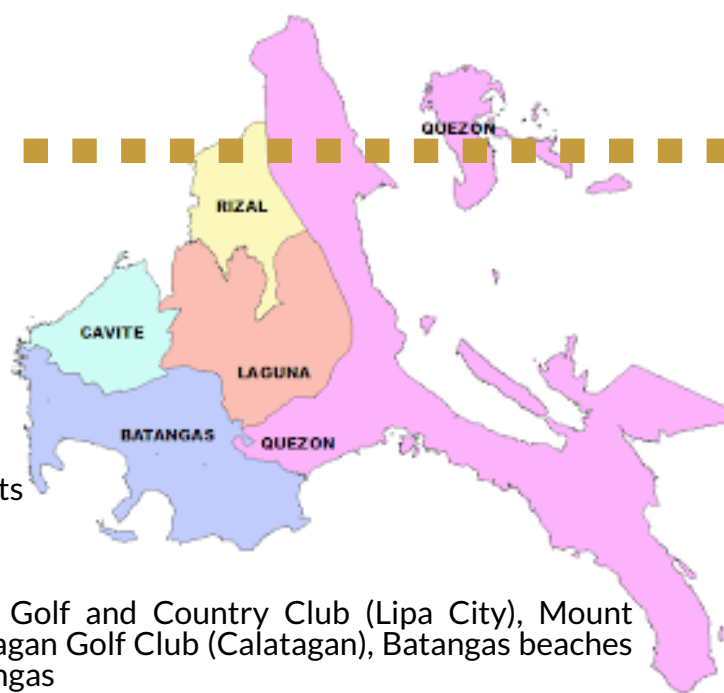
- Minor Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel (Tayabas City), Atimonan Catholic Church (Atimonan), hotels in Lucena City, hotels in Sariaya, farm sites in Quezon

LGU Updates

- Strict implementation of the DOT and DOH Minimum Public Health and Safety Protocols in the operations of destinations and business entities
- Transactions through online bookings, no walk-ins
- Mandatory provision of health certificates and/or rapid/swab test results
- Guidelines for diving are in-process while those for swimming and sun and beach activities are in place
- The City Government of Calamba has revoked Mayor's permits of two (2) tourism establishments in violation of IATF Guidelines

Pagsanjan Gorge National Park

- Local chief executives of Cavinti, Lumban and Pagsanjan have discussed issues and challenges on the re-opening of Pagsanjan Gorge National Park through the initiative of Gov. Hernandez of Laguna: training of boatmen, rapid/swab test of boatmen; discounted fees on shooting the rapids, and one entry point and promotion



Region IV-B

Re-opening Updates

As of July 7, 2020

Puerto Princesa City

- July-September 2020 for local tourists; October-December 2020 for local and domestic tourists; January 2021 for local, domestic and international tourists

Coron

- June 2020 local tourists

El Nido

- July 17, 2020 (dry run of re-opening)

Marinduque

- June 2020 for local tourists

Romblon

- October 2020 for local, domestic and foreign tourists

Mindoro Occidental

- Ongoing meeting with the Technical Working Group on Re-Opening

Mindoro Oriental

- July to December 2020 partial reopening per sector – transportation, accommodation, food, training/seminar, souvenir shops, recreation & wellness and travel trade



Region V

Government Issuances

As of July 6, 2020

Jovellar, Albay

- EO No. 29 S. 2020 - An Order to Re-open the Jovellar Underground River and Park and Creating the Health and Safety Guidelines Governing its Operations under the MGCQ and New Normal
- **Sites opened:** Underground river, cave rivers and waterfalls

Daraga, Albay

- EO No. 38 S. 2020 - An Order Providing Guidelines on the Operations of Tourism Facilities under MGCQ and New Normal in the Municipality of Daraga
- **Sites opened:** Cagsawa Ruins Farm Plate

Camalig, Albay

- EO No. 2020-08 - Guidelines on the Operation of Tourist Attraction under MGCQ and New Normal
- **Sites opened:** Solong Eco-Park



Legazpi City

- EO No. 024 S. 2020 - Establishing the Guidelines in the Implementation of MGCQ Legazpi City
- **Sites opened:** Boulevard Lignon Hill

Ligao City

- EO No. 25 S. 2020 - An Order Providing the Guidelines Under the MGCQ
- **Sites opened:** Albay west coast beaches

Camarines Sur

- EO No. 8 S. 2020 - Establishing Guidelines to Ensure Effective Implementation of MGCQ in the Province of Cam. Sur
- **Sites opened:** Camsur Watersports Complex, Lago Del Rey (biking, jogging, walking), swimming pool, clubhouse, restaurant

Naga City

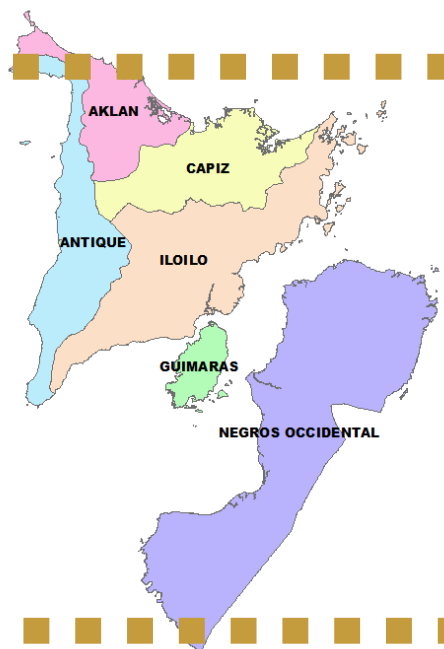
- EO No. 2020-011 Activating the Health Emergency Task Force
- **Sites opened:** resorts, churches

Region VI

Re-opening Updates

Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, Iloilo, Iloilo City, Negros Occidental, Bacolod City

- Mandatory use of face masks and observance of social distancing
- Border restrictions - Aklan, Capiz, Iloilo
- Airport/seaport operations – limited only for inbound locally-stranded individuals (LSIs)/outbound LSIs, OFWs/sweeper flights (excluding Guimaras)
- Tourist destinations/establishments (50% operational capacity)
- Mass gatherings (50% venue capacity)
- Restaurants (50% seating capacity)



Region VII

Re-opening Updates

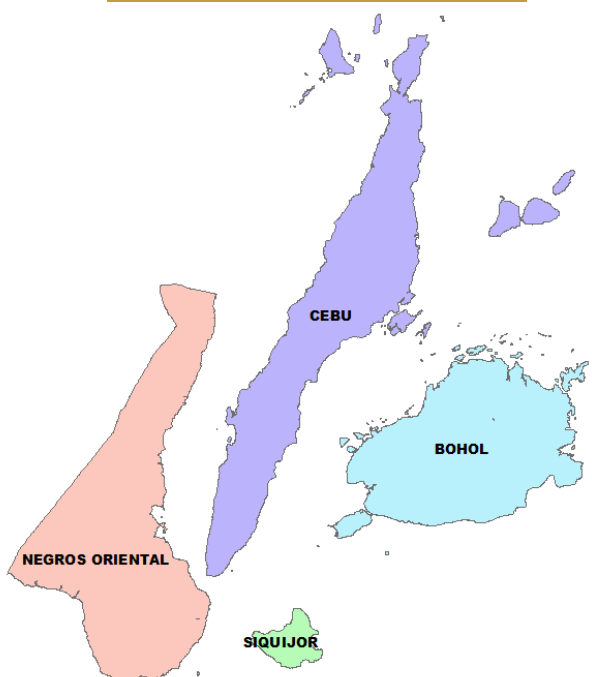
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Province of Cebu

- Provincial Government is in the final planning stage of reopening selected tourism sites and activities in the province
- Among activities to be opened are canyoneering, island hopping, snorkeling, diving, beach activities, whaleshark interaction, zipline adventure and waterfall watching
- Guidelines to be released prior to the reopening of tourism activities

Municipality of Panglao

- Re-opened tourism in the municipality but exclusive to Boholans
- Tourism establishments in the island have opened, but strict social distancing and DOT/LGU operating guidelines are implemented



Region VIII

Re-opening Updates

As of July 8, 2020

Samar

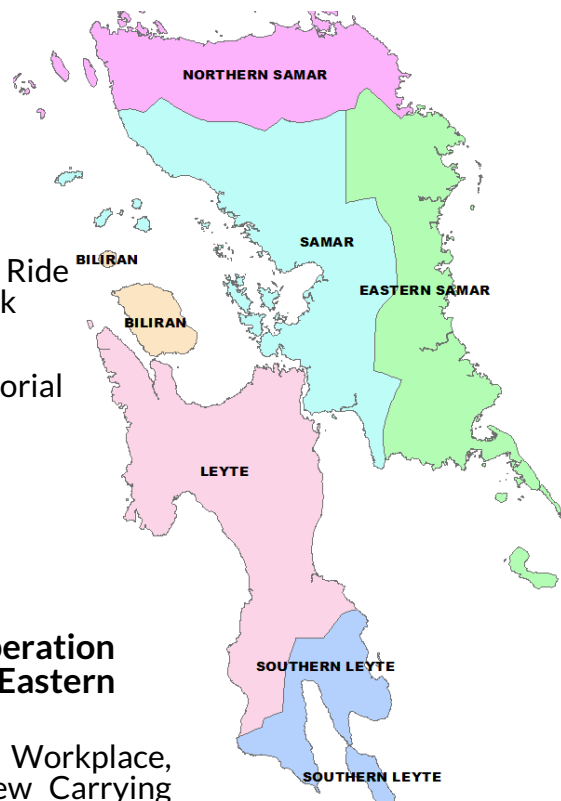
- Tarangban and Bangon Falls
- Malajog Zipline
- Cabugawan Eco Park

Leyte

- Sambawan Island
- Lintaon Peak
- Jalleca Hill
- San Juanico Cruise

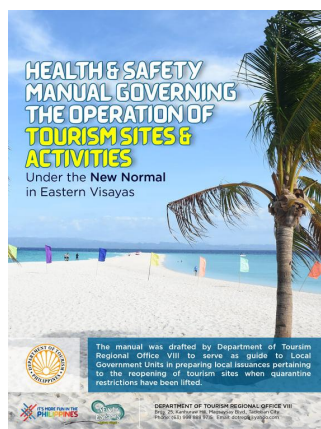
Biliran

- Agta Beach



- San Juan by the Bay
- Ulot River Torpedo Boat Ride
- Menasnge Ecological Park

- Mc Arthur Landing Memorial
- Sto. Nino Shrine and Heritage Museum



Health & Safety Manual on the Operation of Tourism Sites and Activities in Eastern Visayas Under the New Normal

- Includes Health and Safety at the Workplace, Health and Safety of Guests, New Carrying Capacity, and others

Next Steps

#SafeTrip Eastern Visayas, Walk the Talk, Practice Makes Perfect, EV Tourism Sites Reboot, Bat for Quality & Consistency

Region IX

Re-opening Updates

As of July 6, 2020

Tourism Industries

- Category IV industries shall be allowed to operate at 50% operational capacity; includes tourist destinations, travel agencies, tour operators, reservation service and related activities
- Hotels and other accommodation establishments shall be allowed to operate at 50% operational capacity only for those accredited as provided by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances, and only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to operate by the DOT
- Currently there are 9 operational tourist destinations/attractions in Region 9; others are still closed and waiting for the directives of respective LGUs

Zamboanga del Norte

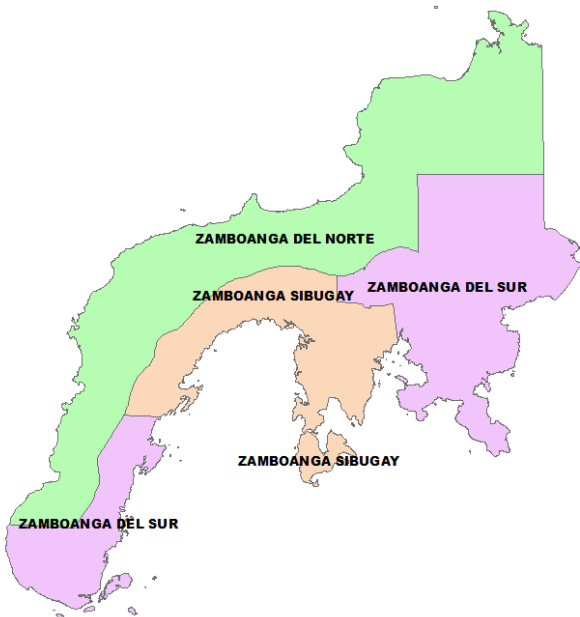
- Bukid's Resort, Danao Peak, SFJ Organica Cloud 9, Dakak Resort, Tambulig Mountain Spring Resort, Timberland Mountain Resort

Zamboanga del Sur

- Mount Timolan (Lake Magarang)

Zamboanga Sibugay

- Kabug Mangrove Park and Resort



Region X

Re-opening Updates

As of July 6, 2020

Bukidnon

- Abbey of Transfiguration, Malaybalay
- Lake Apo, Valencia City

Misamis Occidental

- Belvedere, Tangub City
- St. John Baptist Church, Jimenez
- Bawbawon Island, Plaridel
- Dioyo River Cruise & Sapang Dalaga Shrine

Cagayan de Oro

- Museum of Three Cultures
- Museum de Oro

Camiguin

- Opening soon (July 15, 2020)

Misamis Oriental

- All destinations are already opened

Lanao del Norte

- Closed until further notice



Region XI

Re-opening Updates

As of July 7, 2020

Island Garden City of Samal

- July 18, 2020 - scheduled date of re-opening of all tourism destinations and resorts

Mati

- Open for domestic or local tourists

Davao City

- No tourism activities

Davao de Oro

- Open for domestic or local tourists

Davao Occidental

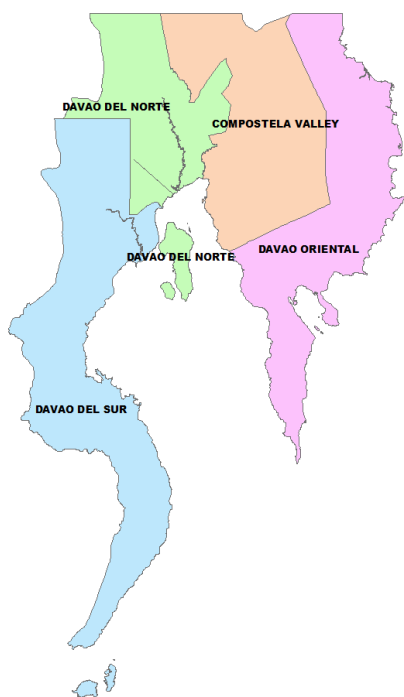
- No specific date of re-opening

Davao del Norte

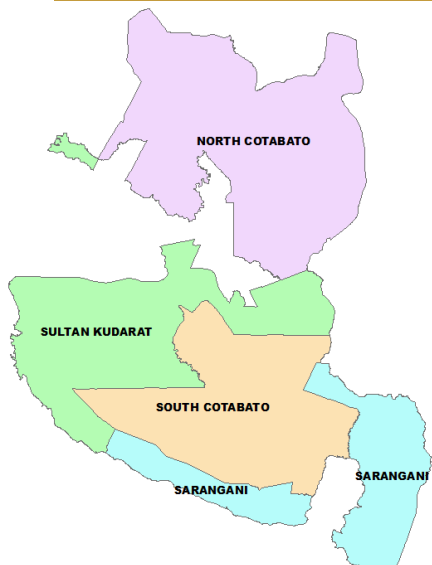
- Open for domestic or local tourists

Davao del Sur

- Open for domestic or local tourists



Region XII SOCCSKSARGEN



Re-opening Updates

As of July 6, 2020

- Public transport plying the route Cotabato City to Gensan is already allowed
- Intra-regional access allowed but regional borders are still closed for non-essential travel
- On-going arrivals of more than 500 locally-stranded individuals under the Hatid Tulong of the Office of the President

General Santos City

- Tourism sites, particularly beaches are open for Sarangani and Gensan residents only, provided visitors have a prior booking (no walk-in visitors)

Sarangani

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South Cotabato/Koronadal City

- Not yet open (under E.O. of the Provincial Government) but the city of Koronadal allows site operators to open
- Visitors are slowly gaining entry to Lake Sebu since food services/restaurants are allowed to operate; accommodation establishments are not yet allowed to open
- Issued Ordinance No. 33 – strict compliance to South Cotabato contact tracing system

Sultan Kudarat/Tacurong City

- Tacurong City: Monte Vicentean Resort is allowed to open after compliance to TF COVID requirements and inspection
- For inspection: Baras Bird Sanctuary and Genalyn's Park and Zoo
- Sultan Kudarat: not yet open

Cotabato Province/Kidapawan City

- Not yet open; however the new Israel eco-park had its soft opening on July 1, 2020

Cotabato City

- Not yet open

Region XIII CARAGA

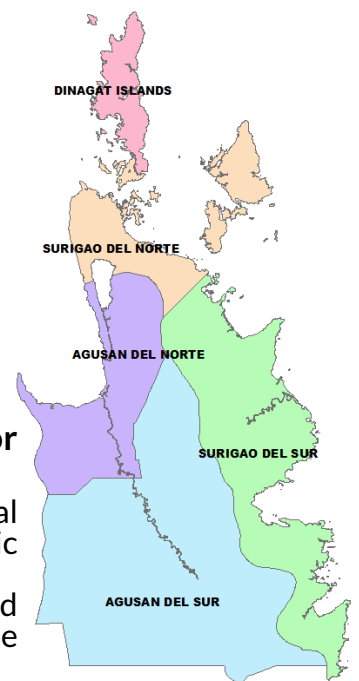
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Butuan City

- Stringent measures on entry to provincial borders (expressed in respective E.O.s)
- Siargao Airport to open on Sept. 1, 2020 with stringent measures on entry to provincial borders (E.O. 20 018)
- Some tourism sites have been opened and tourism activities allowed for tourists who are already in the area with strict health protocols & standards

Resolutions passed during the 9th Regional Task Force (RTF) for COVID-19 One Caraga Shield Teleconference Meeting:

- **Resolution No. 49:** A Resolution allowing the Resumption of Commercial Air Flights at the Bancasi Airport on Butuan City, Subject to Specific Conditions
- **Resolution No. 50:** A Resolution requiring all Arriving Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) into the Region to be tested at the Point of Origin and be Quarantined for Fourteen (14) days at the Point of Destination
- **Resolution No. 51:** A Resolution allowing Inbound Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) scheduled to arrive in the Region on July 10, 2020 to enter the Region and requesting the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) and Department of Health (DOH) to test these LSIs at the Point of Origin to their Departure
- **Resolution No. 53:** A Resolution Concurring with the Request of the City of Butuan to implement Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) in the Thirty-Three (33) Identified Barangays for the Period 04-15 July 2020



Accreditation Status

(Source: DOT Regional Offices Reports)

Region	Accredited Tourism Enterprises (TEs)			TEs issued with *CAO	TEs issued with Provisional *CAO
	Total	Primary	Secondary		
CAR (July 6, 2020)	385	332	63	78	20
NCR (July 6, 2020)	1,562	1,354	208	645	
Region 1 (July 6, 2020)	713	576	135		548
Region 2 (July 6, 2020)	239	177	62	12	59
Region 3 (July 7, 2020)	326	258	69 **98	50	257
Region 4-A (July 6, 2020)	227	207	20		124
Region 4-B (July 7, 2020)	392	332	70	62	54
Region 5 (July 6, 2020)	309	264	45	117	50
Region 6 (July 6, 2020)	912	734	178	90	145
Region 7 (July 6, 2020)	608	565	43	85	111
Region 8 (July 8, 2020)	615	583	32	64	51
Region 9 (July 6, 2020)	194	177	17	24	70
Region 10 (July 6, 2020)	353	306	47	35	94
Region 11 (July 7, 2020)	249	205	44	52	146
Region 12 SOCCSKSARGEN (July 6, 2020)	138	107	31	49	63
Region 13 CARAGA (July 6, 2020)	78	72	6	19	71

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