EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001, Series of 2022

AN ORDER DECLARING MODIFIED SAFETY PROTOCOLS CONSONANT WITH THE IATF GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 3 IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

- WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;
- WHEREAS, in March 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation 929, Series of 2020 placing the entire country under state of calamity due to the Coronavirus disease for a period of six months which was consequently extended in September, 2020 thru Proclamation 1021 for one year;
- WHEREAS, on September 10, 2021, Malacañang issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s. 2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 12, 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;
- WHEREAS, on September 8, 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) approved the shift in the policy of classifying provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs) and independent component cities (ICCs) for purposes of community quarantine and adopted the Alert Level System for identified pilot areas of implementation;
- WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 151 issued by the President on November 11, 2021 approved the nationwide implementation of the Alert Level System for Covid19 response;
- WHEREAS, IATF Resolution No. 157A placed the Province of Sorsogon, among other provinces, HUCs and ICCs, under Alert Level 3 following the surge in the number of Covid19 cases effective January 16, 2022 until January 31, 2022;
- **NOW THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, hereby order the implementation of modified safety protocols consonant with the IATF quidelines for areas under alert level 3 as follows:
- **SECTION 1. MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE.** Persons aged below eighteen (18) and those who are over sixty-five (65) years old, as well as pregnant women and those who are with comorbidities/immunodeficiency are directed to stay at home and shall not be allowed in public places except for essential and work purposes;
 - Individual outdoor exercises shall also be allowed for all ages regardless of comorbidities or vaccination status.
- **SECTION 2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.** The following establishments and/or activities characterized as high-risk for transmission shall **not** be allowed to operate, or be undertaken in areas classified under Alert Level 3:
 - a. Face to face or in-person classes for basic education, except those previously approved by the IATF and/or the Office of the President;

- b. Contact sports, except those conducted under a bubble-type setup as provided for under relevant guidelines adopted by the IATF, Games and Amusement Board, and Philippine Sports Commission;
- c. Funfairs/peryas and kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
- d. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters;
- e. Casinos, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments except as may be authorized by the IATF or the Office of the President; and
- f. Gatherings in residences with individuals not belonging to the same household.
- **SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON THE OPERATIONS OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.** The following establishments, or activities, shall be allowed to operate or be undertaken at a maximum of 30% indoor venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals only and 50% outdoor venue capacity.

Provided, that all workers/employees of these establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and that minimum public health standards shall be strictly maintained at all times:

- a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
- b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
- e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
- f. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;
- g. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the remains of the COVID-19 deceased;
- h. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agency, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
- i. Dine-in services in food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;



- j. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI;
- k. Fitness studios and venues for non-contact exercise and sports, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols. Provided that all physical fitness activities must be performed in an open space. Provided further that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and that no group activities are conducted; and
- I. Film, music, and television production, subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and the DOH.
- **SECTION 4. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.** Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall remain to be fully operational and shall adhere to at least 30% on-site capacity while applying work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements.
- **SECTION 5. CURFEW**. The curfew hours from 10:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning shall continuously be imposed within the City of Sorsogon;
- **SECTION 6. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.** Public transport within the City of Sorsogon shall be allowed to operate based on guidelines and regulations issued by the Department of Transportation (DOTr);
- section 7. Movement of cargo and delivery vehicles as well as those used by public utility companies especially those carrying essential supplies shall remain unhampered;
- **SECTION 8. REITERATION OF MANDATORY PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS AND VACCINATION PROTOCOLS.** Mandatory compliance to health and safety protocols relative to COVID19 such as but not limited to social distancing and proper wearing of face mask is hereby reiterated. Everyone is reminded that non compliance thereof shall be meted with sanctions and penalties set forth by the IATF and local ordinances;

Further, everyone is highly encouraged to be vaccinated in various vaccination sites within the City of Sorsogon. Those who opt not to be vaccinated shall be required to undergo regular RT – PCR testing at their own expense for purposes of on – site work. Workers who are partially vaccinated shall not be assigned as frontline workers or shall be assigned on field work until they have been fully vaccinated.

SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT. The Sorsogon City Police, *Seguridad, Kaayusan Katranquilohan asin Kauswagan* (SK3), City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), Barangay Officials and the Barangay Police shall be tasked with the enforcement of the stipulations of this Order.

The responsibility of Barangay Police (Tanods) to assist the Sorsogon City Police in the implementation of all Executive Orders issued in connection with COVID-19 is hereby reiterated.



Punong Barangays are reminded that the enforcement of mandatory public health protocols must be strictly imposed in the barangay level and that officials who fail to comply with such directives may be subjected to administrative sanctions by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and pertinent agencies.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued or will be issued by the IATF and competent authorities in the Philippines are hereby incorporated herein and made an integral part hereof.

In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules, regulations and subsequent issuances of the IATF shall prevail over the provisions of this Executive Order.

- **SECTION 11. PENAL CLAUSE**. Violations of this Executive Order shall be meted with penalties imposed by the IATF and existing issuances and ordinances such as community services, fines and penalties, as prescribed.
- **SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY**. This Executive Order shall take effect on January 16, 2022 and shall remain in full force and effect until the issuance of an IATF resolution reclassifying the Alert Level System for the Province of Sorsogon.

DONE this 14th day of January 2022 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.

MA. ESTER E. HAMOR City Mayor

