



CITY OF SORSOGON

Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 34, SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER MODIFYING THE GUIDELINES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST COVID19 IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND DIRECTING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of Sorsogon has been classified as high – risk by the Department of Health (DOH) in view of the recent surge of COVID19 cases averaging a total number of seventeen (17) positive COVID19 cases over the past two (2) weeks against the average of six (6) registered on the first half of August, 2021;

WHEREAS, the local case fatality likewise increased at 5.87% which is reported as even higher than that of regional and national figures;

WHEREAS, of the sixty – four (64) barangays of the City of Sorsogon, only one (1) remains COVID free as of date;

WHEREAS, 73% of the positive COVID19 cases in the city belong to the working sector and has identified their workplace as the source of infection;

WHEREAS, considering the foregoing the circumstances, the Local Inter – Agency Task Force recommended a more stringent implementation of mandatory safety protocols in the City of Sorsogon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, do hereby Order the Modification of the Guidelines and Precautionary Measures against COVID19 in the City of Sorsogon and Directing the Strict Implementation thereof as follows:

Section 1. ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENT. To minimize the risk of infection in the workplace, government offices and private establishments are highly encouraged to adhere to the following instructions:

- a. It is hereby reiterated that all Government Offices and Private establishments are encouraged to adopt the Work from Home (WFH) scheme or other Alternative Work Arrangements (AWA) in order to ensure the safety of their employees while assuring that the total number of required work hours per week would not be less than 40 hours;

Provided that, this Section shall not apply to government health offices, hospitals, rural health units, CDRRMO, CSWD, TMECS and such other offices that are necessary in connection with the fight against COVID-19;

- b. All government offices, business establishments and other institutions are likewise enjoined to strictly implement the **APAT** *Dapat* checklist:

Air circulation and ventilation

Physical distancing of one meter or more

Always use face mask and face shield

Time of interaction less than 30 minutes

- c. Workers in offices/workplaces are discouraged from taking meals together and continuously observe social distancing even during breaks;
- d. Meetings must be done via online platform and if a face to face conference is really needed, facilitators and attendees should strictly follow health protocols and must be done in an open air venue with no air-conditioning.

Section 2. DESIGNATION OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL POINT PERSON. Facilities and establishments in the City of Sorsogon are encouraged to designate their respective Infection Prevention and Control Point Person who shall serve as vaccination coordinators and as the conduit of the City Health Office (CHO) in orienting office workers on the implementation of safety protocols and proper handling of positive COVID19 cases;

Section 3. CURFEW HOURS. The curfew hours from 9:00 in the evening to 4:00 in the morning shall continue to be implemented in the City of Sorsogon.

Section 4. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. Persons aged below fifteen (15) and those over sixty-five (65) years of age as well as those with co-morbidities are directed to stay at home and shall not be allowed in public places except for essential and work purposes. A much stricter monitoring and implementation of this restriction shall be enforced for the reason that there is a rise in COVID19 cases in children aged fifteen and below;

Section 5. IMPOSITION OF A MODIFIED LIQUOR BAN IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON. Establishments shall be allowed to sell liquor but it shall be prohibited to serve and consume intoxicating beverages in public places such as but not limited to bars, pubs and similar places from September 2 to 30, 2021 2021. While drinking at home is allowed, hosting or holding drinking sessions shall be considered a violation of the modified liquor ban.

Section 6. STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11, SERIES OF 2021 OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SORSOGON. EO No. 11, S. 2021 entitled "*Modifying COVID-19 Guidelines in the province of Sorsogon in consonance with IATF Resolution No. 101, series of 2021 and for other purposes*" is adopted by the City Government of Sorsogon.

Thus, the prohibition for buses and travelers en route to Visayas and Mindanao Islands from having stopovers in the Province of Sorsogon is hereby reiterated. Sanctions shall be imposed on restaurants who are accepting non – locals or travelers who are merely passing through the city subject to the exemptions in EO 11, S. 2021. Restaurants from Salvacion, West District to Abuyog, East District and Sawanga, Bacon District should not be used as meal stops.

Section 7. EMPOWERMENT OF THE BARANGAY COUNCIL. The Councils of the sixty – four barangays of the City of Sorsogon shall see to it that there shall be a strict enforcement and implementation of the mandatory safety protocols within their respective jurisdictions. The *Sangguniang Barangay* shall ensure the prohibition of the following activities:

- a. Mass gatherings such as but not limited to celebrations, fiestas, *palaro*, and other mass physical activities, etc.;;
- b. Videoke and drinking sessions in public places;
- c. *Tupada*,

Further, the *Barangay* Council shall ensure that persons below fifteen (15) and over sixty – five (65) years of age are not allowed in public places. Sanctions may be imposed and complaints may be lodged before the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* to *barangay* officials who continue to disregard mandatory safety protocols for neglect of duty.

The *Barangay* Council is likewise reminded to require Locally Stranded Individuals and Returning Residents to secure a Notice of Coordination from their area of destination for proper monitoring and reporting.

Section 8. COMPLIANCE TO MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. It is likewise reiterated that all persons are directed to ensure compliance to the mandatory health protocols such as but not limited to:

1. Constant and correct wearing of face mask and face shield;
2. Social Distancing Measures;
3. Proper respiratory etiquette;
4. Recurring use of alcohol or hand sanitizers.

Section 9. RESTRICTION ON THE OPERATIONS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS. All establishments shall be allowed to operate at 30% on-site capacity and are enjoined to implement the “*No face mask, no face shield, no entry policy*” as well as the mandate that no person below 15 and above 65 years of age are allowed in public places except for purposes stated in Section 4 hereof:


- a. Hotels and accommodation establishments shall be allowed to operate only if they have been accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and must comply with the minimum public health standards;
- b. Outdoor tourism attractions such as resorts shall be allowed to operate at 30% on-site capacity
- c. Food services shall be allowed but will strictly follow the 30% on-site capacity. Indoor dine-in services is highly discouraged, buffets are prohibited and “take-out or Delivery Services” is advised;
- d. Private establishments may require their clients to present an ID before they are allowed to enter the premises.

Section 10. RESTRICTIONS ON MASS GATHERINGS. Gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty (30%) percent seating or venue capacity and must comply with ventilation standards provided by relevant issuances of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);

Section 11. ENFORCEMENT. The Sorsogon City Police, *Seguridad, Kauswagan, Katranquilohan asin Kauswagan*, 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.

Section 12. 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.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of September, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor