



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18, SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER REITERATING THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST COVID19 AND IMPOSING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES TO CURTAIL ITS SPREAD IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, the City of Sorsogon has been classified as a High Risk Area by the Department of Health (DOH) for having a 2-week Growth Rate (March 29, 2021 to April 11, 2021) of 456% and Average Daily Attack Rate of 4 that causes the recent spikes in positive COVID19 cases in the locality;

WHEREAS, among the identified causes of the increase in COVID19 cases in the city are violations of the mandatory health protocols and unauthorized mass gatherings;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 17, Series of 2021 entitled "*An Order Prescribing for the Penalties for Violations of Mandatory Health Protocols in the City of Sorsogon*" was issued to ensure compliance of mandatory health protocols;

WHEREAS, to further intensify the efforts to restrain the spread of COVID19 in the City of Sorsogon, additional guidelines must be put in place with the end view of assuring the safety of our people;

WHEREAS, the Local Inter-Agency Task Force (LIATF) on COVID19 endorsed their recommendations for adoption and implementation within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, do hereby Order the Reiteration of Precautionary Measures against COVID19 and the Imposition of the Strict Implementation of Additional Guidelines to curtail its spread in the City of Sorsogon, as follows:

Section 1. COMPLIANCE TO MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. All persons are directed to ensure compliance to the mandatory health protocols such as but not limited to:

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

Section 2. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. Persons aged below eighteen (18) and those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age as well as those who are with co-morbidities are directed to stay at home and shall not be allowed in public places except for essential and work purposes;

Section 3. RESTRICTION ON THE OPERATIONS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS. All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work or be undertaken during Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) shall be allowed to operate at 50% on-site capacity;

All commercial establishments in the City of Sorsogon are enjoined to implement the “No face mask, no face shield, no entry policy” as well as the mandate that no person below 18 and above 65 years of age are allowed in public places except purposes stated in Section 2 hereof.

Section 4. ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENT. 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;

Section 5. RESTRICTIONS ON TOURISM. Hotels and accommodation establishments shall be allowed to operate only if they have been accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT), their operations as well as of the ancillary establishments within their premises shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF; they must strictly comply with the minimum public health standards

Section 6. RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. Food services shall be allowed but will strictly follow the 50% on-site capacity. Indoor dine-in services is highly discouraged and “take-out or Delivery Services” is advised.

Section 6. PROHIBITED INDUSTRIES. The following establishments shall be temporarily prohibited to operate until further notice:

1. Entertainment venues with live performers;
2. Recreational venues;
3. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/*peryas*, kid amusement industries;
4. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports;
5. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centers or facilities and swimming pools;
6. Cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops and other gaming establishments except for the draws conducted by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO);
7. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, cultural shows and exhibits;
8. Outdoor tourist attractions;
9. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions;
10. Personal care services;

* Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking are allowed within the general area of their residence, the barangay, purok, subdivision, and/or village; and they must comply with public health protocols like proper wearing of face masks (surgical) and observe physical distancing.

Section 7. SUSPENSION OF MASS GATHERINGS. All mass gatherings and assemblies within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon shall remain suspended until further notice.

It is hereby reiterated that all other activities such as festivals, seminars, workshops, meetings, mass physical fitness, indoor and outdoor activities of

more than twenty (20) attendees and such other similar undertakings are suspended until further notice except for the following;

1. Forums relative to COVID 19;
2. Provision of health services, government services or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed;
3. Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID19 shall be limited to immediate family members with full compliance with prescribed minimum public health standards.

Section 8. CURFEW. The curfew hours from 9:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning shall be imposed within the City of Sorsogon;

Section 9. 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 10. MOVEMENT OF CARGO AND DELIVERY VEHICLES. The movement of cargo and delivery vehicles as well as those used by public utility companies especially those carrying essential supplies shall remain unhampered;

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.

Section 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 16th day of April, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor