



CITY OF SORSOGON

Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20, SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER MODIFYING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF MANDATORY HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2021, the City Government issued Executive Order No. 18, Series of 2021 *"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 said issuance ordered the temporary closure of various establishments, suspension of mass gatherings and mandated restrictions on tourism and other activities for the purpose of lowering the number of COVID19 cases in the city;

WHEREAS, as of May 14, 2021, the City of Sorsogon has fifty – two (52) active cases and manifested a -42% two – week growth rate thereby classifying the city as "low risk" as per categories set forth by the Department of Health (DOH);

WHEREAS, the Local Inter-Agency Task Force (LIATF) endorsed their recommendation to modify the restrictions set forth in EO No. 18, S. 2021 for adoption and implementation within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon;

WHEREAS, to ensure the continuous decline in the number of COVID19 cases in the city, the LIATF recommended that the guidelines set forth in EO 18, S. 2021 remain in place but with judicious modifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, do hereby Order the Modification of Guidelines on the Implementation and Monitoring of Mandatory Health Protocols in the City of Sorsogon, as follows:

Section 1. REITERATION OF STRICT COMPLIANCE TO MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS. It is hereby reiterated that all persons are directed to ensure compliance to mandatory health protocols at all times such as but not limited to:

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

The Sorsogon City Police, *Seguridad, Kauswagan, Katranquilohan asin Kauswagan (SK3)*, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), Barangay Officials and the Barangay Police are ordered to conduct strict monitoring of compliance to mandatory health protocols and enforce such penalties provided for by pertinent laws and ordinances.

Section 2. RESTRICTION ON THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. It is hereby reiterated that persons aged below eighteen (18) and those who are over sixty-five (65) years old 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 shall be permitted to operate at 50% on-site capacity **EXCEPT** the following:

1. Entertainment venues such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert hall and theaters;
2. Fairs/Peryas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom and kiddie rides; and
3. Cockfighting and operation of cockpits, except for the sole purpose of conducting e-sabong licensed and regulated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation.

It is hereby reiterated that 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 for purposes stated in Section 2 hereof.

The management of business establishments may require customers to present competent evidence of their age such as identification cards to ensure compliance of this section.

Section 4. RESTRICTIONS ON TOURISM. It is hereby reiterated that 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 ancillary services offered within their premises such as restaurants, cafes, gyms, spas, function halls and the like shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT, DOH and the IATF;

Outdoor tourism attractions such as resorts shall be allowed to operate at 50% on-site capacity provided that mandatory health protocols and maintenance of logbooks for possible contact tracing purposes are strictly complied with.

The City Tourism Office is hereby authorized to conduct random inspection of hotels, accommodation establishments and tourism attractions and directed to coordinate with the Sorsogon City PNP, CDRRMO, SK3, Barangay Officials and the Barangay Police wherein the establishment is situated in assuring compliance with this section.

Section 5. RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. Food services shall be allowed but must strictly follow the 50% on-site capacity. Indoor dine-in services shall be allowed provided that mechanisms to ensure compliance to mandatory health protocols is in place within the premises.

“Buffets” are strictly prohibited while “Take-out or Delivery Services” is highly encouraged. Food Establishments are likewise encouraged to keep their premises properly ventilated by keeping it alfresco or open – air.

Section 6. LIFTING OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PROHIBITED INDUSTRIES. The following establishments shall now be allowed to operate at 50% on-site capacity provided that strict compliance with mandatory health protocols is implemented within the premises:

1. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports;
2. Indoor sports courts or venues, fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centers or facilities and swimming pools;

3. Indoor visitor or tourist attractions, libraries, archives, museums, galleries, cultural shows and exhibits;
4. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions;
5. Personal care services.

Salons, barber shops, spas and similar establishments are highly encouraged to utilize the “by appointment” scheme in order to avoid the influx of clients at any given time within their respective premises.

Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking shall now be allowed at public places provided that compliance with mandatory health protocols is ensured at all times.

The Sorsogon City PNP, CDRRMO, SK3, Barangay Officials and the Barangay Police are directed to monitor the strict implementation of this section.

Section 7. LIFTING OF SUSPENSION OF MASS GATHERINGS. Gatherings shall be allowed up to fifty (50%) percent seating or venue capacity;

Provided that participants shall strictly observe minimum public health standards and the establishments or venues where the gatherings shall take place shall strictly comply with ventilation standards as provided under relevant issuances of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);

Section 8. ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENT. 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, City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD), SK3 and such other offices that are necessary in the continuing implementation of the local response to the COVID19 pandemic.

All government agencies are likewise enjoined to implement the “No face mask, no face shield, no entry policy” which shall apply to clients, visitors and employees of the office.

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

Section 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor