



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39 , SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, the City of Sorsogon has been classified as a low risk area after having registered a significant decrease in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the past few weeks;

WHEREAS, among the identified causes of the decrease in COVID-19 cases in the city are the strict implementation of mandatory health protocols and stringent restrictions to curtail the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, with the downgrading of Sorsogon City's risk classification from Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 2, thus it is but reasonable to ease restrictions to enable the economy to recover, however, efforts shall continue to be exerted to comply with the mandatory protocols;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, do hereby Order the Implementation of Modified Safety Protocols in the City of Sorsogon, as follows:

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

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

Section 2. VACCINATION. Residents of the City of Sorsogon are highly encouraged to get vaccinated at various vaccination sites regardless of the available vaccine. Everyone is advised that all vaccines effectively minimizes the effect of the Corona Virus to the human body;

The City Health Office (CHO) is directed to ramp up vaccination to achieve herd immunity as inoculation has the greatest impact on saving lives. Vaccines being an essential addition to protective measures against COVID-19, especially with the risk of fast-spreading variants, is necessary to protect the vulnerable population such as the senior citizens, those with comorbidities, the working population and children aging twelve to seventeen (12-17) years;

Residents who have been vaccinated are likewise encouraged to be influencers in their respective communities with the end view of developing vaccine confidence;

Further, *Barangay* Councils are encouraged to mobilize all necessary efforts to reach out to unvaccinated residents and convince the local populace to be vaccinated. The top (10) *barangays* in the city which are able to achieve one hundred (100%) percent inoculated residents in December, 2021 shall receive incentives from the City Government.

Section 3. RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. Persons aged below fifteen (15) and those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age as well as those who are with comorbidities and immunodeficiency and pregnant women are directed to stay at home and shall not be allowed in public places except for essential and work purposes;

The movement of people shall remain limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work and other essential activities.

Section 4. RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATIONS OF OFFICES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS. Private offices may be allowed to operate anywhere between fifty (50%) to one hundred (100%) on-site capacity while ensuring stringent compliance to Mandatory Public Health Protocols;

Provided that, only those with validly issued Safety Seal Certifications from duly authorized agencies shall be allowed to operate up to 100% on – site capacity;

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 15 and above 65 years of age are allowed in public places except for purposes stated in Section 3 hereof.

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

Section 5. RESTRICTIONS ON THE OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational and shall operate at a minimum of fifty percent (50%) up to full on-site capacity as determined by the head of the agency, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

Provided that, this Section shall not apply to government health offices, hospitals, rural health units, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO), City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD), *Seguridad, Kaayusan, Katranquilohan asin Kauswagan (SK3)* and such other offices that are necessary in connection with the fight against COVID-19;

Section 6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE APAT DAPAT CHECKLIST. Everyone is highly encouraged to continuously comply with the following precautionary measures, to wit:

1. Implementation of APAT DAPAT Checklist (**A**ir circulation and ventilation; **P**hysical distancing one meter or more; **A**lways use face masks; **T**ime of interaction less than 30 minutes);
2. Employees directly in contact with the transacting public must wear face shields at all times unless plastic shields/dividers are in place as per recommendation of the City Health Office (CHO);
3. Employees are discouraged from taking meals together as studies show eating together is the number one cause of COVID-19 transmissions;
4. Face to face meetings (if needed and cannot be done away with) should strictly follow protocols and as much as possible should be done in an open-air venue (no air conditioning).

Section 7. 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; 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 8. MASS GATHERINGS. Gatherings shall be allowed up to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.

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

Section 9. RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. Food services shall be allowed but will strictly follow the 50% on-site capacity. "Buffets" are strictly prohibited while "Take-out or Delivery Services" is highly encouraged. Food Establishments are likewise encouraged to keep their premises properly ventilated;

Meal Stops within the city **MUST** follow and impose strict mandatory public health standards especially to client-travelers and maintain logbooks for these travelers they cater for contact tracing purposes.

Section 10. SPORT ACTIVITIES. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports are allowed. Non-contact sports refer to a sport or activity in which participants are physically separated throughout its duration, thus minimizing the possibility of making any form of purposeful or accidental physical contact. Provided, that, where applicable, the minimum public health standards such as the wearing of masks and the maintenance of social distancing, and no sharing of equipment, are observed. For this purpose, those below 15 years of age and above 65, may be allowed outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise.

Section 11. MANDATORY SANITATION AND DISINFECTION. Offices, business establishments and public utility vehicles must be regularly sanitized (at least once a day – before start of office/business hours) using appropriate disinfectants in accordance with the regulations issued by the Department of Health (DOH);

Section 12. CURFEW. The curfew hours from 10:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning shall be imposed within the City of Sorsogon;

Section 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 and pertinent agencies.


Section 16. 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 17. 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 18. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 10th day of November, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor