



EXECUTIVE ORDER 09, SERIES OF 2021

**AN ORDER REITERATING THE IMPOSITION OF NECESSARY
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID 19
AND TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING MASS GATHERINGS
IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

WHEREAS, in 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) which was followed by the declaration of a state of public health emergency throughout the Philippines in light of local transmission of Covid19;

WHEREAS, the National Government thru the Inter – Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF – EID) and the Department of Health (DOH) has issued guidelines on the necessary precautions to prevent, contain and mitigate the possible transmission of the disease;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Government issued Executive Order No. 11, Series of 2020 entitled “*An Order Imposing Necessary Precautionary Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID19 in the City of Sorsogon*”;

WHEREAS, in view of the increasing number of COVID19 cases in the City of Sorsogon, it is imperative to reiterate the need for the stringent implementation of the necessary precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, considering that the current active cases in the City of Sorsogon are brought about by mass gatherings, it has been found necessary to temporarily prohibit such activities as per recommendation of the City Health Office (CHO);

NOW THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, hereby reiterates the need for the strict implementation of the necessary precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID19, as follows;

Section 1. REITERATION OF THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. The following practices should be continuously be observed in order to contain the spread of Covid19:

- a. Respiratory Etiquette
 - a. Cough and sneeze into tissue or into shirt sleeve if tissue is not available. Dispose used tissues properly and disinfect hands immediately after a cough or sneeze;
 - b. Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth to help slow the spread of the virus;
 - c. Hand hygiene. Practice regular and thorough handwashing with soap and water. Use alcohol-based sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- b. Social Distancing Measures
 - a. Whenever possible, keep a distance of at least 1 meter away from other people to reduce the possibility of person-to-person transmission;

- b. Offer telecommuting and replace in-person meetings in the workplace with video or telephone conferences
- c. Environmental Measures
 - a. Clean frequently-touched surfaces and objects, including tables, doorknobs, desks and computer keyboards
 - b. Maintain cleanliness of common-use areas and those with touchpoints such as railings, staircases and light switches
 - c. Make dispensers with alcohol-based handrub/sanitizer available in public areas
- d. Food Safety Measures
 - a. Avoid consumption of raw or undercooked animal products. Handle raw meat, milk or animal organs with care to avoid cross contamination with uncooked food
 - b. When visiting live animal markets, wet markets or animal product markets, practice general hygiene measures, avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth with hands and avoid contact with sick animals. Do not slaughter sick animals for consumption
- e. Travel Advisories
 - a. The transport sector is advised to continue their operation provided that all public and private vehicles has their own alcohols or hand sanitizers and implement social distancing measures;
 - b. Residents of the City of Sorsogon are discouraged to travel to Manila and to other parts of the country.

Section 2. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MASS GATHERINGS. All mass gatherings and assemblies within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon are hereby suspended until further notice.

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 forums relative to COVID 19.

Commercial establishments are encouraged to postpone mall sales, shows and other similar activities and are likewise enjoined to establish measures to sanitize their own respective areas regularly according to DOH instruction as to disinfection protocol.

Permits and certificates interposing no objection to assemblies issued before this Executive Order are hereby revoked and cancelled.

DONE this 23rd day of March, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor