



EXECUTIVE NO. 42, SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS/EMPLOYERS FOR THE CONTINUOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRENT MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS AND IN THE RAMPING UP OF VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 in part provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, the National Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) has issued Resolution No. 148-B series of 2021 dated November 11, 2021 enjoining all government agencies to implement measures prioritizing fully vaccinated individuals availing of government programs and services;

WHEREAS, the Philippines' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to certain COVID-19 vaccines after thorough scientific, medical and ethical evaluations, and considered them as safe and effective, and, based on current available evidences, have been shown to (1) prevent symptomatic infection, (2) prevent severe infection, and (3) significantly reduce transmission;

WHEREAS, every establishment/organization be it government or private has the obligation of providing protection to their personnel especially their frontline workers to allow them to continue providing their services to their clients;

WHEREAS, the City LGU is having a hard time in ramping up vaccinations to achieve herd immunity due to the considerable number of eligible individuals for vaccinations who still opt not to avail the vaccines;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. GENERAL QUARANTINE GUIDELINES. Everyone is hereby reminded of mandatory compliance with Health and Safety Protocols at all times in order to ensure the continuing decline of COVID-19 cases in the City of Sorsogon.

The following establishments and activities shall be allowed to operate on a 50% Indoor Venue Capacity and 70% Outdoor Capacity for fully vaccinated individuals and for those 18 years of age and below provided that the workers and employees are fully vaccinated:

- a. Personal Care Establishments;
- b. Contact Sports;
- c. Fitness Studios, Gyms and venues for non – contact exercise and sports;

- d. Funfares/perya, kid amusement industries, playground, playroom and kiddie rides;
- e. Venue for music performers and audience such as karaoke bars, concert halls and restaurants;
- f. Household gatherings;
- g. Cockpits and operation of cockpits for fully vaccinated individuals only.

SECTION 2. ALL ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPLOYERS, both government and private, shall require their personnel who are tasked to do on-site works to be vaccinated against COVID-19 for their own protection as well as their clients.

Eligible personnel who opted not to be vaccinated shall be required to undergo RT-PCR testing regularly at their own expenses for purposes of on-site work. In case of personnel who are not yet fully-vaccinated (only got 1st dose of the 2-dose primary vaccination), they shall not be assigned as frontline workers or be detailed to field works until they are declared as fully-vaccinated;

SECTION 3. PRIORITIZING FULLY-VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. All Government Agencies (including the Barangays) are hereby enjoined to implement measures prioritizing fully vaccinated individuals availing of government programs and services, (Item G of IATF Resolution 148-B series of 2021).

Public and private establishments and enclosed places like restaurants, coffee shops, malls, groceries, function halls, etc. may accommodate only fully vaccinated individuals, or may nonetheless validly refuse entry and/or deny service to individuals who remain to be unvaccinated, or are merely partially vaccinated, despite being eligible for vaccination. Or they may accommodate them in places where viral transmission is lesser like open spaces as in alfresco of restaurants and food services, etc.

Unvaccinated individuals can be accommodated only upon presentation of negative RT-PCR tests done not more than 72 hours prior. As proof of vaccination, they may require LGU vaccination card or VaxCert.PH card to be presented by individual or clients. For households/individuals who are not vaccinated by medical reason or religious beliefs, they can request assistance from their Barangay council to access to their primary needs;

SECTION 4. FRONTLINE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. All frontline and emergency services, especially in government agencies and in the Barangays, shall continue to render assistance to all persons regardless of vaccination status;

SECTION 5. MAINTENANCE OF UPDATED VACCINATION DATA BASE. The District Health Offices, through its National Immunization Program coordinators (NIP) shall maintain an updated data base of vaccinated individuals of their district for recording and reporting purposes;

SECTION 6. CONTINUING ADVOCACY TO RAMP UP VACCINATION. Collective efforts of educating the people about the vaccines must continue in a whole-of-society approach – from the government (national government agencies, to the local government units, and up to the barangay level), and the private sectors.

The City LGU through the City Health Office and City PIO, City DepEd, CHED, PIA Sorsogon must unceasingly campaign to inform the people, using all media platforms, on the benefits of the vaccines and the importance of having herd immunity. The Barangay Officials shall not only assist in this

advocacy but also encourage their constituents and provide all the necessary support for the availment of the vaccines;

SECTION 7. NON-PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES. The heads of offices/establishments as well as the *Punong Barangays* who fail to implement the aforementioned duties may be held liable and shall be a ground for any available administrative sanctions and penalty;

SECTION 8. 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 9. 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 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 31st day of December, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor