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**OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-026  
Series of 2020**

**AN ORDER MANDATING ALL INBOUND TOURISTS TO STRICTLY FOLLOW THE "COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR TOURISTS" WHO WANT TO VISIT ANY PART OF THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the President of the Philippines has declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country through Proclamation No. 922, Series of 2020;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte came out with a new directive for the LGUs in the entire country to come up with control measures in consonance with the national policies pertaining to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 from spreading in the entire country;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines, it is the primary duty of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte to promote the health and safety of its people by implementing health programs, measures and interventions to prevent and control the transmission of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte passed Provincial Ordinance No. 07, s. 2020 and Provincial Ordinance No. 09, s. 2020 requiring for mandatory testing for Covid-19 and quarantine of returning Surigaonons and Non-Surigaonon Authorized Persons Outside Residence in order to prevent and/ or control the spread of Covid-19 in this Province;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Surigao del Norte is one of the top tourist destinations in the world, hence it is expected that more tourists will come to this Province even during this Covid-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to strengthen the response of this Province against Covid-19 in order to protect the people within this Province.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor of the Province of Surigao del Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:**

**SECTION 1. Testing, Boarding and Quarantine Protocols for Inbound Tourists Arriving at Siargao Island Airport or Surigao City Airport. All**

tourists (*both local and foreign*) coming to the Province of Surigao del Norte through **Siargao Island Airport or Surigao City Airport** from any place outside this Province shall follow the following protocols and/or guidelines:

**1.1 Upon boarding the plane at the place of origin going to this Province**, every tourist shall present the following documentary requirements:

- a.) Negative Result on real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test (RT-PCR Test) taken within forty eight (48) hours prior to the date of arrival in this Province;
- b.) Confirmed Booking of at least fifteen (15) days from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism as quarantine facility for tourists;
- c.) Printed copy of Surigao del Norte's "**Provincial Health eForm**" which can be generated from this link: <https://covid19.ssct.edu.ph/healthform> ; and
- d.) Valid Identification Card.

1.2 The aforementioned documents shall also be presented by the tourist upon arrival at Siargao Island Airport or Surigao City Airport. **Those tourists, who cannot present all of the required documents, shall be deported back to the place where they boarded on the same day at the cost of the concerned tourists or Airline Company.**

1.3 All arriving tourists shall be transported only by the **public utility vehicles duly accredited by the Province** from the airport going to the accredited resort, hotel or hostel where they are going to spend their fourteen (14) days quarantine at the cost of the tourists.

1.4 Upon arrival at the accredited resort, hotel or hostel, every tourist shall undergo a strict quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days. **In this regard, the owner or operator of the concerned resort, hotel or hostel shall make sure that all quarantine protocols issued by the Department of Health and this Province shall be strictly complied with.**

1.5 No tourist can roam around within this Province unless he/she can secure from the concerned local health officer a Post Quarantine Certificate and a Travel Pass from the Mayor of the concerned City or Municipality.

**SECTION 2. Testing, Boarding and Quarantine Protocols for Inbound Tourists Arriving at Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal or Lipata Ferry Terminal.** All tourists (*both local and foreign*) coming to the Province of Surigao del Norte through **Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal or Lipata Ferry Terminal** from any place outside this Province shall follow the following protocols and/or guidelines:

**2.1 Upon boarding the boat at the place of origin going to this Province**, every tourist shall present the following documentary requirements:

- a.) Negative Result on real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test (RT-PCR Test) taken within forty eight (48) hours prior to the date of arrival in this Province;

- b.) Confirmed Booking of at least fifteen (15) days from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism as quarantine facility for tourists;
- c.) Printed copy of Surigao del Norte's "**Provincial Health eForm**" which can be generated from this link: <https://covid19.ssct.edu.ph/healthform> ; and
- d.) Valid Identification Card.

2.2 The aforementioned documents shall also be presented by the tourist upon arrival at Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal or Lipata Ferry Terminal. **Those tourists, who cannot present all of the required documents, shall be deported back to the place where they boarded on the same day at the cost of the concerned tourists or Shipping Company.**

2.3 All arriving tourists shall be transported only by the **public vessels and/or public utility vehicles duly accredited by the Province** from the Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal or Lipata Ferry Terminal, as the case may be, going to the accredited resort, hotel or hostel where they are going to spend their fourteen (14) days quarantine at the cost of the tourists.

2.4 Upon arrival at the accredited resort, hotel or hostel, every tourist shall undergo a strict quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days. **In this regard, the owner or operator of the concerned resort, hotel or hostel shall make sure that all quarantine protocols issued by the Department of Health and this Province shall be strictly complied with.**

2.5 No tourist can roam around within this Province unless he/she can secure from the concerned local health officer a Post Quarantine Certificate and a Travel Pass from the Mayor of the concerned City or Municipality.

**SECTION 3. Testing, Entry and Quarantine Protocols for Inbound Tourists Arriving at Alegria Provincial Checkpoint or Claver Provincial Checkpoint.** All tourists (*both local and foreign*) coming to the Province of Surigao del Norte through **Alegria Provincial Checkpoint or Claver Provincial Checkpoint** from any place outside this Province shall follow the following protocols and/or guidelines:

**3.1 Upon arrival at Alegria Provincial Checkpoint or Claver Provincial Checkpoint, every tourist shall present the following documentary requirements:**

- a.) Negative Result on real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test (RT-PCR Test) taken within forty eight (48) hours prior to the date of arrival in this Province;
- b.) Confirmed Booking of at least fifteen (15) days from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism as quarantine facility for tourists;
- c.) Printed copy of Surigao del Norte's "**Provincial Health eForm**" which can be generated from this link: <https://covid19.ssct.edu.ph/healthform> ; and
- d.) Valid Identification Card.

3.2 Those tourists, who cannot present all of the required documents, shall not be allowed to enter into this Province.

3.3 All arriving tourists shall be transported only by the **public utility vehicles and/or public vessels duly accredited by the Province** from Alegria Provincial Checkpoint or Claver Provincial Checkpoint, as the case may be, going to the accredited resort, hotel or hostel where they are going to spend their fourteen (14) days quarantine at the cost of the tourists.

3.4 Upon arrival at the accredited resort, hotel or hostel, every tourist shall undergo a strict quarantine for at least fourteen (14) days. **In this regard, the owner or operator of the concerned resort, hotel or hostel shall make sure that all quarantine protocols issued by the Department of Health and this Province shall be strictly complied with.**

3.5 No tourist can roam around within this Province unless he/she can secure from the concerned local health officer a Post Quarantine Certificate and a Travel Pass from the Mayor of the concerned City or Municipality.

**SECTION 4. Obligations of the Airline Companies.** All airline companies transporting inbound tourists to either Siargao Island Airport or Surigao City Airport are hereby obligated to strictly enforce the aforementioned orders particularly on the presentation of the required documents prior to boarding. Failure to do so shall mean a violation of this Executive Order which shall be dealt with accordingly.

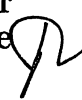
**SECTION 5. Obligations of the Shipping Companies.** All shipping companies transporting inbound tourists to Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal or Lipata Ferry Terminal are hereby obligated to strictly enforce the aforementioned orders particularly on the presentation of the required documents prior to boarding or embarkation. Failure to do so shall mean a violation of this Executive Order which shall be dealt with accordingly.

**SECTION 6. Enforcement.** The Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Philippine Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies are hereby directed to ensure compliance of this Order.

**SECTION 7. Applicability.** All provisions of this Order shall be enforceable in all component LGUs in the province.

**SECTION 8. Sanctions and Penalties.** Any violation or infraction of the lawful directives and orders including this Executive Order shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws.

**SECTION 9. Separability Clause.** In the event that any provision of this order or any part thereof is declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the provisions not hereby affected shall remain in force and effect.

**SECTION 10. Repealing Clause.** **This Executive Order effectively repeals Section 9 of Executive Order No. 20-018-A issued by the undersigned on 01 June 2020.** All other orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. 

**SECTION 11. Dissemination.** Component LGUs of this Province, the PNP, AFP and other National Line Agencies shall be furnished copies of this Order.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity.** This order shall take effect immediately. This order may also be supplemented by the succeeding memoranda that shall be issued by the undersigned in order to address whatever developments that may happen thereafter.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 at the Provincial Capitol, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte.



**ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS**  
*Provincial Governor*