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## **OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-029**  
**Series of 2020**

**AN ORDER REORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID-19,  
CREATING THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES IN THE MAINLAND OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND  
SIARGAO ISLAND AND RESTRUCTURING THE SUB-COMMITTEES IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL  
NORTE**

**WHEREAS**, the emergence of the COVID – 19 pandemic has caused the entire Philippines to be placed under a State of Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter – Agency Task Force (IATF) for the management of emerging infectious diseases (IATF – EID) issued Resolution No. 60 – A on July 30, 2020, placing the entire province of Surigao del Norte under Modified General Community Quarantine beginning August 1, 2020, until August 15, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Surigao del Norte has been classified as a ‘low – risk epidemic level’, thus, there is a need to streamline the operations of the existing committees in the Provincial Government and reorganize the Provincial Task Force for COVID – 19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, to maintain a ‘low – risk epidemic level’, all the national and local government agencies must work together to ensure that all our efforts shall focus on the health and safety of the inhabitants in the Province of Surigao del Norte;

**WHEREAS**, there is also a need to create an Executive Committee in Siargao Island, being the center of the tourism industry in the province, to ensure that the plans and efforts of all Local Chief Executives therein are coordinated, and ensure that the minimum health standards and protocols issued by the Department of Health, the National Task Force against COVID – 19, and other national agencies, are strictly enforced and implemented in Siargao Island;

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

**SECTION 1. REORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL INTER – AGENCY TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID – 19**

The Provincial Inter – Agency Task Force Against COVID – 19 shall be reorganized, to wit:

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

Co – Chairperson:           **HON. EDDIE D. GOKIANGKEE, JR.**  
  Provincial Vice - Governor

**HON. MARIA LIZA G. RESURRECCION**  
  LMP President – Surigao del Norte  
  Municipal Mayor of Pilar

**HON. ERNESTO “ESTONG” MATUGAS, JR.**  
  Surigao City Mayor

Members:                       **MR. ERWIN G. PINGAL, RMT, MPM**  
  DOH SDN

**DR. MANOLITO C. GO**  
  President, Philippine Medical Assoc.  
  Surigao del Norte Chapter

**MR. JOHN REYL L. MOSQUITO**  
  DILG Provincial Director

**HON. MELVA P. GARCIA**  
  Member, Sanggunian Panlalawigan

**DR. NELIA S. LOMOCSO**  
  DepEd – Siargao Division

**DR. KAREN L. GALINDA**  
  DepEd – Surigao City Division

**DR. MA. TERESA M. REAL**  
  DepEd – Surigao del Norte Division

**DR. GREGORIO Z. GAMBOA, JR.**  
  President, Surigao State College of Technology

**PCOL. ADOLPH C. ALMENDRA**  
  Philippine National Police

**CDR. LAWRENCE S. ROQUE**  
  Coast Guard Station Surigao del Norte

**COL. GEORGE L. BANZON**  
901B Philippine Army

**FR. CARLITO M. TIU, DCS**

**MS. GAY D. TIU**  
Chair, Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster  
ng Pilipinas – Surigao del Norte

**MR. ELMER M. NATAD**  
OIC – Provincial Director  
Department of Trade and Industry

**MS. MARITES M. OCAMPO**  
PENR Officer, DENR  
PENRO Surigao del Norte

**MR. DANIELO MERSON C. BORJA**  
Land Transportation Office  
Surigao District Office

**MS. FLORA MINDA R. LINTAO, SWO II**  
SDN & PDI DSWD Provincial SWAD Team

**SSUPT. ROMEL C. TRADIO**  
Regional Director, Bureau of Fire Protection

**MS. MAY C. VELONTA**  
OIC – Provincial Head, DOLE

**MR. FROILAN U. CATURLA**  
Acting Port Manager, PPA – PMO Surigao

**ATTY. MANUEL O. PORTUS**  
Regional Director  
Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)

**Secretariat:**

**ENGR. MARILYN E. PONO**  
Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer  
PDRRMO Staff

## **SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL INTER – AGENCY TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID – 19**

The Provincial Inter – Agency Task Force Against COVID – 19 shall have the following functions:

1. Provide the Incident Commander the policy directions and strategic objectives, and the mission and authority to achieve overall priorities of the Provincial Inter – Agency Anti – COVID19 operations;
2. Coordinate all efforts and ensure tighter inter- agency cooperation of all agencies in the Mainland and Siargao;
3. Strengthen the implementation of all laws, IATF guidelines, and DOH protocols related to the fight against the COVID – 19 pandemic;
4. Ensure the strict and uniform enforcement of the following measures, per IATF Resolution No. 60 – A, series of 2020 :
  - a) Minimum public health standards, especially uniform implementation in high – risk areas such as healthcare settings, wet markets, supermarkets, government offices, workplace, among others;
  - b) Localized community quarantine and availability of identified quarantine facilities in priority/critical areas with community transmission, including private and public establishments, with the concurrence of RIATF;
  - c) Immediate facility – based isolation of all returning citizens, suspect, and probable cases;
  - d) Scaling up of local health system capacity, especially for community isolation and critical care, including dedicated mechanical ventilators, ICU, isolation, and ward beds for COVID – 19 cases; and,
  - e) Submission of complete and accurate data through COVID – Kaya and DOH Data Collect.
5. Recommend policies and resolutions to ensure uniform and strict implementation of DOH minimum health standards and protocols, and IATF guidelines;
6. Discuss guidelines, policies and unified measures against the threats and impacts of the pandemic;
7. Coordinate agreements with the mainland Executive Committee and the Siargao Executive Committee;
8. Coordinate feedback on policies and measures and/or grievances to the Regional Task Force, if necessary; and,
9. Perform such other functions necessary for the enforcement of this order.

## **SECTION 3. CREATION OF THE MAINLAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SIARGAO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There shall be an Executive Committee created in the Mainland and in Siargao Island which shall be composed of heads of national agencies and municipal government agencies in the Mainland and Siargao Island and heads of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte.

**A. CREATION OF THE MAINLAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGAINST THE COVID – 19**

There shall be a Mainland Executive Committee which shall be composed of the following:

**Chairperson:** MR. SIMEON VICENTE G. CASTRENCE  
Assistant Provincial Administrator

**Co-Chairperson:** ATTY. JERRY CENTRO  
City Administrator

ENGR. MARILYN E. PONO  
Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction  
and Management Officer

DR. ARLENE T. FELIZARTA  
Asst. Provincial Administrator for  
Health and Hospital Concerns

SSUPT ROMEL C. TRADIO  
Regional Director, Bureau of Fire  
Protection

COL GEORGE L. BANZON  
9011B 91D Philippine Army

PCOL ADOLPH C. ALMENDRA  
Provincial Director, Philippine National  
Police

CDR. LAWRENCE S. ROQUE  
Coast Guard Station Surigao del Norte

**Members:** All Department Heads of the Provincial  
Government of Surigao del Norte  
All Mayors – Mainland  
PCL President – SDN  
ABC President – SDN  
SK Federated President – SDN  
All LDRRMO – Mainland  
All RHU Chiefs – Mainland

## **B. CREATION OF THE SIARGAO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

There shall be an Executive Committee in Siargao Island which shall be composed of the following:

**Chairperson:** ATTY MARIA LIZA G. RESURRECCION  
LMP President – Surigao del Norte  
Municipal Mayor of Pilar

**Co-Chairperson:** HON. ALFREDO “JR” M. CORO II  
Municipal Vice Mayor of Del Carmen

HON. VERONICO G. SOLLOSO  
Municipal Vice Mayor of General Luna

MR. JOHN REYL L. MOSQUITO  
Provincial Director DILG

PNP CAPT. JAY N. ZAMORA  
Dapa Municipal Police Station

PCOL ADOLPH ALMENDRA  
Philippine National Police

PNP PCAPT. WISE VICENTE PANUELOS  
Chief General Luna Police Station

HON. LAURIS E. CONGRESO  
KNS Administrator

DR. NELIA S. LOMOCSO  
DepEd Siargao Division

CHELLANEE MAY C. LASALA  
Medical Officer III –Siargao District Hospital

**Members:** All Municipal Mayors – Siargao  
All LDRRMO – Siargao  
All RHU Chiefs – Siargao  
All Departments Heads of the Provincial  
Government of Surigao del Norte  
All Chief of Police of Siargao

**Secretariat:** Catherine Landao, EPS II  
Fenah Mae Anne B. Rendon  
Reyjie G. Calo  
Trexxy P. Polvorosa

**C. FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Mainland and Siargao Executive Committees shall have the following functions:

- a. Ensure that the policies issued by the Provincial Inter Agency Task Force against COVID 19, RIATF, and the national agencies are faithfully and effectively carried out;
- b. Act on the matters that need immediate attention;
- c. Formulate policies following the decisions of the Provincial Inter Agency Task Force;
- d. Recommend policies and guidelines to the Provincial Inter Agency Task Force;
- e. Coordinate urgent issues and concerns with the Incident Commander; and,
- f. Act on other matters permitted by the Provincial Inter Agency Task Force against COVID 19,

**SECTION 4: RESTRUCTURING OF THE SUB COMMITTEES OF THE PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE AGAINST COVID 19**

To support the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force Against COVID 19, the following subcommittees are hereby restructured and re organized to now read as follows:

<b>CHAIR</b>	<b>SUBCOMMITTEES</b>
SIMEON VICENTE G. CASTRENCE	Incident Commander
ENGR. MARILYN E. PONO	Chair, Disaster Prevention and Response Committee; PDRRMO
DR. ARLENE T. FELIZARTA	Chair, Health Concerns Committee
MR. RAMON M. GOTINGA	Chair, Provincial Checkpoints Concerns Committee

**4. a. The Functions:**

**4.a.1. The Incident Commander shall:**

- a. Be responsible for all Anti- COVID- 19 activities, including the development of the strategies, tactics, the ordering and the release of the resources;
- b. Act as the central coordinator to manage response activities by assigning sufficient personnel, deploying supplies and equipment, obtaining additional resources, and coordinating with participating partners as needed;
- c. Shall have the overall authority and responsibility for the conduct of Anti-COVID-19 operations;
- d. Delegate the operation’s Management responsibilities as needed, with the approval of the Provincial Governor, and thereby maintain necessary focus on the overall picture of the situation;
- e. Ensure that the Operations of the subcommittees are following the guidelines, policies, and resolutions issued by the Provincial Interagency Task Force, the RIATF and the national agencies; and,
- f. Such other functions necessary or incidental to ensure the compliance of this Executive Order.

**4.a.2. The Disaster Prevention and Response Committee shall:**

- a. Provide primary support to the Incident Commander
- b. Have the primary responsibility, such as, but not limited to the following;
  - i. Transportation of the Locally Stranded Individuals, Overseas Filipino Workers, and Returning Surigaonons.
  - ii. Management of the HEALS 911 Center; and,
  - iii. Management of the delivery of foods and supplies.
- c. Shall be primary responsible for all the tactical activities focused on the COVID 19 Operations and the reduction of any associated risk and hazards

**4.a.3. The Health Concerns Committee shall:**

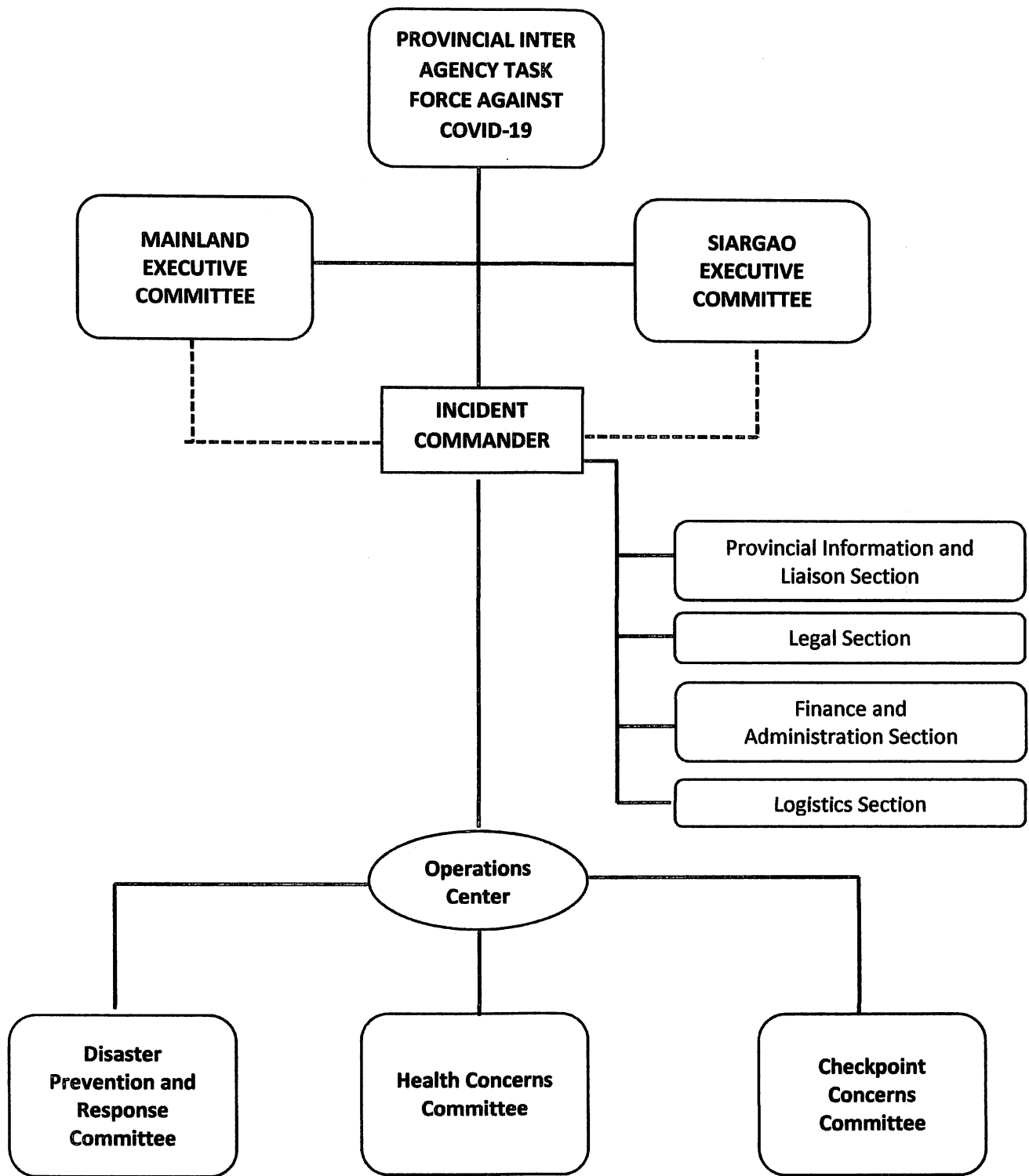
- a. Manage the operations of the Provincial Isolation and Quarantine Facilities;
- b. Manage the Provincial Testing Facilities;
- c. Manage the Hospital Referrals and the Tawag Konsulta (Non-COVID Referrals);
- d. Conduct surveillance/monitoring and contract tracing;
- e. Conduct Information, Education Campaign and Advocacy; and,
- f. Manage the disposition of the remains of deceased persons.

**4.a.4. The Checkpoint Concerns Committee shall:**

- a. Monitor the operations at the checkpoints;
- b. Deploy a sufficient and necessary number of provincial staff to be assigned at the checkpoints;
- c. Coordinate all Anti-COVID-19 policies and guidelines with the Philippine National Police, Philippine Army, and the Bureau of Fire Protection personnel stationed at the checkpoints; and,
- d. Ensure the strict implementation of health protocols and proper screening at the checkpoints.



**SECTION 5. THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If for any reason, any part or provision of this order shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All previous orders inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE CLAUSE.**

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 at the Kapitolyo nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte, Philippines.



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