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**PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

**Memorandum Order No. 20-174**  
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**TO** CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS / PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD /  
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE/ PHILIPPINE PORTS  
AUTHORITY / PHILIPPINE ARMY / OPLAN Away COVID-19  
TASK FORCE / ALL CONCERNED

**This Province**

**SUBJECT : Ninth Supplement to Executive Order (EO) No. 20-018-A,  
s. 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) already declared that the 2019 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is already a public health emergency on international concern having been infected thousands of people already all over the world;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4(a) of Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, authorized the President, following WHO guidelines and best practices, to adopt and implement measures to prevent or suppress further transmission and spread of COVID-19 through effective education, detection, protection, and treatment;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 168, "Creating the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) in the Philippines," mandates the IATF-EID to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases in the country through the establishment or reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with emerging infectious diseases, contact tracing, identification of the mode of exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

**WHEREAS**, under Memorandum Circular No. 2020-062, issued on 21 March 2020 by the Department of Interior and Local Government, the LGUs are directed to fully implement the directives of the Office of the President for the Enhanced Community Quarantine for the Island of Luzon, and the State of Public Health Emergency for the rest of the country and to implement programs, projects and services that will promote the health and well-being of every Filipino and task the Local Chief Executives (LCEs) to perform the roles of 1) Anti-coronavirus Information Manager; 2) Local Crisis Manager; and 3) Environmental Health Manager;

**WHEREAS**, the sudden surge of COVID-19 positive cases in the entire Caraga Region, due to the influx of Caraganon Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) and Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) has placed in danger the lives of our fellow Surigaonon;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to properly isolate all twenty-three (23) new cases in the Province of Surigao del Norte, who are all asymptomatic, to control and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the Province of Surigao del Norte;

*"An Surigaonon labaw sa tanan"*

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Community Quarantine Facility at the Provincial Community Training Center (PCTC) cannot cope with increasing number of those who are tested positive on Rapid Antibody Test as well as increasing number of asymptomatic COVID-19 patients. Moreover, PCTC does not conform to standards when it comes to managing asymptomatic COVID-19 patients coupled with the fact that we have a scarcity on medical and nonmedical health personnel.

**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 as follows:

1. Surigao del Norte Provincial Hospital (SDNPH) located in Barangay Sta. Cruz, Placer, Surigao del Norte shall now be used as a COVID-19 Provincial Facility to cater the following:

- a. All Surigaonons tested POSITIVE on Rapid Antibody Test; and
- b. All Surigaonons classified as "Asymptomatic Covid-19 Patients;

2. To avoid further contamination, SDNPH shall temporarily suspend the admission of Non-Covid-19 patients until this COVID-19 pandemic is not yet over.

3. SDNPH's RAT Testing Cubicle shall remain and shall continue to operate thereat, and that the RAT Testing Cubicles situated at Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal, Siargao Sports and Tourism Center, Gigaquit Polyclinic, Malimono District Hospital and Mainit Medicare Community Hospital are hereby DECLARED as the EXTENSION of SDNPH's Testing Cubicle.

It is hereby understood that all Non-COVID-19 patients presently admitted at SDNPH shall remain until they will be discharged unless they would be transferred to other hospital facilities.

All provisions of the prior Executive Orders and Memoranda issued by the undersigned inconsistent of the aforementioned orders are hereby AMENDED and/or MODIFIED accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

For your information, guidance and strict compliance.

Done this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020 at the Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte.



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

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All Concerned  
All of this Province