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AN ORDER IMPOSING STRICTER TEMPORARY MEASURES TO TRAVELERS GOING TO OR PASSING THROUGH THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AS WELL AS TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS, TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization categorically declared that *there are a number of factors that are contributing to increased transmission around the world. The first are these variants of concern, including the Delta variant. The second factor is that we have increased social mixing and increased social mobility, which increases the number of contacts that individuals have. The third factor is the relaxation or the inappropriate use of public health and social measures. Proven public health and social measures that we know prevent infections reduce the spread of somebody who is infected with the virus to others and save lives. And the fourth factor is the uneven and inequitable distribution of vaccines.*

WHEREAS, the Department of Health Epidemiology Bureau has reported that local cases of the Delta coronavirus variant have already been detected in at least nine (9) out of the seventeen (17) Regions of the Country. These regions are Ilocos (five cases), Central Visayas (32 cases), Northern Mindanao (14 cases), National Capital Region (46) cases, Central Luzon (20 cases), Western Visayas (five cases), Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Quezon) (28 cases), Eastern Visayas (10 cases) and Davao (four cases).

WHEREAS, in order to address and/or slow down the chilling effect of COVID-19 Delta variant to this Province there is now an urgent need to impose stricter temporary measures to prevent and control the spread COVID-19 for a period starting from 11 August 2021 to 22 August 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS, Provincial Governor, this Province, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. Two Weeks suspension of Air and Sea Travel. Air and sea travel of passengers for Surigao del Norte coming from Luzon and Visayas, **excluding domestic air and sea travel of cargoes**, shall be suspended starting 12:01 A.M. of Wednesday, 11 August 2021, and shall remain effective until 11:59 P.M. of Sunday, 22 August 2021.

- 1.1 **Exempt Individuals.** The following Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) shall not be covered by the aforementioned restrictions, but shall be subject to mandatory travel protocols in airports and seaports, to wit:

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- a.) Health worker on official business;
- b.) Government Officials;
- c.) Those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons including returning Surigao del Norte residents;
- d.) Returning Overseas Filipino Workers;
- e.) Persons providing basic services, public utilities, export services and other essential services; and
- f.) Bank personnel and other bank employees who shall come to the province with the purpose of replenishing the cash funds and other supplies which are necessary for the continuous service of the different banks.

1.2 Documentary Requirements. These exempt individuals shall be required to present the following documents from the point of origin upon boarding therein and upon arrival to this Province, to wit:

- a.) Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;
- b.) Valid Identification Card; and
- b.) Travel Order (or its equivalent) issued by the Head of Office/Doctor's Referral or Medical Certificate for those who travel for medical reasons/Certification from the Bureau of Quarantine for returning overseas Filipino Workers/Travel Certification issued by the undersigned

1.3 Non-exemption of Vaccinated Individuals. Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result is still required for those who have been partially or fully vaccinated of COVID-19 vaccines.

1.4 Children. Those who are seventeen (17) years old and below, are exempted from presentation of negative result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test.

Section 2. Mandatory Travel Protocols and Requirements in Other Points of Entry. Except for TOURISTS who are not allowed to come to this Province during the effectivity of this Order, the following shall be allowed to travel to this Province by land subject to the presentation of documentary requirements, which shall be presented upon demand at any of the checkpoints within this Province, to wit:

<p>a.) For Surigao del Norte residents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test or Antigen Test taken within fourteen (14) days from the date of release of the result (<i>Note: This requirement is still required for those who have been partially or fully vaccinated of COVID-19 vaccines</i>); and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Identification Card or any proof of residency in Surigao del Norte. <p>Children, who are seventeen (17) years old and below, are exempted from presentation of negative result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test or Antigen Test.</p>
b.) For Non-resident Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test or Antigen Test taken within fourteen (14) days from the date of release of the result (<i>Note: This requirement is still required for those who have been partially or fully vaccinated of COVID-19 vaccines</i>); Valid Identification Card; and Travel/Mission Order issued by the Head of Office/Doctor's Referral or Medical Certificate for those who travel for medical or humanitarian reasons.
c.) For Passing through travelers	<p>For those who will just pass through the Province of Surigao del Norte for the reason that their respective destinations are outside this Province, they shall present the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid Identification Card; and Proof that they are just passing through the Province of Surigao del Norte. <p>Note: A passing through traveler shall be given a "Passing through Card" at the entry point, which must be surrendered at the exit point. Those who will not follow this order shall be prosecuted under the pertinent laws.</p>

Section 3. Setting-up of Checkpoints. Provincial checkpoints shall be set up in all points of entry in this province. Moreover, to supplement the aforementioned provincial checkpoints, all Mayors and Punong Barangays within this Province are hereby ordered to conduct random checkpoints to monitor and detect those persons, who are possibly carrier of COVID-19.

Section 4. Activation of BHERTs. All Punong Barangays within this Province are hereby ordered to activate their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) to monitor and/or detect possible COVID-19 cases within their territorial jurisdiction.

Section 5. Special Role of City/Municipal Health Officers. All the City/Municipal Health Officers within this Province shall, in coordination with the concerned BHERTs, exert earnest efforts to monitor and determine whether or not the new variants of COVID-19 are already infecting any or some of the people within this Province. The concerned City/Municipal Mayors are hereby ordered to ensure that their respective City/Municipal Health Officers shall carryout this particular order for early detection, isolation and treatment of the probable patients.

Section 6. Prohibition of Face-to-face Meetings. Face-to-face meetings, trainings and seminars shall be temporarily prohibited from 11 August 2021 to 22 August 2021. Offices of the national government agencies, the judiciary and the

constitutional commissions located within this Province are hereby respectfully advised to adopt this Executive Order.

Section 7. Obligation of Airline/Shipping Companies. All airline companies and shipping companies are hereby strictly enjoined to implement this Executive Order. Failure to do so shall be dealt with in accordance with the pertinent and existing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 8. Enforcement. The concerned City/Municipal and Barangay Officials, Philippine National Police, Philippine Army, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, Philippine Ports Authority, Philippine Coast Guard, and law enforcement agencies are hereby directed to strictly enforce this Order.

Section 9. Public Information. The Public Information Center shall cause the widest dissemination of this Executive Order through local radio stations (AM & FM), local newspapers, and the social media.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All provisions of prior orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provision/s of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Separability Clause. Should any provision or part of this Executive Order be declared unconstitutional or invalid, all the other provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. This Executive Order shall take effect **starting 12:01 A.M. of Wednesday, 11 August 2021, and shall remain effective until 11:59 P.M. of Sunday, 22 August 2021.** This Order may be extended when circumstances so warrant, and maybe supplemented by the succeeding memoranda.

Done this 7th day of August 2021 at Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte, Philippines.


ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor