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AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) RESOLUTION NO. 124, s. 2021 PLACING, AMONG OTHERS, THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE (INCLUDING THE CITY OF SURIGAO) UNDER THE STATE OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ)

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has placed, among others, the whole Province of Surigao del Norte (including the City of Surigao) under the state of General Community Quarantine (GCQ) for the period July 1 - 15, 2021;

WHEREAS, there is now a need to issue an Executive Order implementing GCQ provisions vis-a-vis reiteration of our local health protocols pertaining to travel or movement of people within the Province of Surigao del Norte;

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. Short Title. This Executive Order shall be known and cited as the *"Implementing Rules and Regulations of GCQ Provisions for the Period July 1 - 15, 2021."*

Section 2. GCQ Provisions. Pursuant to "Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (As Amended)," the following GCQ rules and regulations shall apply to the entire Province of Surigao del Norte from July 1 - 15, 2021, to wit:

- 2.1 **Minimum Public Health Standards.** Minimum public health standards such as, among others, wearing of face masks and physical distancing of at least two (2) meters between persons shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the GCQ.
- 2.2 **Home Quarantine.** The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or for such other activities allowed in this Section.
- 2.3 **Movement of Persons.** Any person below fifteen (15) years old, those who are over sixty-five (65) years of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except for obtaining essential foods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.

- 2.4 **Permitted Establishments.** All establishments, persons, or activities permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate at full on-site capacity.

All establishments, persons, or activities not permitted to operate, work, or be undertaken during ECQ shall be allowed to operate anywhere between fifty (50%) to one hundred percent (100%) on-site capacity as may be determined by the DTI while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable. From the maximum set by DTI, the component LGUs may lower on-site capacities down to the minimum of fifty percent (50%) as set by DTI depending on the COVID-19 situation within their jurisdiction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and without prejudice to previous IATF resolutions, the following establishments, persons, or activities **shall not be permitted** to operate, work, or be undertaken during GCQ:

- a.) Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;
- b.) Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;
- c.) Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/*peryas*, kid amusement industries such as playground, playroom, kiddie rides;
- d.) Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments, except as may be authorized by the IATF or the Office of the President for the purpose of raising revenue for the government; and
- e.) Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games or activities.

The foregoing is likewise without prejudice to the authority of the DTI to issue a negative list of industries that shall remain prohibited even in areas under GCQ.

- 2.5 **Construction Projects.** All construction projects shall be allowed subject to strict compliance with the construction safety guidelines issued by the DPWH.

- 2.6 **Government Offices.** Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational and shall operate at a minimum of thirty percent (30%) up to full on-site capacity as determined by the head of agency, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

The authority of Judiciary and the Constitutional Commissions implementing any alternative work arrangements is recognized.

Officials and employees of foreign diplomatic missions and international organizations accredited by the DFA may operate at full on-site capacity.

2.7 **Accommodation Establishments.** Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a public health emergency. The operations of such hotels and accommodation establishments, as well as ancillary establishments within their premises such as restaurants, cafes, gyms, spas, functions halls, and the like, shall be subject to guidelines issued by the DOT and the IATF.

2.8 **Gatherings.** Gatherings outside of residences shall be prohibited except for those permitted in GCQ under this Section. Gatherings at residence with any person outside of one's immediate household shall likewise be prohibited. However, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality shall be allowed.

Religious gatherings shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Provided, further, that the component LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty (50%). The religious denominations should strictly observe their submitted protocols and the minimum public health standards.

Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed up to thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that the component LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%). Provided, further, that the same shall be with full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

Visits to memorial parks, cemeteries, and columbaria shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group and not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity. Provided, that the component LGU concerned may increase the allowable venue capacity up to fifty percent (50%).

2.9 **Education.** Face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education shall be suspended. The basic education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Education.

Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and technical vocational education and training may be allowed, subject to the guidelines of CHED and TESDA, respectively.

2.10 **Public Transportation.** The road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with the guidelines issued by the DOTr. The use of active transportation such as biking is encouraged.

2.11 **Law Enforcement.** Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs: (i) IATF IDs issued by the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over permitted establishments or persons, (ii) valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or establishments allowed under GCQ, and, (iii) if required by the LGU, local IDs for availing of essential goods and services. No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers or permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other documents establishing the nature of their work.

2.12 **Movement of Cargo.** The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards.

2.13 **Allowable Sports.** Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, diving, and skateboarding are allowed. Provided, that the minimum public health standards, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. Provided, further, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, are compliant with the protocols prescribed by the DTI. For this purpose, those below eighteen (18) years of age and above sixty-five (65), may be allowed outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise.

Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited.

2.14 **Curfew Hours.** Curfew hours from 9:00 PM until 5:00 AM shall be observed. All persons, regardless of age, gender, and nationality shall stay inside their homes or dwelling places during this period. Workers, cargo, vehicles, public transportation, and operating hours of permitted establishments, however, shall not be restricted by such curfew.

2.15 **Effect of Violations.** Any violation of the foregoing prohibitions shall constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its implementing Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. Automatic Adoption Clause. Any amendment/s to the GCQ provisions to be made later (including those which are already made but not yet integrated in the omnibus guidelines mentioned in Section 2 of this Order) by the IATF-EID shall be deemed adopted and incorporated in this Order.

Section 4. Reiteration of Pertinent Provisions of EO No. 21-010, s. 2021 (As Supplemented/Amended). Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, all pertinent provisions of EO No. 21-010, s. 2021 (As Supplemented/Amended), "*An Order Establishing Mandatory Protocols and Requirements for Travelers Going to the Province of Surigao del Norte*," issued by the undersigned, are hereby reiterated and shall continue to take effect during and after the aforementioned GCQ period. **For ease**

of reference, let it be emphasized that the Fifth Supplement/Amendment to EO No. 21-010, s. 2021, issued by the undersigned on 17 June 2021, summarizes the pertinent provisions of the aforementioned EO which should be implemented at all times irregardless of the quarantine classification.

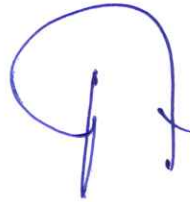
Section 5. Enforcement. All City/Municipal Mayors, Punong Baranggays, Philippine Army, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Philippine Coast Guard are hereby directed to strictly enforce this Order.

Section 6. 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 7. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect on **01 July 2021 until 15 July 2021**. This Order may be extended when circumstances so warrant.

SO ORDERED.

Done this 1st day of July 2021 at the Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte, Philippines.



ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor