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**OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-032**  
**Series of 2021**

**AN ORDER REINSTATING EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO. 21-010, S. 2021 AS AMENDED BY SUCCEEDING MEMORANDA (AN ORDER ESTABLISHING MANDATORY PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVELLERS GOING TO THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE) EFFECTIVE 31 AUGUST 2021, THEREBY CONSEQUENTLY LIFTING EO NO. 21-030, S. 2021 (AN ORDER EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-029, S. 2021)**

**WHEREAS**, in view of the negative impact of COVID-19 on our local economy, there is now an urgent need to temper our local social mixing and social mobility protocols so as to boost again our local economy.

**WHEREAS**, while we need to sustain our forward momentum in terms of economic recovery there is still a need to strengthen our Prevent-Detect-Isolate-Treat-Reintegrate-Vaccinate Strategy to control the spread of COVID-19 in our Province.

**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:**

**Setion 1. Lifting EO No. 21-030, s. 2021.** In order to boost our local economy amid COVID-19 pandemic, **EO No. 21-030, s. 2021** (*An Order Extending the Validity of Executive Order No. 21-029 (An Order Imposing Stricter Temporary Measurers to Travellers Going to or Passing Through the Province of Surigao del Norte as well as Temporary Prohibition of Face-to-Face Meetings, Trainings and Seminars) Until 31 August 2021*) **is hereby LIFTED effective 31 August 2021.**

**Setion 2. Reinstatement of EO No. 21-010, s. 2021 as amended.** In order to continually control the spread of COVID-19 in our Province, **EO No. 21-010, s. 2021 as amended** (*An Order Establishing Mandatory Protocols and Requirements for Travellers Going to the Province of Surigao del Norte in Accordance with IATF Resolution No. 101 dated February 26, 2021*) **is hereby REINSTATED effective 31 August 2021.** Stated differently, the following mandatory requirements and protocols for all travelers going to this Province are hereby reinstated effective 31 August 2021, to wit:

1. **Mandatory Travel Protocols and Requirements in Siargao Island Airport and Surigao City Airport.** All passengers of aircrafts (whether commercial, chartered or private flights) going to this Province through Siargao Island Airport and Surigao City Airport shall present the following upon boarding at the airport of origin and upon arrival to this Province, to wit:

a.) For Surigao del Norte residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48)</li> </ul>
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	<p>hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Identification Card or any proof of residency in Surigao del Norte.</li> </ul>
b.) For <b>Government Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;</li> <li>• Valid Identification Card; and</li> <li>• Travel/Mission Order issued by the Chief of Office.</li> </ul>
c.) For <b>Nonresident Private APOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;</li> <li>• Valid Identification Card; and</li> <li>• Confirmed Booking of Accommodation for at least two (2) nights from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism.</li> </ul>
d.) For <b>Tourists invited by local resident of Surigao del Norte</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;</li> <li>• Valid Identification Card; and</li> <li>• Travel Certification issued by the Mayor of the City/Municipality of destination (within the Province of Surigao del Norte),</li> </ul>
e.) For <b>Tourists not invited by local residents of Surigao del Norte (Walk-in tourists)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;</li> <li>• Valid Identification Card; and</li> <li>• Confirmed Booking of Accommodation for at least two (2) nights from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism.</li> </ul>

**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.**

2. **Mandatory Travel Protocols and Requirements in Seaports and Other Points of Entry.** Travellers going to this Province by sea (through Eva Macapagal Passenger Terminal, Lipata Ferry Terminal as well as Ports of Dapa, Del Carmen, San Benito, Sta Monica, Socorro and such other seaports within this Province) or by land (through the Municipalities of Alegria, Claver and Mainit, all of this Province) shall follow the following mandatory protocols and requirements:

a.) For <b>Surigao del Norte residents and Government APORs</b>	<b>The protocols and requirements issued by the component City/Municipality of destination within this Province shall govern and should be followed.</b>
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<p>b.) For <b>Nonresident Private APOR and Tourists not invited by local residents of Surigao del Norte (Walk-in tourists)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;</li> <li>• Valid Identification Card; and</li> <li>• Confirmed Booking of Accommodation for at least two (2) nights from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism.</li> </ul> <p><b>If the travel is by sea</b>, the aforementioned documentary requirements shall be presented upon boarding at the port of origin and upon arrival to this Province. On the other hand, <b>if the travel is by land</b>, the aforementioned documentary requirements shall be presented upon demand at any of the checkpoints within this Province.</p>
<p>c.) For <b>Tourists invited by local resident of Surigao del Norte</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Negative Result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test</b> taken within forty eight (48) hours or two (2) days from the date of release of the result;</li> <li>• Valid Identification Card; and</li> <li>• Travel Certification issued by the Mayor of the City/Municipality of destination (within the Province of Surigao del Norte).</li> </ul> <p><b>If the travel is by sea</b>, the aforementioned documentary requirements shall be presented upon boarding at the port of origin and upon arrival to this Province. On the other hand, <b>if the travel is by land</b>, the aforementioned documentary requirements shall be presented upon demand at any of the checkpoints within this Province.</p>


**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.**

3. **Post Antigen Test for Tourists and Private APORs.** All tourists and private APORs who came to this Province shall, in addition to the requirements that they have to comply upon entry to this Province, be subjected to COVID-19 Antigen Test at their own cost after five (5) days from the date of their arrival. Those who will be tested positive shall be subjected further to Swab or Saliva RT-PCR Test at their own cost. **This provision still applies to those who have been partially or fully vaccinated of COVID-19 vaccines.**
4. **Setting-up of Random Municipal and Barangay Checkpoints.** All Mayors and Punong Barangays within this Province are hereby encouraged to conduct random checkpoints to monitor and detect those persons, who are possibly carrier of COVID-19.

5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Miscellaneous Provisions.** The following provisions mentioned in the **First and Fourth Supplements to EO No. 21-010, s. 2021** are hereby reiterated, to wit:
  - a.) **Additional Mandatory Travel Requirement for the People Coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands.** No person coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands shall be allowed to enter this Province unless he/she can present a negative result on RT-PCR Test or Antigen Test taken within forty eight (48) hours prior to arrival in this Province;
  - b.) **Children**, who are 17 years old and below, are exempted from presentation of negative result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test;
  - c.) Except those who are coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands, **passing through passengers** are exempted from presentation of negative result on Swab/Saliva RT-PCR Test; and
  - d.) **Nonresident Private APORs** may be exempted from the requirement of "Confirmed Booking of Accommodation for at least two (2) nights from the resort, hotel or hostel duly accredited by the Department of Tourism" if they can present proof/s that they are coming to the Province of Surigao del Norte for the purpose of delivery or performance of essential goods and services, as the case may be.

**Section 3. Obligations of the Airline Companies.** All airline companies transporting inbound passengers 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 4. Obligations of the Shipping Companies.** All shipping companies transporting inbound passengers to this Province 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 5. Enforcement.** All City/Municipal Mayors, all Punong Barangays, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, Philippine National Police (PNP), PNP Aviation Security Group, Philippine Coast Guard, Land Transportation Office, and other law enforcement agencies including the appropriate Task Forces are hereby directed to ensure compliance of this Order. 

**Section 6. Applicability.** All provisions of this Order shall be enforceable in all component LGUs of this Province.

**Section 7. Sanctions and Penalties.** Any violation or infraction of the lawful directives and orders including this order shall be dealt with in accordance with existing laws.

**Section 8. 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 9. Repealing Clause.** All provisions of prior orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provision/s of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. Dissemination.** The Public Information Center shall cause the widest dissemination of this order through local radio stations (AM & FM), local newspapers and social media.

**Section 11. Effectivity.** This order shall take effect starting on 31 August 2021 until further orders.

Issued this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, at Kapitolyo Nan Siargao, Dapa, Surigao del Norte.



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