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AN ORDER ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE "GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER ALERT LEVEL 2" AS WELL AS MODIFYING SOME OF THE LOCAL HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order No. (E.O.) 112, (s. 2020) provides that provincial governors shall be authorized to impose, lift or extend the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in component cities and municipalities upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF); and, that the mayors of cities and municipalities are likewise authorized to impose, lift or extend ECQ in barangays, upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the IATF; provided, that this is without prejudice to the authority of the IATF to directly impose, lift or extend ECQ in these areas should circumstances call for it;

WHEREAS, the IATF issued the *Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (IATF Omnibus Guidelines)*, as amended, to harmonize and codify existing guidelines of the IATF and member-agencies pertaining to community quarantine, which shall be applied to all regions, provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays placed under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, IATF Resolution No. 136-A (s.2021) issued on 03 September 2021, provided for, among others, the shift in the policy of classifying Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) for purposes of community quarantine. In the new classification framework, which focuses on the imposition of granular lockdown measures, community quarantine shall be reduced to either ECQ or General Community Quarantine (GCQ) with the latter having an alert-level system (Alert Level 1 to 4) with each alert level limiting restrictions only to identified high-risk activities. The pilot area for this policy shift shall be the National Capital Region (NCR) starting from 16 September 2021, or the date of implementation, whichever comes first;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 Alert Levels System - refers to the new Community Quarantine Classifications for dealing with COVID-19 covering entire cities and/or municipalities; aimed to manage and minimize the risk of the disease through System Indicators, Triggers and Thresholds determined by the IATF Sub-Technical Working Group on Data Analytics to specify the public health and social measures to

be taken in relation to the COVID-19 response, as may be updated based on new scientific knowledge, information about the effectiveness of control measures in the country and overseas, and its application.

- a. **Alert Level 1** - refers to areas wherein case transmission is low and decreasing, total bed utilization rate, and intensive care unit utilization rate is low.
- b. **Alert Level 2** - refers to areas wherein case transmission is low and decreasing, healthcare utilization is low, or case counts are low but increasing, or case counts are low and decreasing but total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate is increasing.
- c. **Alert Level 3** - refers to areas wherein case counts are high and/or increasing, with total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate at increasing utilization.
- d. **Alert Level 4** - refers to areas wherein case counts are high and/or increasing, with total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate at high utilization.
- e. **Alert Level 5** - refers to areas wherein case counts are alarming, with total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate at critical utilization;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has determined that the whole Province of Surigao del Norte is now downgraded under Alert Level 2.

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. Adoption of Alert Level 2 Guidelines. In order to enjoin and proactively advocate the principles of 3C's (Closed, Crowded, and Close Contact) strategy against COVID-19 to curb the further spread of infection, Alert Level 2 guidelines are hereby adopted, and to be implemented in the whole Province of Surigao del Norte.

- 1.1 **Movement of Persons.** Intrazonal and interzonal movement shall be allowed subject to the mandatory travel protocols and requirements as laid out in **Executive Order No. 21-037, s. 2021**, issued by the undersigned on 10 November 2021 including its succeeding amendments/supplements, if any.
- 1.2 **Establishments Prohibited to Operate.** Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting and operation of cockpits, lottery and betting shops, and other gaming establishments shall not be allowed to operate, or be undertaken, except as may be authorized by the National IATF or the Office of the President.

1.3 **Establishments Allowed to Operate. The following establishments, or activities, shall be allowed to operate, or be undertaken at a maximum of 50% indoor venue capacity for fully vaccinated individuals only and those below 18 years of age, even if unvaccinated, and 70% outdoor venue capacity. Provided, that all workers/employees of these establishments are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and minimum public health standards shall be strictly maintained.** Provided further, that there is no objection from the component municipality or city where these activities may take place.

- a. Venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE);
- b. Permitted venues for social events such as parties, wedding receptions, engagement parties, wedding anniversaries, debut and birthday parties, family reunions, and bridal or baby showers;
- c. Visitor or tourist attractions such as libraries, archives, museums, galleries, exhibits, parks, plazas, public gardens, scenic viewpoints or overlooks, and the like;
- d. Amusement parks or theme parks;
- e. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, skating rinks, archery halls, swimming pools, and similar venues;
- f. Cinemas and movie houses;
- g. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education subject to prior approval of the Office of the President;
- h. Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and for technical-vocational education and training;
- i. In-person religious gatherings; gatherings for necrological services, wakes, inurnment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 and for the cremains of the COVID-19 deceased;
- j. Licensure or entrance/qualifying examinations administered by their respective government agency, and specialty examinations authorized by the IATF subject to the health and safety guidelines as approved by the IATF;
- k. Dine-in services of food preparation establishments such as kiosks, commissaries, restaurants, and eateries, subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;
- l. Personal care establishments such as barbershops, hair spas, hair salons, and nail spas, and those offering aesthetic/cosmetic

services or procedures, make-up services, salons, spas, reflexology, and other similar procedures including home service options, subject to the sector-specific protocols of the DTI;

- m. Fitness studios, gyms, and venues for individual non-contact exercise and sports; Provided that patrons/clients and workers/employees wear face masks at all times and subject to DTI sector-specific protocols;
- n. Film, music, and television production subject to the joint guidelines as may be issued by the DTI, DOLE, and the DOH;
- o. Contact sports approved by the LGU where such games shall be held;
- p. Funfairs/peryas or kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
- q. Venues with live voice or wind-instrument performers and audiences such as in karaoke bars, clubs, concert halls, and theaters; and
- r. Gatherings in residences with individuals not belonging to the same household.

1.4 Usage of the Oval (Track and Field) of Provincial Sports Complex and Siargao Island Sports and Tourism Complex.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, only those who can present legitimate vaccination cards as proof that they are already fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines can use the oval (track and field) of Provincial Sports Complex located in Surigao City and Siargao Island Sports and Tourism Complex located in the Municipality of Dapa, both of this Province, for jogging, walking and running purposes. Those who are NOT yet fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines are prohibited to use the aforementioned track and fields.

1.5 Works in the Government Offices. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall remain to be fully operational and shall adhere to at least 80% on-site capacity while applying work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements.

1.6 Voluntary Use of Face Shield. With regard to the voluntary use of face shields, it is hereby clarified that the same is without prejudice to employers still requiring their use for their employees/workers and/or customers in their respective premises.

1.7 Bayanihan, Bakunahan. In support of the whole-of-nation and whole-of-society approach to COVID-19 --vaccination, the IATF fully supports the National Vaccination Days or the "**Bayanihan, Bakunahan**" from **November 29 to December 1, 2021**. All member agencies are directed to extend full support for this simultaneous vaccination rollout. In furtherance thereto, all government offices, agencies, and instrumentalities, and local

government units are encouraged to assign and/or allow all of their respective healthcare workers to participate in this event.

Section 2. Inventory of Vaccinated Local Officials. In compliance with the Memorandum dated 05 November 2021 from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office XIII (Caraga), all city/municipal mayors and punong barangays of the component local government units as well as the Provincial Human Resource Management and Development Office of this Provincial Government are hereby ordered to conduct inventory of vaccinated local officials who are fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine, and kindly input all your data using this link: <https://bit.ly/R13Vaxinv> immediately. For more details please contact our Provincial DILG Office or your respective city/municipal local government operations officers. To emphasize, you are hereby reminded that noncompliance with this memorandum from DILG shall be a ground for disciplinary actions in accordance with the relevant and existing laws, rules and/or regulations.

Section 3. Reiteration of Mandatory Use of S-PASS. In compliance with the directive of the DILG and in addition to the travel requirements mentioned in EO No. 21-037, s. 2021, all the City/Municipal Mayors of the component local government units (LGUs) of this Province are hereby ordered to strictly implement the usage of Travel Coordination Permit (TCP) through the SAFE, SWIFT & SMART PASSAGE (S-PASS).

Section 4. Clarification on the Travel Requirements for the Travelers Coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands. Section 11(a) of EO No. 21-037, s. 2021 which reads: "*No person coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands shall be allowed to enter this Province unless he/she can present a negative test result on RT-PCR Test or Antigen Test taken within forty eight (48) hours prior to arrival in this Province,*" shall only apply to those who are nonresidents of the Province of Surigao del Norte. For those travelers coming from the Province of Dinagat Islands, who are residents of the Province of Surigao del Norte, they will not be required to present the aforementioned negative test results if they can present a COVID-19 domestic vaccination card issued by legitimate vaccinating establishment in accordance with Section 1(a) of EO No. 21-037, s. 2021.

Section 5. Reiteration of Authority to Declare Granular Lockdown. The authority to impose granular lockdown are given by the IATF to the city and municipal mayors with respect to their component barangays subject to the concurrence of the Regional Inter-Agency Task Force (RIATF), and individual houses where one household member has been confirmed, residential buildings, streets, blocks, puroks, subdivisions, and/or villages within their jurisdiction. Declaration of granular lockdowns by local chief executives shall be provisionally effective immediately and shall include due notice to the RIATF.

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 immediately until lifted, but subject to amendments and/or supplements.

Issued this 16th day of November 2021, at the Provincial Capitol, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte.



ATTY. FRANCISCO T. MATUGAS
Provincial Governor