



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SORSOGON
MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 008

**DIRECTING ALL PUNONG BARANGAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT
TO REACTIVATE THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAY HEALTH EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM (BHERT)**

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “the state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that “Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, it is expressly mandated that local government units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in response to the growing concern over Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (NCoV ARD) outbreak which is now declared by the World Health Organization as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern as well as in anticipation of its negative impact on public health and personal safety, business productivity, tourism, and mobility of the citizens as well as in cognizance of the primary role of the LGU in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for and containment of the 2019 NCoV ARD at the local level, the organization of a Municipal Task Force on Anti-Novel Coronavirus is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, I, SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO, Municipal Mayor of the municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. REACTIVATION OF BHERT. All Punong Barangay are directed to reactivate their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) in compliance with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-018, dated 31 January 2020.

The composition of a BHERT is provided for in Section 4.2.2.2.4 of the abovementioned DILG Memorandum Circular, which states that each BHERT is composed of an Executive Officer, a Barangay Tanod, and two Barangay Health Workers, one of whom is preferably a nurse or midwife;

Section 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The powers and functions of a BHERT are the following:

1. With or without arrival list, conduct visits in the home of every arriving person from a coronavirus affected country;

2. Immediately list down the person/s arriving resident/s who came in contact with prior to his/her arrival in their residence;
3. Require the arriving resident/s to check and record temperature daily, in the morning and in the afternoon, for the duration of the 14-day home confinement period. Advise them to watch out for any symptoms of coronavirus like cough, difficulty of breathing or shortness of breath;
4. Check on the condition of the arriving resident/s daily from a distance of more than one (1) meter. In checking, always wear N95 or surgical mask;
5. If symptoms are observed, immediately isolate and confine the resident, to a room away from the rest of the household, prior to transfer. Require the patient to wear surgical mask or N95, if available. Place the rest of the household under 14-day home confinement and include contact tracing. Report and coordinate with RHU;
6. Immediate reporting to MHO on possible Persons Under Investigation (PUIs);
7. If no symptoms are observed after 14-day home confinement, report to MHO for lifting of home confinement;
8. Report to the Punong Barangay on measures taken per arriving resident.

Section 3. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines pertaining to public health and NCoV are hereby incorporated herein and made an integral part hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules and regulations shall have precedence over the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 4. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 10th day of FEBRUARY 2020, in the Municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon.


SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO

Municipal Mayor