

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-023 - A

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 – 023 – GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW DURING THE CONTACT TRACING OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

WHEREAS, there are confirmed COVID-19 cases within the municipality of Gubat;

WHEREAS, the health and safety of everyone is of paramount concern hence the spread of the disease must be prevented;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sharon Rose G. Escoto, Municipal Mayor of Gubat, Sorsogon by virtue of the power vested in my by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Enforcement of curfew- A general curfew is hereby ordered from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

Section 2. Liquor Ban- Dispensing, sale, barter or any other mode of distribution and consumption of alcoholic drinks or beverages are hereby temporarily banned.

Section 3. Mass gathering- Parties, cockfights, basketball/volleyball games, and related gatherings are prohibited however weddings already scheduled may be allowed provided that all attendees must be kept at a minimum number and must maintain social distancing as provided for under IATF Guidelines. Likewise all persons must observe all health protocols specially the wearing of face mask/face shield.

Section 3.1 Small public gatherings or small, non-professional gatherings, and events (i.e. birthday parties, housewarming, baby shower, family occasions, and the like) shall follow the maximum number of persons allowed per venue:

- Indoor Venue 10 people
- Outdoor Venue 20 people



Section 3.2. Essential public gatherings such as the following are allowed provided they follow the prescribed protocol, to wit:

- Worship (church or other place of worship) Allowed attendees are up to 50 percent of sitting capacity
- Wedding ceremonies, christening, and receptions Keep a distance of 2 meters between people. Allowed attendees are up to 25 percent of area premises (based on the four-square meter rule). (See Annex 1)

Section 3.3 Wakes and funerals. The following shall be followed during wakes and funerals:

Wakes

- Crowding shall be minimized by staggering arrivals and departures, designating seats/places and marking the floor to ensure physical distancing between people of at least 1 meter.
- Allow up to 10 visitors only every 15 minutes.
- Logbook shall be used to monitor visitors.

Funerals

 Apply the four-square meter rule to determine the maximum number of people who can be in the premises (see Table 1).

Section 3.4 Sports, exercise, and other recreations

- Big sporting and recreational events such as cockfights, team sports (e.g. volleyball, basketball, football, etc.), especially full competitions involving different localities (intra- and inter-barangay sporting events) are not allowed
- Other forms of outdoor exercise such as running, jogging, cycling, brisk walking, and the like are allowed up to two people together.

Section 4. Tourism areas- All tourist areas and facilities are directed to temporarily cease operation until contact tracing is completed.



Section 5. **Operation of eateries and similar establishments**- Dine-in services are not allowed. Only take-out orders and delivery services are permitted.

Section 6. Disposal of human remains- Persons who die of pneumonia and related cases shall be buried immediately.

If the death is not due to pneumonia, wakes are allowed for three (3) days but the only persons allowed to be present are only the next of kin.

Section 7. Responsibility of hospitals- Hospitals, clinics and similar establishment must give notice to the LGU of suspected COVID-19 patients and of cadavers released which are suspected and/or confirmed COVID-19 Case.

Section 8. Responsibility of funeral parlors- Funeral parlors before processing cadavers must furnish the Rural Health Unit of the death certificate of the deceased for evaluation and approval.

Section 9. Letter of exemption- Issuance of Letter of Exemption (LOE) is temporarily suspended. All issued Letter of Exemption (LOE) must be surrendered to the barangay which shall be retrieved by the LGU.

Section 9.1. All Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APOR) who are working in another province are requested to temporarily stay near their place of work.

Section 9.2. Travel for medical purposes. Access to medical or hospital services outside Gubat can be granted provided that the following protocols are followed:

- 1. A medical practitioner has certified that the medical or hospital services are necessary to treat or maintain the person's health;
- The service is not available locally and cannot be accessed remotely;
- The person must travel by the most practicable direct route to the place where the medical or hospital services are provided, and from the place



- where the medical or hospital services are provided to the person's place of residence; and
- The person must subject himself to quarantine procedures upon his return to the municipality.

Section 9.3. Travel for very important matters. Travels such as attendance to court hearings, scheduled release of official documents such as passport, license and the like shall be allowed for persons with LOE on a point-to-point basis. Travel shall be made within the day. If it exceeded a day of travel, person will be subjected to quarantine.

Section 10. Letter of Acceptance- The local government unit will temporarily cease from issuing letter of acceptance due to overcapacity of quarantine facility.

Section 11. Cargo truck drivers (Biyaheros)- Persons transporting vegetables and other merchandise to places out of the province of Sorsogon are directed to report to their designated isolation facility upon coming into the municipality and shall refrain from going home to their residence.

Section 12. Locally Stranded Individuals and OFW'S- All newly arrived LSI and OFW's are directed to undergo assessment and quarantine at the LGU facility.

Section 13. General Public- All persons who are showing signs or symptoms of the COVID-19 disease should immediately present themselves to the proper medical authorities for immediate medical attention. All are directed to observe proper health protocols for everyone's safety. Refrain from going out and as much as possible STAY. AT HOME.

Section 14. 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 in relation to COVID-19 and the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) 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 15. Repealing Clause- Any Executive Orders previously issued that are inconsistent to the provisions of this Executive Order is considered repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

Section 16. Effectivity- This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid and effective unless otherwise amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

DONE in the Municipality of Gubat, Sorsogon, Philippines this September 28, 2020.

SHARON ROSE GLIPO ESCOTO Municipal Mayor