



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Sorsogon  
**MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT**  
**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 027

### **PARTIAL OPENING OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TOURIST AREAS, ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS, EATERIES, AND RESTAURANTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, SORSOGON AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THERETO**

**Whereas**, LGU Gubat issued Executive Order Number 2020-023-A dated 28 September 2020 declaring the temporary closure of all tourist areas and facilities and the prohibition of dine-in services in eateries, restaurants, and similar establishments;

**Whereas**, the temporary closure of the aforementioned establishments had resulted to the negative impact on the economic activities of those in the tourism sector;

**Whereas**, the partial opening of tourism and eating establishments will help them recover from their losses and sustain the maintenance of their establishments;

**Whereas**, the Municipal Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (MTCOA) had conducted series of consultations and assessments on these tourism areas and establishments to ensure that minimum health and safety protocols and standards are met once partial operations be ordered;

**Whereas**, the assessments of these areas and establishments showed that they are ready for partial operations once permission is granted;

**Whereas**, Administrative Order Number 2020-02 of the Department of Tourism has provided guidelines to institutionalize updated health and safety protocols in the operations of accommodation establishments in areas under a community quarantine;

**Now therefore, I, Sharon Rose G. Escoto**, Municipal Mayor of Gubat, Sorsogon by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Partial Opening of Public and Private Tourist Areas, Accommodation Establishments, Eateries, and Restaurants.** Beaches, resorts, surf sites, rivers, cultural and historical sites, accommodation establishments, eateries, restaurants, and other tourist attractions may start their partial opening effective 19 October 2020.

**Section 2. Partial Authority to Operate.** All public and private tourism areas, accommodation establishments, and eateries/ restaurants that intend to partially open are required to secure Provisional Authority to Operate from the Office of the Mayor through the Municipal Tourism and





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Cultural Affairs Office starting 12 October 2020, except those that have been previously issued with Authority to Operate by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

**Section 3. Allowed Guests and Visitors.** Only residents of the Province of Sorsogon will be accommodated in tourism sites and establishments. The management of these sites and facilities are required to verify and check identification cards of guests. Individuals below 21 years old and 60 years old and above, pregnant women; and those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, comorbidities, and other health risks are not allowed per IATF MGCQ guideline.

**Section 4. Compliance with Health and Safety Protocols and Standards.** All tourism establishments that will be granted Provisional Authority to Operate as well as those granted with Authority to Operate by the DOT are required to strictly implement health and safety protocols and standards as mandated.

**Section 3.1. Opening Hours.**

Establishment	Opening Hours
Cottages, resorts, surf sites	5:00 am - 8:00 pm
Eateries and restaurants	5:00 am - 8:00 pm
Hotels and other accommodation establishments	24 hours

**Section 3.2. Operations.**

Establishment	Guideline
Cottages, resorts, surf sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Allowed guests are up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total area premises (excluding staff).</li><li>- Each cottage shall accommodate up to four (4) persons only.</li><li>- Guests are not allowed to co-mingle with other guests from other cottages and resorts.</li><li>- Only up to ten (10) surfers are allowed per hour to surf.</li><li>- Swimmers and surfers should keep at least two (2) meters distance from each other.</li><li>- Face masks should be worn when not in the waters.</li><li>- Guests should stay at least two (2) meters away</li></ul>





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	from other people when not in the waters, such as when hanging out on the shore.
Eateries and restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Allowed diners are up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total area premises (excluding staff).</li><li>- Air-conditioning units are not allowed to be on.</li></ul>
Hotels and other accommodation establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- No walk-ins are allowed. Bookings should be made in advance either through email, website, text, calls, and other messaging platforms.</li><li>- Health and Safety Guidelines of Accommodation Establishments Under the New Normal issued by the Department of the Tourism should be strictly followed.</li></ul>

**Section 5. Tourism Advisory.** The LGU shall regularly issue tourism advisories reflecting the tourism sites, accommodations, and eateries/ restaurants that have been granted Provisional Authority to Operate; announcements; and updates with regard to operations and other mandates.

**Section 6. Monitoring and Enforcement.** The Philippine National Police (PNP), MTCOA, barangay officials, and the Gubat Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) are responsible for the enforcement, monitoring, and reporting of any violations to this Executive Order.

**Section 7. Violations.** Any tourism establishment that violates the provisions of this Executive Order shall be ordered to close immediately after the cancellation of their Provisional Authority to Operate.

**Section 8. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

- Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 in the Municipality of Gubat, Sorsogon.

  
**SHARON ROSE GLIPTO - ESCOTO**  
Municipal Mayor