



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

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2021-011**

**AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-023-B AND PROVIDING  
GUIDELINES IN MANAGING AND STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE  
LOCAL COVID-19 RESPONSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health classified the municipality of Gubat as a high-risk municipality given the recent spike of cases;

**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 me 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. Alcohol consumption.** Dispensing, sale, barter or any other mode of distribution of alcoholic drinks or beverages are now allowed, however consumption of alcohol should be limited in home settings only.

**Section 3. Mass gatherings.** Planned or spontaneous events where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response resources of the community are not allowed. However, some form of gatherings may be allowed provided that all attendees must be kept within the allowed number per area, must maintain physical distancing, and 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 – twenty (20) people
- Outdoor Venue – forty (40) people

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**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 fifty percent (50%) of sitting capacity.
- **Wedding ceremonies, christening, and receptions** - Keep a distance of two (2) meters between people. Allowed attendees are up to fifty percent (50%) of area premises.

**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 two (2) meters;
- Allow up to ten (10) visitors only every fifteen (15) minutes; and
- 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.**

- Contact 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.
- Zumba and other forms of non-contact exercises and sports may also be done, provided that two (2) meters distance is observed between participants and no act of converging is done before and after each event.





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- The operations of licensed cockpits and the conduct of cockfighting activities are not allowed.

### **Section 3.5. Motorcades**

- Vehicle-based parades and motorcades may be allowed at a prescribed speed of 20-30 km/h, provided further that in the entirety of the event, participants are in fully-enclosed vehicles, or in the case of using motorcycles or bicycles, the host must ensure compliance with the minimum health and safety protocol including but not limited to physical distancing requirements, wearing of face masks and face shields.
- Punong barangays are also instructed to ensure physical distancing and the wearing of face masks and face shields in areas where spectators may be present.

**Section 4. Tourism areas-** Tourism establishments including hotels, accommodations, cottages, resorts, and the like can accept guests up to fifty percent (50%) of the premises capacity. The allowed age group of visitors is also expanded to fifteen to sixty-five (15-65) years old. All tourism establishments intending to open shall secure a Provisional Authority to Operate from the Mayor's Office or was previously issued with Authority to Operate by the Department of Tourism (DOT).

### **Section 4.1 Tourist Requirements**

- All tourists coming outside of the Province of Sorsogon shall submit a valid negative RT-PCR test result and should undergo health assessment at the Designated Stop for Covid-19 at the PAMANA Terminal, 6:00am-6:00 pm or at the Bicol University Quarantine Facility, 6:00 pm – 6:00 am.

**Section 5. Operation of eateries and similar establishments-** Dine-in services are allowed up to fifty percent (50%) of area capacity, provided that minimum health







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protocols are observed, including but not limited to maintaining physical distancing between customers and not turning on the air-conditioning.

**Section 6. Letter of exemption-** Issuance of Letter of Exemption (LOE) must be secured from the Mayor's Office or when necessary from the Office of the Provincial Governor.

**Section 6.1. Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APOR)** who are working in another province are encouraged to temporarily stay near their place of work.

**Section 6.2. 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;
2. The service is not available locally and cannot be accessed remotely;
3. 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
4. The person must subject himself to quarantine procedures upon his return to the municipality.

**Section 6.3. Travel for very important matters.** Travels such as attendance to court hearings, scheduled release of official documents such as passport, licenses, 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 exceeds a day of travel, concerned person will be subjected to quarantine protocols as provided in the Provincial Executive Order Nos. 78-2020 and 11-2021.

**Section 7. Staggering the number of LSIs and returning residents to be accepted and accommodated at the Quarantine Facility (QF) and Barangay Isolation Units (BIUs).** The QF and BIUs shall only accept LSIs and returning residents every 16th to the 31st of the month. No LSIs or returning residents shall be accommodated from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 15th of the month starting November 2020 until further notice.







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**Section 8. Mandatory quarantine and isolation of returning residents.** All persons coming to the municipality shall submit requirements and undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine except those granted exemptions as prescribed in Provincial EO No. 78-2020 and EO 11-2021.

In addition, any person intending to undergo home quarantine after complying to the requirements as prescribed in the aforementioned EOs shall secure a Home Quarantine form from the Mayor's Office.

**Section 9. Public Transportation.** Operation of public transportations are allowed subject to 75 percent capacity and limited by the "one seat apart" policy. All passengers are likewise required to wear face mask and face shield in the whole duration of the travel.

**Section 10. Cargo truck drivers (biyaheros).** Persons transporting vegetables, cargoes, and other merchandise to and from 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. If no assigned isolation facility, concerned biyaheros are directed to isolate at the DPWH isolation unit extension in Bagacay.

**Section 11. 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. Everyone is directed to observe proper health protocols for safety and to go out only when necessary.

**Section 12. 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, provided that it follows the guideline as stated in Section 3.3 of this Order.

**Section 13. 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.







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**Section 14. 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 15. Monitoring and Enforcement.** The Rural Health Unit (RHU), Philippine National Police (PNP), barangay officials, and the Gubat Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) are responsible for the enforcement and monitoring of the implementation of this Order.

**Section 16. 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 Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) 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 17. Repealing Clause.** Any Executive Orders previously issued that are inconsistent to the provisions of this Order is considered repealed, amended, and modified accordingly.

**Section 18. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid and effective unless otherwise amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

DONE this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021 in the Municipality of Gubat, Sorsogon, Philippines.

  
**SHARON ROSE GLIPTO ESCOTO**  
Municipal Mayor



LGU, Gubat, Sorsogon



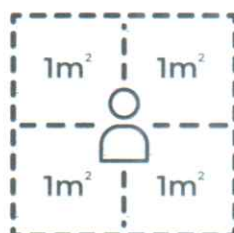
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**ANNEX 1**

**FOUR-SQUARE METER RULE**



1. To determine the maximum number of people who can be in the premises at any one time, use the relevant calculation for the size of your floor space.
2. Only include publicly accessible areas in your calculation. Generally, a publicly accessible area is an area where people are allowed and does not include staff-only areas such as offices.

*Table 1.* Sample computation per available space

Available Space	Number of maximum people allowed
40 square meters	10
80 square meters	20
120 square meters	30
160 square meters	40
200 square meters	50
240 square meters	60
280 square meters	70
320 square meters	80
360 square meters	90
400 square meters	100

