



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

Series of 2020

“AN ORDER DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT UNDER THE STATE OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREOF”

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, with the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH), the Office of the President declared a State of Public Health Emergency through Proclamation No. 922, series of 2020, facilitating mobilization of resources, ease processes including procurement of critical logistics and supplies and intensify reporting;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, 9:00 PM, a Presidential Press Conference was conducted announcing the raising of the Philippine’s COVID-19 Alert Level System to Code Red Sublevel 2;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the entire Philippines was declared under State of Calamity due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as per Presidential proclamation No. 929;

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, Executive Order No. 25 was issued by the Provincial Governor of Sultan Kudarat declaring Enhanced Community Quarantine in the province to protect its people from the contamination of Corona Virus Diseases -19 (COVID-19) by containing its further spread in the province of Sultan Kudarat;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, upon the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF), the Office of the President issued a memorandum extending the enhanced community quarantine over the entire Luzon until April 30, 2020 due to this alarming increase of COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the Regional Inter-Agency Task Group for Emerging Infectious Disease (RIATG-EID) and Regional Task Force for COVID-19 issued a Joint Resolution No. 2020-006, Series of 2020, enjoining LGUs in Region 12 to extend the Enhanced Community Quarantine until April 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, the Provincial Governor of Sultan Kudarat issued Executive Order No. 30, amending Executive Order No. 25 by extending the Enhance Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until April 30, 2020 and incorporating additional provisions to enhance the effectiveness of its implementation;

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, the national government declared Sultan Kudarat province as one of the areas which are considered moderate-risk in the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque confirmed that President Rodrigo Duterte approved the recommendation of the government’s coronavirus task force to enforce “general community quarantine” in “low-risk” or “moderate-risk” areas until May 15;

WHEREAS, to adopt the recommendation for a graduated transition from Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ), there is a need to enforce measures to, once and for all, plug the funnel of transmission of this dreaded disease to our province;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU, Ph.D., Provincial Governor of Sultan Kudarat, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby **ORDER** declaring the

Province of Sultan Kudarat under the state of **General Community Quarantine** and providing Guidelines thereof, to wit:

SECTION 1. GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. A General Community Quarantine is hereby declared in the province of Sultan Kudarat limiting the movement of people to “accessing basic necessities and reporting to work” and directs uniformed personnel and health/quarantine personnel to be present at border points.

Residents, other than those authorized person outside residence (APOR), are required to stay at home especially the elderly, minors, pregnant women and individual with severe underlying medical condition or who are immunocompromised or with co-morbidities.

- a. **WHO ARE AUTHORIZED PERSON OUTSIDE RESIDENCE (APOR).** The following are considered authorized person outside residence (APOR):
 - a.1 Non-workers with quarantine pass who will buy essential goods and services
 - a.2 Workers employed in basic services (medical, funeral, security services and emergency responders)
 - a.3 Workers in utilities (banks and markets, and those involved in essential goods)
 - a.4 Other authorized persons (Skeletal workforces of the government, media personalities, agribusiness and agricultural workers)
 - a.5 Holder of Community Quarantine Pass (CQP), Municipal Quarantine Pass (MQP)/ City Quarantine Pass (CQP) or Provincial Quarantine Pass (PQP) who desires to purchase basic necessities or essential goods and commodities

WHAT SHOULD BE SHOWN TO AUTHORITIES ONCE OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE. Those who will head out of their homes must always bring ID to prove that they are aged between 21-59.

- b.1 If the person is included in the list of APOR, any of the following shall be presented to authorities:
 - b.1.1 company or gov't. office ID
 - b.1.2 IATF ID
 - b.1.3 Media ID
 - b.1.4 certificate from the company or gov't. institution that the person is authorized by the company to travel to and from work
 - b.1.5 Community Quarantine Pass (CQP) issued by the barangay

As to the Community Quarantine Pass (CQP), the barangay shall issue two (2) per household for the sole purpose of accessing establishments to purchase basic necessities, essential goods, commodities, agricultural and fishery inputs and food products. The CQP shall not serve other purpose(s) than that aforementioned.

The barangay shall provide in the CQP a schedule for the residents to go outside of residence for the above-mentioned purpose.

If the issuing barangay has no public market or the LGU has only one (1) public market, then the CQP could be used by the holder thereof in going to other barangays within the province of Sultan Kudarat for the purpose stated above. The issued CQP to any persons shall be considered valid and should be honored by all barangays in the same municipality.

All Municipal Mayors and the City Mayor of Tacurong shall issue also a Municipal Quarantine Pass (MQP) to their requesting residents if the latter intends to go to other municipality for the purpose of accessing establishments/markets thereat to purchase basic necessities, essential goods and commodities, agricultural and fishery inputs and food products and such Pass shall be honored by every municipalities within the province. Likewise, the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat shall issue a Provincial Quarantine Pass (PQP) to any requesting residents of Sultan Kudarat who wish to go to other provinces within SOCSKSARGEN region for the said purpose.

Upon presentation of the CQP, MQP, PQP, all PNP and AFP personnel manning the checkpoint shall extend courtesy to the holder thereof and allow them to enter and leave the place.

This is the concept of strengthening intraprovince boundary relationship among us Sultan Kudarateños.

SECTION 2. RESTRICTION ON NON-ESSENTIAL ENTRY AND EXIT.

a. **Non-essential entry** of people from outside of SOCSKSARGEN region to the Province of Sultan Kudarat is **restricted**, especially persons who are at high risk of being infected i.e., 60 years old and above, immunocompromised or with co-morbidities and pregnant women, except:

- (1) health workers,
- (2) authorized government officials,
- (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons,
- (4) persons transiting to other provinces for essential and authorized travel
- (5) persons providing basic services and public utilities, and
- (6) labor, essential skeletal workforce and
- (7) members of the Press

Persons entering the province shall present their valid IDs, contact numbers and travel history and to submit themselves to check up for symptoms of the disease in accordance with Department of Health (DOH) protocols and guidelines.

b. **Non-essential exit** of people outside of the Province of Sultan Kudarat, is **prevented**, except:

- (1) health workers,
- (2) authorized government officials,
- (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, and
- (4) those who were granted entry based on the above-mentioned provisions, provided that all persons leaving the Province of Sultan Kudarat must be checked for signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, respiratory symptoms, diarrhea) at exit checkpoints where
 - (1) appropriate certification will be issued by the Provincial/City/Municipal Health Officer,
 - (2) health authority endorses exiting person to recipient LGU,
 - (3) exiting persons to undertake 14-day home based quarantine, and
 - (4) LGUs are required to monitor implementation of home-based quarantine.

However, entry and exit of people from our neighboring provinces of Maguindanao and Cotabato shall be allowed since they will be passing by our province in going to their detached municipalities, i.e. Buluan-Shariff Aguak passing by Tacurong, Isulan and Esperanza and vice versa; Isulan-Lebak or Kalamansig passing by Upi, Maguindanao and vice versa; Tacurong-Columbio passing by Buluan and Datu Paglas, Maguindanao etc. as our geographical make-up is not contiguous.

Moreover, there are interlinkages between the province of Maguindanao, Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat in commercial transactions to So. Cotabato and Gen. Santos City and the delivery of their goods, commodities and agricultural products to the seaport and airport of General Santos City will pass through our province.

SECTION 3. STRENGTHENING REGIONAL BOUNDARIES. Regional boundary situated in the Municipality of Pres. Quirino shall be strengthened by enforcing the “no identification, no entry policy.”

Private vehicles coming from outside of SOCSKSARGEN region may be allowed entry provided appropriate identification and purpose can be shown, provided further that their plate correspond to the required odd-even scheme.

Passage of government vehicles, including vehicles of COVID-19 frontliners, ambulance, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, shall not be hampered.

AFP and PNP personnel manning the checkpoint shall see to it that all passengers, including the driver, undergo thermal scanning. Those found to be of high temperature shall be turned over to the nearest Triage.

SECTION 4. ENTRY OF PERSON COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF SOCSKSARGEN REGION TO BE QUARANTINED. Persons entering the province of Sultan Kudarat who are coming from other regions but domiciled in Sultan Kudarat, particularly those who came from regions where local transmission is prevalent, shall be required to undergo monitored maximum of fourteen (14) day quarantine in Isolation Facility or home quarantine. Nevertheless, if he can present a 14 day Quarantine Certificate issued by the LGU where he came from, he will still undergo quarantine for a maximum of three (3) days.

If the person allowed entry in our province will be showing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, the concerned BHERT shall report as such to the Provincial Epidemiological Surveillance Unit (PESU) and the latter will accordingly act on the said report.

SECTION 5. OPERATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT A REDUCED CAPACITY. Public transport will be allowed to operate in the Province of Sultan Kudarat at a reduced capacity provided strict social distancing, wearing of face mask and odd-even scheme will be observed.

Passengers who are not wearing face masks and who do not have Identifications or Community Quarantine Pass (CQP) shall not be allowed to board PUBs, PUVs or tricycles.

Tricycles with municipal or city franchise/permit shall not be allowed re-entry the moment it goes out of its route. This is to restrict its operation to assigned route only.

To observe courtesy among LGUs, tricycles shall ply within their respective routes only and shall not be allowed to ply outside of their required routes. Violators shall be dealt accordingly.

This section does not cover private tricycles (see section 2 of E.O. No. 30 issued on April 17, 2020 by the Provincial Governor of Sultan Kudarat on the context of public transport) as the owners thereof have the right to travel recognized by law.

SECTION 6. NO. OF PASSENGERS ALLOWED TO BOARD PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PRIVATE VEHICLES. For strict compliance with social distancing, the following public and private vehicles shall only be allowed to have the following passengers:

(For clarity, the driver is excluded in the counting)

Tricycle – two (2) passengers: one (1) in front and one (1) at the back. The passengers shall be isolated and/or separated from each other and the driver by a covering or thick transparent plastic.

Multi-cab – seven (7) passengers: one (1) in front, besides the driver, and six (6) at the back – three (3) fronting each other.

Commuter Van (Grandia) – thirteen (13) passengers

Automobile – three (3) passengers

SUV – five (5) passengers

Pick up (double cab) – three (3) passengers: one (1) in front besides the driver; two (2) at the back

Trucks – one (1) passenger in front besides the driver and 6-10 passengers at the back

Motorcycles - one (1) passenger, provided they are wearing face masks and helmet.

SECTION 7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT ENTRY AND EXIT ALLOWED. Public transport will be allowed entry and exit in the Province of Sultan Kudarat, however, strict social distancing, wearing of face mask and odd-even scheme shall be observed.

SECTION 8. UNIFORM TRANSPORT CODING IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE. There shall be a uniform odd-even scheme for all public transport and private vehicles plying the roads within the Province of Sultan Kudarat. Only the following motor vehicles, motorcycles and tricycles

shall be allowed to use public roads, streets and other thoroughfares within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Sultan Kudarat on the following days:

- a. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - plates ending in 1,3,5,7,9
- b. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays - plates ending in 2,4,6,8,0
- c. Sundays – This will be the day for disinfection of roads which will be done by concerned LGUs, thus, no vehicles, motorcycles and tricycles are allowed.

Exempted from this transport coding are vehicles of Task Force Covid-19, government vehicles, rolling stores, PNP & AFP vehicles, ambulances, rescue vehicles and fire trucks.

On account of **medical** or **humanitarian** reason, private vehicles may be exempted from this transport coding.

SECTION 9. UNHAMPERED MOVEMENT OF CARGOES WITH ESSENTIAL GOODS, COMMODITIES AND FOOD PRODUCTS AS EXCEPTION TO ODD-EVEN SCHEME. The movement of cargoes with essential goods, commodities, agricultural and fishery inputs, food products and agri-business personnel shall be unhampered, regardless of origin or destination, so as to complement food products within Region XII. This unhampered movement of cargoes is considered one of the exception from odd-even scheme.

There shall be a designated lane for all vehicles/trucks carrying essential goods, commodities, agricultural and fishery inputs, food products and agri-business personnel to ensure their unhampered flow within the Province of Sultan Kudarat and between LGUs.

Hotline nos. of DA XII, DSWD XII, DTI XII and concerned LGU shall be indicated in every major checkpoint and regional boundaries to ensure that all truck drivers and the general public will have easy access to address their concerns.

SECTION 10. 100% OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND ESSENTIAL PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS. Government offices and essential private businesses can now open and fully operate. They are, however, to implement the strict observance of mandatory wearing of face masks and provision of handwashing area near the entrance of their establishment.

Private establishments shall regulate the number of customers to get inside the premises so as to observe social distancing with the following formula:

Floor area divided by 2 square meters = allowed no. of persons in the establishments

There must be round-the-clock disinfection procedure in all offices before or after office hours to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 11. WORKERS AND SECTORS ALLOWED TO OPEN AND/OR TO OPERATE. Only workers and sectors in category I, II, and III may continue to work or operate in phases.

1. CATEGORY I (100% OPENING)

- Agriculture, fishery, forestry
- Food manufacturing and its entire supply chain (including ink, packaging, raw materials, etc.)
- Food retail (supermarket, market, restaurant for take out and delivery only)
- Healthcare (hospitals, clinics, drugstores)
- Logistics
- Water
- Energy
- Internet, telecom
- Media

2. CATEGORY II (50-100% OPENING)

- Other manufacturing, like electronics and exports
- E-commerce and delivery for essential and non-essential items
- Repair and maintenance services
- Housing and office services

3. CATEGORY III (50% OPENING)

- Financial services
- BPO
- Other non-leisure wholesale and retail trade
- Other non-leisure services

Hereunder are establishments (not exclusive) under these three (3) categories which are allowed to operate:

- a. Public markets/supermarkets
- b. Slaughterhouses
- c. Bakeries
- d. Groceries
- e. Convenience stores
- f. Laundry shops
- g. Delivery services, shipping and cargo handling companies and services
- h. Agricultural and veterinary supply stores
- i. Rice and corn mills
- j. Balut/arroz caldo vendors
- k. Sari-sari or wholesale stores
- l. Restaurants, fast food chains and other food establishments
- m. Salons/barber shops
- n. Auto supply stores
- o. Hardware selling construction materials and vehicle spare parts and tires
- p. Carwash centers
- q. Vulcanizing shops
- r. Motor vehicle repair and maintenance shops
- s. Smoke emission centers
- t. Cellphone/electronics repair and cellular cards/sim stores
- u. Office supplies stores
- v. Appliance and household supply centers
- w. Wholesale or retailing stores
- x. Parks for exercises but not for recreational purposes
- y. Malls **except** their recreation centers.

Establishments considered **essential sectors** shall resume operations:

- a. Health Care
 - a.1 Medical hospitals
 - a.2 clinics
 - a.3 diagnostics centers and laboratories
 - a.4 pharmacies and drug stores
 - a.5 Philippine Red Cross (PRC)

- b. Public Transportation, Utilities, Information and Communications
 - b.1 LPG Dealers
 - b.2 Gasoline Stations

- b.3 Fuel Outlets
- b.4 SUKELCO
- b.5 National Grid Corporation (NGC) and other Power Distribution Companies
- b.6 Globe
- b.7 Smart
- b.8 Cable and Internet Service Providers like (SKTSI, JVL, etc.)

- c. Waterworks and Water Services
 - c.1 Constructions of NIA, DA, DAR, DPWH
 - c.2 SK Water District
 - c.3 Water Delivery and Refilling Stations

- d. Agriculture/Fishing
 - d.1 vendors selling agricultural products
 - d.2 Vendors selling fish and fish products

- e. Financial and Insurance
 - e.1 Banks
 - e.2 Pawnshops
 - e.3 Money Transfer Services
 - e.4 Lending Agencies
 - e.5 Payment and Remittance Centers
 - e.6 Surety/Life/Property/Motor Vehicle Insurance Agencies

- f. Public Administration and Defense
 - f.1 national government agencies and institutions
 - f.2 LGUs
 - f.3 AFP
 - f.4 PNP
 - f.5 Security and detective agencies

Funeral parlors are allowed to operate. Wake/vigil are no longer prohibited thereat for as long as social distancing is to be observed. However, for those dead COVID-19 positive, burial shall be made within 12 hours in accordance with E.O. No. 26, dated April 1, 2020, particularly Guideline no.10 thereof.

Public markets shall allow only one hundred (100) persons at a time to get inside. To strictly regulate the number of entries, there shall be only one (1) entrance and one (1) exit for every public market.

Malls shall limit entry of shoppers and implement mandatory temperature check and mandatory use of face masks and alcohol. They are required to keep the centralized temperature at 26 degrees Celsius and stop offering free WIFI to discourage people to “linger” inside the malls.

SECTION 12. HOTELS, MOTELS, RESORTS, LODGING INNS OPERATION. Hotels, motels, resorts, lodging inns and the like which provide accommodations, meals and other services for travelers shall be open for operation, except their recreational facilities and/or gambling section. However, the operation of function rooms with not more than 25 participants shall be in accordance with social distancing protocol and wearing of face mask and designation of handwashing area. The gaming or recreational facilities shall be inoperative.

SECTION 13. OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH PROTOCOLS. These establishments allowed to open and/or operate shall observe protocols for safety, to wit:

- a. social distancing (minimum of at least 1 meter)
- b. mandatory wearing of face mask
- c. designated washing areas
- d. adoption of a strict skeletal workforce to support operations

SECTION 14. ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OPEN. The following are not allowed to open and operate:

- a. Swimming pools
- b. Recreation facilities
- c. Cockpits
- d. Movie houses
- e. Billiard halls
- f. Playgrounds
- g. Sports facilities
- h. Internet cafes
- i. Bars and beerhouses
- j. Sauna baths/massage parlors
- k. Other entertainment and amusement sites

SECTION 15. RESUMPTION OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION. All construction of projects, private or government, shall be allowed to resume. Movement of employees and movement and delivery of equipment, supplies, and cargoes from government and private contractors shall not be delayed as they are allowed throughout the Province of Sultan Kudarat.

Construction supplies stores, hardware stores and quarry operations shall be considered an essential businesses and are allowed to open and conduct business.

SECTION 16. RESUMPTION OF WORK OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS. All administrative staff of private and public schools in the Province of Sultan Kudarat are directed to resume their work and functions, maintaining a skeletal workforce, wearing of face mask and to observe the social distancing in the office.

However, resumption of classes in all public and private schools within the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall depend upon the directive of the Department of Education (DepEd).

SECTION 17. OBSERVANCE OF CURFEW HOUR. Everybody is enjoined to observe curfew hour from **9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.**

All establishments within the Province of Sultan Kudarat may be closed from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Individuals who are attending or experiencing emergency conditions which requires immediate action to prevent the loss of life or limb shall be considered exempt from curfew for medical and humanitarian reasons.

SECTION 18. MASS GATHERINGS OF LESS THAN 25 PARTICIPANTS ALLOWED. All kinds of planned or spontaneous mass gatherings with a number of not more than 25 shall be allowed.

Essential work-related meetings with more than 25 participants of Local Inter Agency Task Force on COVID-19, Local Peace and Order Council (POC) and Incident Command System (ICS) may continue as long as strict social distancing or a distance of at least one-meter radius between attendees is observed.

SECTION 19. MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASK. Every Sultan Kudarateños and those sojourning in the province of Sultan Kudarat shall wear a face mask upon leaving their home to go to their respective place of work and other destination.

SECTION 20. MANDATORY OBSERVANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING. The employer shall strictly enforce and observe the social distancing of 1 meter.

SECTION 21. LIQUOR BAN. To ensure healthy well-being and not to compromise the immune system of people to mitigate the risk being infected by COVID-19, all kinds of intoxicating liquor is banned for the duration of General Community Quarantine. Anybody found selling or consuming alcohol will be penalized.

Alcoholic drinks and beverages taken inside the residence shall be allowed. This consumption shall be limited only to the dwellers of the said residence.

It shall be prohibited for a person to proceed and congregate in another residence to consume and drink alcohol.

It shall be prohibited for a person intoxicated or under the influence of liquor to go out of their residential premises or public spaces.

SECTION 22. NO PRICE INCREASE. There shall be no price increase in basic goods in the midst of COVID19 pandemic.

DTI-Sultan Kudarat shall conduct periodic check on all business establishments to determine if there are irregular price increase and/or hoarding of goods and commodities to the detriment of our consumers. Should there be such, appropriate action shall be made accordingly by DTI.

SECTION 23. STRENGTHENING ISOLATION FACILITIES. All municipalities in the Province of Sultan Kudarat and the City of Tacurong shall strengthen their own isolation facilities by providing twenty-five (25) manpower for its operation in accordance with the organizational structure provided by Executive Order No. 28 of the Provincial Governor dated April 7, 2020.

SECTION 24. ACCEPTANCE OF REPATRIATED OFW AND STRANDED RESIDENTS OF SULTAN KUDARAT FROM OTHER PLACES. All LGUs in the province shall accept repatriated Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in accordance with the guidelines set by the Department of Health, including those residents of the Province of Sultan Kudarat who are stranded in other places with due regard to the aforementioned guidelines. Similarly, to extend assistance to persons stranded in the Province of Sultan Kudarat to send them home to their respective places of abode.

SECTION 25. PENAL CLAUSE. Those found resisting and seriously disobeying any person while engaged in the performance of his duty in enforcing this Order will be penalized in accordance with Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code.

Any person who attacks, employs force or seriously intimidates or seriously resists any person in authority or his agent while engaged in the performance of his duty in enforcing this Order, knowing them to such, shall be liable for **direct assault** under Article 148 of the Revised Penal Code.

For this purpose, the Public Attorney's Office is requested to assist the Legal Officers to initiate appropriate charge(s), as may be warranted.

SECTION 26. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the provisions of this Order is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, in whole or in part, such provision shall be deemed deleted from this Order but the remaining provisions thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 27. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed, revised or modified accordingly.

SECTION 28. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. of May 1, 2020 and shall remain effective until sooner revoked, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 29. Any related queries and information shall be coursed through the following COVID-19 hotline nos.:

1. 09273620970 Globe
2. 09269230331 TM
3. 09215674423 Smart
4. 09513327041 TNT

For information, reference and immediate compliance.

SO ORDERED.

Issued this 30th day of April, 2020 at Provincial Governor's Office, Kalawag II, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.



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