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## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 61

Series of 2020

### **“AN ORDER RE-EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2021”**

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2020, to protect its people from the contamination of Corona Virus Diseases -19 (COVID-19) and to contain its further spread in the province, the Provincial Governor of Sultan Kudarat issued Executive Order No. 25 declaring Enhanced Community Quarantine in the province effective March 28, 2020 to April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 31 was issued declaring the province under state of General Community Quarantine effective May 1, 2020 until sooner revoked, modified or repealed accordingly which was subsequently amended by Executive Order No. 33 on May 4, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, to further protect the people of Sultan Kudarat from contamination of COVID-19, the Provincial Governor issued several Executive Orders, to wit:

- a) on May 15, 2020, Executive Order No. 34 was issued extending the implementation of General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until May 31, 2020;
- b) on May 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 36 was issued declaring the province under the state of Modified General Community Quarantine effective June 1 to 15, 2020;
- c) on June 15, 2020, Executive Order No. 37 was issued extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine until June 30, 2020;
- d) on June 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 38 was issued re-extending the period of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat effective July 1 until July 15, 2020;
- e) on July 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 42 was issued placing the province under Modified General Community Quarantine-Medium Risk until July 31, 2020;
- f) on August 1, 2020, Executive Order No. 45 was issued extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until August 15, 2020;
- g) on August 19, 2020, Executive Order No. 46 was issued re-imposing the implementation of General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until August 31, 2020 and declaring Enhanced Community Quarantine in Purok Pag-Asa I of Barangay Kalawag II, Datugan Compound at Purok Maligaya of Barangay Kalawag I and Purok Adarna 2 of Barangay Sampao, all of Isulan, Sultan Kudarat;
- h) on September 1, 2020, Executive Order No. 48 was issued declaring the Province of Sultan Kudarat under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until September 15, 2020;

- i) on September 15, 2020, Executive Order No. 49 was issued extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until September 30, 2020;
- j) on September 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 52 was issued re-extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until October 15, 2020;
- k) on October 15, 2020, Executive Order No. 53 was issued re-extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until October 31, 2020;
- l) on October 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 55 was issued re-extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until November 30, 2020;
- m) on November 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 58 was issued re-extending the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine in the Province of Sultan Kudarat until December 31, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, as of December 15, 2020 COVID-19 Tracker of the Province of Sultan Kudarat, four (4) confirmed Covid-19 cases were recorded, two (2) on December 16, 2020, one (1) on December 18, 2020, four (4) on December 19, 2020, two (2) on December 20, 2020, five (5) on December 23, 2020, two (2) on December 24, 2020, eight (8) on December 25, 2020, one (1) on December 27, 2020, eighteen (18) on December 30, 2020 and as of December 31, 2020, there are three (3) confirmed Covid-19 cases with a total of thirty four (34) active cases;

**WHEREAS**, there is still a need to continuously provide guidelines for the protection of the people of Sultan Kudarat against COVID-19 cases and further re-extend the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine until January 31, 2021;

**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** the following:

**SECTION 1. MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** The Province of Sultan Kudarat is hereby declared under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) until January 31, 2021 unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant.

The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing goods and services, and for work in permitted offices or establishments or such other activities allowed by IATF, except on the following:

- a. Restriction on movement for leisure purposes is still prevailing covering closure of the leisure houses, including but not limited to the following:
  - a.1 Recreation facilities
  - a.2 Movie houses
  - a.3 Billiard halls
  - a.4 Internet cafes
  - a.5 Bars and beerhouses
- b. Excluded in this restriction are the following:
  - b.1 swimming in resorts
  - b.2 jogging, walking, running, biking, workouts in public places and parks,
  - b.3 individual outdoor exercises and sports such as tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, skateboarding and all kinds of outside physical fitness, except sports with close contact such as basketball, Volleyball, martial arts, taekwondo, soccer, etc.

However, joy ride of bicycle and motorbike enthusiasts in congregation, of whatever nature (for charity, humanity, a cause, etc.), of more than five (5) are prohibited as this movement are considered for recreation purposes, thus need to be restricted

b.4 Sauna bath establishments and massage parlors shall be opened on the condition that it shall observe strictly the health protocols provided in Section 9 hereof. The DTI-Sultan Kudarat shall inspect these establishments to determine their compliance with health protocols.

b.5 Cockpits or cockfighting will resume operation pursuant to DILG MC No. 2020-140 subject to the following health protocols and guidelines;

b.5.1 Face masks must be worn at all times.

- Masks with vents should not be used.
- Cloth masks with additional filter such as tissue paper or similar material, may be used as long as they are clean and washed daily. The filter should be changed daily or after every sneezing or coughing episode, and should be properly disposed of after use. Hands should be washed/disinfected before replacing the filters.
- Frequent mask handling and manipulation should be avoided.

b.5.2 No face mask, no entry.

b.5.3 Visor type face shields shall not be allowed. Face shields shall cover the entire face (completely cover the sides and length of the face).

b.5.4 No face shield, no entry.

b.5.5 Physical distancing based on existing or prevailing guidelines as to minimum distance shall be observed at all times. This must be practiced in combination with the wearing of masks and face shields.

b.5.6 A maximum of three (3) persons are allowed inside the ring/ruweda, and four (4) owners and (1) handler for each owner outside the ring.

b.5.7 Temperature check shall be mandatory prior to entry. Persons with fever, or with COVID-19 symptoms shall not be allowed entry.

b.5.8 Frequent hand washing with soap and water or the application of alcohol based disinfectants shall be mandatory.

b.5.9 Foot and wheels bath sanitation shall also be mandatory prior to entry.

b.5.10 Regular sanitation of facility shall be conducted before and after every event.

b.5.11 Adequate ventilation should be enforced.

- Natural air flow exchange (opening windows, opening doors, turning off air-conditioning units to reduce air re-circulation) is highly encouraged.
- If possible, the installation of exhaust fans, installation of air filtration devices with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters or the recalibration of building heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems should be explored.

b.5.12 Shouting of bets is prohibited. Cashless betting via e-wallet, mobile phones and tablets are highly encouraged.

b.5.13 No live streaming devices shall be allowed inside the arena. In-person audience, online or remote betting, and the live broadcasting/telecasting of cockfighting are prohibited.

c. Restriction on the movement outside residence of the hereunder individuals, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services, medical and humanitarian reasons or for work in permitted industries and offices:

c.1 elderly (60 years old and above),

c.2 minors (less than 21 years old),

c.3 pregnant women, and

c.4 individual with severe underlying medical condition or who are immunocompromised or with co-morbidities

Government personnel manning borders and/or checkpoints (police, military and barangay tanod) shall respect the freedom of interzonal and intrazonal movement of older persons by allowing them to cross borders for medical and/or humanitarian purposes other than leisure. Provided, that humanitarian purposes shall include the obtaining of essential goods and services

that are not available in the province of Sultan Kudarat. The aforementioned government personnel shall honor the senior citizen IDs issued by OSCA as guaranteed by R.A. 9994.

Older persons shall be allowed also to do individual outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise, essential to promote their health and well-being. Provided, that minimum health and hygiene standards and proper physical/social distancing shall be observed.

All commercial establishments permitted to operate, especially those providing essential goods and services shall respect and implement the freedom of movement of these older persons.

**SECTION 2. PRESENCE OF PERSONNEL AT CHECK POINTS.** The presence of uniformed personnel are still required in all border/check points in all municipalities and the City of Tacurong in the Province of Sultan Kudarat to check entries of individual for health and security purposes.

To strictly implement the herein provision on contact tracing system, LGUs shall dispatch their own personnel at every checkpoint within their area of responsibility to have those individual with no CCTS ID to apply, enroll/register for Covid-19 Contact Tracing System.

**SECTION 3. PRESENTATION OF IDs AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AT CHECK POINTS.** The policy of “No ID No Entry” in the province of Sultan Kudarat is still effective and the following identification shall be presented to authorities at the border/check points to show that they are residents of the province of Sultan Kudarat and to prove that they are aged between 21-59 and allowed to travel, such as, but not limited to:

- a. company or gov't. office ID
- b. frontliner ID
- c. IATF ID
- d. Media ID
- e. Senior Citizen ID
- f. CCTS ID (required for every individual entering the province)
- g. in the absence of appropriate IDs, certificate from the company or gov't. institution or barangay stating that they are working thereat or certificate from the barangay chairman that the person is a resident of the barangay and not belonging to those restricted individuals.

**SECTION 4. OPERATION OF ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING TOURIST INDUSTRY.** All business establishments are allowed to open and operate at fifty percent (50%) operational capacity or using the herein formula for its operational capacity (Floor area divided by 2 square meters = allowed no. of persons in the establishments), while encouraging work-from-home and other flexible work arrangement, where applicable. As to the operation of accredited tourist industry, the required **Certificate of Authority to Operate** shall be secured first from the Department of Tourism (DOT) prior to its operation. While those that are not accredited, they shall secure a **Certificate of Authority to Operate** from the Provincial Tourism Office.

However, for hotels and other accommodation establishments, only those accredited as provided by law and relevant DOT and DILG issuances may operate, and only upon issuance of a Certificate of Authority to Operate by the DOT.

Establishments for leisure purposes enumerated in Section 1.a hereof are not allowed to operate.

Restaurants, bistros, eateries, cafeterias, and other food chains can operate for dine-in but with strict observance of health protocol cited hereof particularly on social distancing.

The number of entrance and exit to public market shall be left to the sound discretion of LGU.

Malls shall limit entry of shoppers to one hundred (100) only or allowing shoppers entry in accordance with “2 sqm. by one (1) shopper” formula. They shall 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.

Malls/establishments shall require the presence of their safety protocol officer to monitor strict observance of health protocols as established in Section 9 hereof. Should there be no officer as such to implement the same, the malls/establishments shall designate one (1) or more from their employees to be a safety protocol officer.

Shoppers at “ukay-ukay” shall be regulated by limiting its numbers so as to enforce social distancing with strict observance of health protocols like establishing handwashing areas and use of thermal scanners for shoppers at the entrance.

The policy of “Reservation Only” shall be observed in all resorts and tourist destinations in the province so as to strictly implement the 50% capacity, thus, no walk-in patrons/customers shall be accepted.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the negative list of industries issued by DTI shall remain prohibited to operate.

The policy of “No Face Mask, No Face Shield, No Entry” shall be strictly observed in all business establishments.

Establishments, for purposes of contact tracing, must ask for CCTS ID from their customers. In the event that their customers do not have the said CCTS Ids, the concerned customer(s) shall be required to apply, enroll/register for CCTS Id. Moreover, for purposes of convenience, malls and establishments are obliged to have their own scanner to peruse and record the said CCTS of customers.

**SECTION 5. ONLINE MODE OF PAYMENT.** Public utilities (electric, water, telephone) shall establish online payment of bills. Other establishment may likewise adopt the same alternative mode of payment to curb the spread of COVID-19.

**SECTION 6. OPERATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OFFICES.** Work in all public and private offices may be allowed to resume physical reporting to work at full operational capacity, with alternative work arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks and pregnant women.

**SECTION 7. MASS GATHERINGS ALLOWED.** Mass gatherings such as but not limited to movie screenings, concerts, sporting events and other entertainment activities, religious services and work conferences shall be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the seating or venue capacity.

Appearance/attendance of participants on these gatherings shall be strictly recorded for future contact tracing stating therein the date and venue of gathering, name and residence (street, barangay and municipality/city) of the attendees.

**SECTION 8. CLEAN-UP AND DISINFECTION DAY EVERY FRIDAY.** LGUs, NGAs and Private establishments shall observe a clean-up and disinfection day of its buildings and offices every Friday.

To give way for disinfection, all government offices shall suspend work every Friday at 3:00 p.m.

**SECTION 9. OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH PROTOCOL.** The following health protocol shall be observed in all offices, private or public, and establishments, to wit:

- a. social distancing (minimum of at least 1 meter).
- b. mandatory and proper wearing of face mask.
- c. Mandatory wearing of face shield inside malls, public markets, supermarkets, including public transport and in venues where government initiated meetings and critical government services are being conducted or provided.

- d. designated washing areas at the entrance of the establishment or in area accessible to the customers.
- e. provision of foot-bath at the entrance
- f. thermal scanning for entering customers will be done, and
- g. prohibition on spitting in public places.

IATF of LGUS shall designate Municipal/City Monitoring Team who shall strictly monitor compliance herewith and thereby authorized to issue citation tickets for violators of this Executive Order in accordance with the penalty imposed by Provincial Ordinance No. 36 dated August 10, 2020.

The PIATF shall see to it that all LGUS have their own Monitoring Team and to check if the latter are conducting monitoring in their own level. A feedback mechanism shall be established by PIATF to determine compliance herewith by LGUs.

## **SECTION 10. RESTRICTION ON NON-ESSENTIAL ENTRY AND EXIT.**

a. **Non-essential entry** of people from outside of the Province of Sultan Kudarat is restricted, especially persons who are at high risk of being infected i.e., 60 years old and above, immunodeficiency or with co-morbidity 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. At the checkpoint, they shall also show cause of their entry to the province.

Returning Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and repatriating Overseas Filipinos (OFs) shall present their Travel Authority and Medical Certificate at the border checkpoints.

b. **Non-essential exit** of people from the Province of Sultan Kudarat, is restricted, 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

c. **Essential entry and exit of residents** from one municipality/City of Tacurong to other municipality/City of Tacurong within the Province of Sultan Kudarat, other than leisure, are allowed, more so, if it is for medical or humanitarian reason.

Moreover, essential 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.

Furthermore, there are inter-linkages 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 11. STRENGTHENING REGIONAL BOUNDARIES.** Regional boundary situated in the Municipalities of Pres. Quirino, Brgy. Kalandagan in Tacurong City, Esperanza, Brgy. Kolambog in Isulan and Columbio shall be strengthened by enforcing the “no identification, no entry policy.” Concomitant to this, public transport shall require their passengers to show CCTS ID and the same be scanned by the said public transport to capture name of passengers for purposes of future contact tracing as the case may warrant. It should be the policy of all public transport that “No CCTS ID, No Boarding”.

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

Public transport coming from outside of SOCSKSARGEN region may be allowed entry provided it is from point to point, i.e., terminal to terminal, thus, no picking-up of passengers along the highway. Dropping of passengers along the highway may be allowed.

AFP and PNP personnel including health sector 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 12. ENTRY OF PERSON COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF SOCSKSARGEN REGION TO BE QUARANTINED.** Persons entering the province of Sultan Kudarat coming from other regions but domiciled in Sultan Kudarat who are ROFs and LSIs, 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.

A recovered confirmed case may be reintegrated to the community provided that individual will undergo seven (7) days strict home quarantine aside from the 14 day quarantine aforementioned. Said individual shall undergo rapid diagnostic test after completion of the said 7 day home quarantine. Close contacts who remain asymptomatic for at least 14 days from date of exposure can discontinue their quarantine without the need of any test.

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 13. OPERATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.** Public transport will be allowed to operate in the Province of Sultan Kudarat at a reduced capacity provided strict social distancing and wearing of face mask and face shield will be observed.

Passengers who are not wearing face masks, face shields and who do not have CCTS ID 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.

Public transport coming from outside of the province of Sultan Kudarat may be allowed entry provided it is from point to point, i.e., terminal to terminal, thus, no picking-up or dropping-off of passengers along the highway. Listing of passengers with their addresses and destinations shall be done at the terminal prior to their boarding on the public transport. Said list shall be furnished the PESU for future contact tracing.

LGUs are advised to establish a tricycle terminal at the border, but not along the national highway, to drop-off their passengers. Neighboring LGUs shall coordinate with each other as to the establishment of terminal at the border for this purpose.

**SECTION 14. 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. If possible, passengers fronting each other shall be isolated and/or separated from each other and the driver by a covering or thick transparent plastic.

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- 18 seaters Grandia – nine (9) passengers
- 14 seaters van – seven (7) 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. Back-riders at the pick-up's cargo bay shall not be allowed.

Cargo Truck – maximum of five (5) personnel, with or without load, one (1) in front besides the driver and four (4) personnel at the back

Motorcycle - one (1) passenger, without distinction, provided he is wearing a face mask, helmet and barrier.

Considering that some barangays in the coastal towns of Lebak, Kalamansig and Palimbang including the mountainous portions of Sen. Ninoy Aquino, Bagumbayan, Esperanza, Columbio are considered Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) wherein mobility has been limited because of the absence of regular public transport use motorcycle instead as one of the means of transportation thereat, thus, motorcycle back riding is allowed without distinction as to what kind of passenger back riding therein.

A safety barrier whose design is duly approved by the IATF National Task Force COVID-19 must be placed between the driver and passenger. However, reason dictates that spouse, siblings, children parents and common-law wife who are living in the same household are no longer required to place the said barrier between the driver and passenger.

The regulation of bicycle, being one of the modes of our constituents' transportation due to Community Quarantine, shall be left at the discretion of LGUs.

No increase of fare shall be imposed by public transport operators/drivers upon the riding public.

**SECTION 15. RE-IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORM TRANSPORT CODING FOR ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRICYCLES IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE.** There shall be a uniform odd-even scheme for public transport tricycles on the roads within the Province of Sultan Kudarat. Tricycles with municipal franchise and other public transport 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 – plate no., conduction sticker or control number ending in 1,3,5,7,9
- b. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – plate no., conduction sticker or control number ending in 2,4,6,8,0
- c. Sundays – free days

The basis of transport coding on tricycles and those with no issued plate are their control number or conduction sticker issued by the concerned LGU or car company, respectively.

**SECTION 16. LIQUOR BAN.** To mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19, drinking of alcoholic drinks in public places, restaurants, bars, beerhouses and the like is prohibited.

**Selling of liquors are, however, allowed; provided, the consumption of the same shall only be done inside residences.**

**It shall be prohibited for a person to proceed or congregate in another residence to consume and drink alcohol. It shall also be prohibited for those who are under the influence of liquor to go out of their residences or public places.**

**SECTION 17. UNHAMPERED MOVEMENT OF ALL TYPES OF CARGOES.** The movement of all types of cargoes by land, air or sea within and across the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall be unhampered. Workers in the logistics sector, such as cargo, trucking, courier delivery and port operations shall likewise be allowed to transit across the province. Provided, that only a maximum of five (5) personnel, as that stated in section 14, may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load.

No additional passes or travel permits in entering a municipality/city shall be required by LGUs upon the above-mentioned cargo, including its driver and crew, neither will the asymptomatic drivers and crew of cargo or service delivery vehicles to undergo mandatory fourteen (14) – day home quarantine.

Enforcers manning every checkpoint shall require vehicle owners/drivers with food stickers issued by agencies of the government passing the borders to present their business permit to determine the legitimacy of the issued sticker. Those with no business permit shall be required to remove/detach the stickers in their own vehicle.

**SECTION 18. OBSERVANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING WAKE/VIGIL.** Wake/vigil for suspected and probable covid-19 cases shall not only be confined to the immediate members of the family of the deceased as it will now allow non-members to undergo vigil/wake, provided that social distancing is to be observed. Vigil/wake on natural death shall not be longer than twelve (12) days.

**SECTION 19. SCHEDULE OF BURIAL.** Burial shall be done on the following schedules: 1) suspected and probable COVID-19 cases shall be within 48 hours after death, and 2) confirmed COVID-19 cases shall be within 12 hours after death.

**SECTION 20. 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.

**SECTION 21. RESUMPTION OF WORK OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND RESUMPTION OF CLASSES.** 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.

Classes in the elementary and high school, both in public and private, in the Province of Sultan Kudarat will now resume effective immediately provided:

- a) Modules shall be distributed not oftener than once every two (2) months;
- b) No solicitations shall be made by schools to parents of students/pupils in relation to the different modes of learning;
- c) There shall be comprehensive strategy, health-care system and contingency plan to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and to address hospitalization and other needs of the concerned teachers and pupils/students should contamination occur; and
- d) There must be a requisite delivery of safe, accessible and quality education.

Limited face-to-face or in-person classes may be conducted in HEIs provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards and compliance with guidelines set by CHED.

Face-to-face TVET training and competency assessment may be conducted at up to 50 % training and assessment site capacity, provided there is strict compliance with minimum public health standards and TESDA guidelines.

**SECTION 22. 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.

Law enforcement agencies are likewise enjoined to observe fair and humane treatment of curfew violators.

LGUs which impose different curfew hour on the ground of peace and order situation shall justify the same through submission of a Resolution passed by the Local Peace and Order Council supported by certification coming from the PNP and AFP in the area.

**SECTION 23. MANDATORY AND PROPER 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. LCEs are encourage to pass an Ordinance to this effect.

**SECTION 24. MANDATORY AND PROPER WEARING OF FACE SHIELD.** The wearing of face shield shall be required in supermarkets, public markets, malls, public transport and in venues where government initiated meetings and critical government services are being conducted or provided.

In all other public areas, the wearing of face shields shall be highly encouraged. Local government units are enjoined to provide their constituents with face shields, subject to availability of funds, and giving priority to the members of vulnerable population.

**SECTION 25. MANDATORY OBSERVANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING.** The employer shall strictly enforce and observe the social distancing of 1 meter. All establishments where queuing exists shall provide markings to identify the customers designated area to wait.

**SECTION 26. NO PRICE INCREASE.** There shall be no price increase in basic goods in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic.

To protect consumers from Sultan Kudarat, 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.

Concomitant to this, DTI-SK shall also see to it that online sellers shall display prices of their products pursuant to R.A. 7394, otherwise known as Consumers Act of 1972 and R.A. 7581,

otherwise known as “*An Act Providing Protection to Consumers by Stabilizing the Prices of Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities and by Prescribing Measures Against Undue Price Increases During Emergency Situations and Like Occasions.*”

Should there be such irregular price increase, appropriate action shall be made accordingly by DTI-SK.

The operation of business establishments are subject to the visitorial and enforcement powers of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Trade and Industry and other appropriate agencies to ensure compliance with the herein established Guidelines, especially the compliance with the provisions on maximum allowable operational capacity in establishments, as well as minimum public health standards and protocols particularly the requirement for customers to show their CCTS ID upon entry.

**SECTION 27. STRENGTHENING ISOLATION FACILITIES.** All municipalities in the Province of Sultan Kudarat and the City of Tacurong shall strengthen their own isolation facilities by providing sufficient manpower for its operation in accordance with the organizational structure provided by Executive Order No. 29 of the Provincial Governor dated April 15, 2020.

The isolation facilities managed by LGUs shall have a 24/7 security personnel to man the said facilities.

Considering the influx of LSIs and ROFs, LGUs shall increase their Isolation Facilities to address the surge of LSIs.

To further strengthen its effectiveness, its LGU shall include the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer as one of the supervising officials in the isolation facility in their area in accordance with Executive Order No. 29-A dated June 30, 2020 issued by the Provincial Governor.

**SECTION 28. TRANSFER OF COVID PATIENT.** COVID-19 patients are not allowed to be transferred from one higher level hospital to a lower level hospital. However, transfer may be allowed if he/she comes from a lower level hospital to a higher level hospital.

Patients are to be assessed at the Triage Area of the hospital, whether for admission at a level 1, level 2 hospitals or Municipal/City/Barangay Isolation Unit (MIU, CIU, BIU).

**SECTION 29. ACCEPTANCE OF REPATRIATED OFs AND LOCALLY STRANDED RESIDENTS OF SULTAN KUDARAT FROM OTHER PLACES (LSIs).** All LGUs in the province shall accept Repatriated Overseas Filipinos (ROFs) in accordance with the guidelines set by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)/Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Department of Health, including those Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) who are residents of the Province of Sultan Kudarat 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.

The entry of ROFs in the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Travel authority issued by PNP RD, PD or COP of the place where the ROFs stayed. Certificate of Acceptance or Residency, although required in boarding airlines, shall not be made as one of the requirements by LGUs for the entry of these of ROFs.
2. Certificate of Completion of 14-day Mandatory Quarantine from DOH or LGU Health Unit where the ROFs have undergone quarantine;
3. Proof of Negative CoVID-19 Test Result or Health Declaration Form
4. All ROFs shall be registered in the COVID-19 Triage located at the Evacuation Center at the Old Sultan Kudarat Provincial Hospital prior to sending them to their different places of abode.
5. Receiving LGUs (municipality or city where the OFs domicile) to enforce health protocols as established in Section 9 hereof and consistent with DILG issuances

in fetching ROFs. No family member or relative shall be allowed to fetch the ROFs;

6. Strict and regular monitoring of the BHERTs at the isolation units shall be undertaken;

The entry of locally stranded individuals (LSIs), in the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

1. RD, PD or COP of PNP of the place where the LSIs or OFs stayed shall issue Travel Authority. Certificate of Acceptance or Residency, although required in boarding airlines, shall not be made as one of the requirements by LGUs for the entry of these of ROFs.
2. Host LGU to issue Certification that 14-day quarantine has been undertaken;
3. Proof of Negative CoVID-19 Test Result or Health Declaration Form
4. All LSIs shall be registered in the in the COVID-19 Triage at the Evacuation Center at the Old Sultan Kudarat Provincial Hospital prior to sending them to their different places of abode.
5. Receiving LGUs (municipality or city where the OFs domicile) to enforce health protocols as established in Section 9 hereof and consistent with DILG issuances in fetching ROFs No family member or relative shall be allowed to fetch the LSIs;
6. Strict and regular monitoring of the BHERTs at the isolation units shall be undertaken.

Having those requirements, the ROFs and LSIs shall be granted unhampered transit across municipalities/city *en route* to their final destination in the province of Sultan Kudarat. For this purpose, LGUs are enjoined to allow vehicles transporting the aforementioned ROFs and LSIs to proceed to their destination. No other requirement shall be imposed by LGUs in this regard.

To ensure monitoring of quarantine and isolation of these LSIs or ROFs, an isolation unit prepared by the LGUs are preferred. Hotel and accommodation facilities limited to provision of basic lodging may be tapped by LGUs for this purpose. Should the municipality or city has inadequate facility, the isolation or quarantine can be made at the residence of LSIs or ROFs, however, the BHERTs shall periodically monitor the development in the case of the said individual. The BHERT shall see to it that a separate room and utensils for the use of ROF/LSI are provided with strict instruction not to leave the room during the said quarantine period unless allowed by concerned local health officials or designated physician thereat.

Considering the surge of LSIs and ROFs entering the province of Sultan Kudarat, the BHERTs is directed to report the entry of his constituents to the MESU and the latter is also directed to report the same to the PESU.

Constituents of the barangay has a social obligation to directly report the entry of his “kabarangay” to the PESU for the protection of the people in his barangay and the latter shall verify on the record whether or not such LSI has been reported already.

**SECTION 30. LGUs SOCIAL PREPARATION ON COVID 19.** To allay fears of contagion and limit the effects of social stigmatization and discrimination associated with the virus, LGUs, through its MSWDO/CSWDO and Local health Office, shall conduct an orientation about COVID-19 or series of lectures through various media outlets or in the barangay itself with the objectives of calling for citizen’s solidarity and to contribute to changing people’s attitudes towards individuals/groups who are at risk of discrimination on COVID-19.

To avoid contamination of officials and employees, LGUs are prohibited to hold activities (seminars, meetings, symposia, conference and the like) outside of the Province of Sultan Kudarat. Those in the private sectors are also enjoined to observe this prohibition.

To further strengthen the awareness and to caution the public on the spread of Covid-19 in the province, each LGU is given the authority to issue permit for the holding of activities outside of offices of LGU and NGA with office within their area of responsibility. The issuance of permit

is in consonance with its police power and general welfare clause so as to curb the spread of Covid-19 in the province.

**SECTION 31. STRENGTHENING LOCAL CONTACT TRACING.** To strengthen contact tracing efforts, all LGUs within the province of Sultan Kudarat shall organize its own City/Municipal Contact Tracing Team, if possible organize it within the barangay, who shall identify and monitor suspected persons with known exposure and contact to confirmed Covid-19 cases. These teams shall also monitor the status of suspect and probable Covid-19 cases, family members with known contact to a confirmed case to mitigate possibility of contagion. They shall report daily updates to the Covid-19 Municipal and Provincial Task Forces.

The CTT per LGU is to be led by the City or Municipal Health Officer and assisted by the Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief of Police together with the BFP, LDRMMO and the BHERTS.

To strengthen the effectiveness of BHERTS, the Purok President in every barangay shall be included in its composition. It is directed that all its members shall be oriented by the City/Municipal Health Officer about COVID-19.

The main focus of every LGU shall be the DITR steps: Detect, Isolate, Treat, and Reintegrate the carriers in accordance with the National Strategy to Defeat Covid-19 of the IATF and NTF Covid-19.

LGUs in the province of Sultan Kudarat are directed adopt the South Cotabato – COVID-19 Contact Tracing System (SC-CCTS) which is recommended by RIATF in contact tracing in the entire SOCKSARGEN region. To effect its adoption, each LGU shall pass its own Ordinance and publish the same in the newspaper of local circulation requiring all individuals sojourning in their locality to apply, enroll/register for Covid-19 Contact Tracing System (CCTS).

Local Contact Tracing Team shall always coordinate with concerned PESU/CESU/MESU relative to suspected, probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases.

For this purpose, all attendance to religious activities (mass, sambayang and the like) shall be submitted, within three (3) days from the date of its event, to concerned Local Contact Tracing Team as reference for future contact tracing.

All data (date and time of travel, kinds and type of vehicle boarded, name of companions in that vehicle, name of officers who fetched, driver, etc.) pertaining to the return of respective ROFs and LSIs in the city/municipality shall be furnished its concerned LCT team.

All establishments shall require their customers to present their CCTS ID, and those who do not have shall record in a logbook their names, address, contact numbers, including their time-in and time-out in the establishment. They shall also require their customers to fill up health form indicating therein whether or not they have visited hotspot places (places where COVID-19 is prevalent) within the last fourteen (14) days from the date of their entry to the establishment; and whether or not the customer has experienced cough, fever, diarrhea, headache and other flu-like symptoms.

All LCEs shall pass their own Contingency Plan in the event local or community transmission is prevalent in their area.

As a consequence of this strengthening of contact tracing, LGUs within the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall intensify Case Finding at the Barangay Level as part of the Detect Mechanism in areas identified COVID-19 cases.

**SECTION 32. CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING.** As part of psycho-social intervention to front-liners, recovered confirmed cases, confirmed cases and suspect, the PSWDO shall conduct critical incident stress debriefing in coordination with MSWDO/CSWDO and PHO in coordination with DOH XII.

Front-liners, recovered confirmed cases, confirmed cases and suspect who opt to be under psycho-social intervention may call cellular no. 09352998593.

**SECTION 33. AUTHORITY OF LCEs TO DECLARE GRANULAR LOCKDOWN.**

The LCEs in the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall enjoy a discretion to declare a barangay or sitio/purok, as the case maybe, within their area of responsibility under Granular Lockdown to prevent and impede the spread of contamination thereat.

Intervention in the form of food packs, but not limited thereto, shall be provided to constituents by LGU declaring granular lockdown. Three (3) days thereafter, the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat shall provide its intervention to assist the LGU and the constituents in the lockdown area.

Within twenty-four (24) hours from the declaration of granular lockdown, the concerned LGU shall submit its Executive Order to the Provincial Governor for his information and review.

Concerned LGU, through “operation yaw-yaw,” shall provide information to their constituents of the said lockdown.

**SECTION 34. 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.

Any person found violating any provision of this Order shall be fined not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months in accordance with Provincial Ordinance No. 36 dated August 10, 2020. Nevertheless, the business permit of establishment or business transport of any form found violating any provision of this Order shall be revoked by the issuing LGUs.

Any public officer or employee who violates any of the provision of this Executive Order may be meted administrative disciplinary action, without prejudice to the filing of the appropriate civil or criminal action.

Non-cooperation of person or entities identified as having the notifiable COVID-19 and refuses to undergo RT-PCR shall be penalized in accordance with this Section.

Other penalties for violation of the provision of this Executive Order may be imposed in accordance with Ordinances passed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Sultan Kudarat, Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tacurong or Sangguniang Bayan within the Province of Sultan Kudarat.

For this purpose, the Provincial Prosecution Office is requested to assist Legal Officers of Municipalities and the City of Tacurong to initiate appropriate charge(s), as may be warranted.

**SECTION 35. AUTHORITY OF THE MESU/CESU and BHERTS.** The MESU/CESU and BHERTs, to protect the health of the people of Sultan Kudarat, shall perform their disease surveillance and response functions and are authorized to enforce the following:

- (a) Mandatory reporting of symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 positive;
- (b) Conduct epidemiologic investigations, case investigations, patient interviews, review of medical records, contact tracing, collection, storage, transport and testing of samples and specimen, risk assessments, laboratory investigation, population surveys, and environmental investigation;
- (c) Rapid containment, quarantine and isolation of direct contact of COVID-19 positive; and
- (d) RT-PCR of symptomatic COVID-19 suspect.

**SECTION 36. LOCAL ISSUANCES.** To provide consistency, clarity and uniformity of action to the general public, all local chief executives and local sanggunian in the province are

enjoined to immediately issue/modify and pass local orders or ordinances to adopt and implement the guidelines in the Order. None, whatsoever, shall be passed or issued which will or might in any way conflict with any provisions of this Executive Order or which will or might in any way interfere with or impede its achievement.

Copies of Executive Orders issued by Local Chief Executive within the province of Sultan Kudarat shall be forwarded to the Provincial Governor within three (3) days from their issuance to ensure that such Executive Orders are within the powers granted by law and in conformity with provincial issuances. This is in consonance with Section 30 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which empowers the Provincial Governor to review executive orders promulgated by the component city or municipal mayor within his jurisdiction.

Copies of City/Municipal Ordinances passed by the sanggunian within the province of Sultan Kudarat shall be forwarded to the sangguniang panlalawigan of Sultan Kudarat for review within three (3) days after its passage.

**SECTION 37. ASSISTANCE FROM AFP/PNP.** All law enforcement agencies especially the Philippine National Police and the Philippine Army in the province are directed to provide necessary assistance in the implementation of the Order. They shall see to it that all health protocols are followed to the letter.

**SECTION 38. RELAYING OF INQUIRIES AND INFORMATION.** Any inquiries and information relative to COVID-19 may be coursed through the following hotline nos.:

1. 09273620970 Globe
2. 09269230331 TM
3. 09215674423 Smart
4. 09513327041 TNT
5. 09352998593 for critical incident stress debriefing

**SECTION 39. 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 40. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All Orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed, revised or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 41. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until 12:00 midnight of January 31, 2021 unless sooner revoked, modified or repealed accordingly.

Done on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021 at Provincial Governor's Office, Kalawag II, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.

  
**SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU, Ph.D.**  
Provincial Governor