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“AN ORDER RE-EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16 TO 30, 2021”

WHEREAS, impelled by the mandate of Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Constitution to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat consider the issuance of guidelines to prevent and/or minimize the spread of COVID-19 into the province of Sultan Kudarat;

WHEREAS, several provincial proactive measures to minimize the surge of contagion in the province have been issued since the time the President issued Proclamation No. 1021 (s.2020) extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until September 21, 2021, however, despite these measures the contamination continuously ascents;

WHEREAS, as of September 15, 2021, there are a total of and Seven Hundred Fifty Five (755) active COVID-19 cases in the Province of Sultan Kudarat, thus a need to re-extend the implementation of General Community Quarantine for restrictions of movements to plug the floodgates of COVID-19 positive;

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. The implementation of General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the entire Province of Sultan Kudarat is hereby re-extended until September 30, 2021.

Under GCQ, temporary measures will be implemented limiting the movement of people and transportation, regulation of operating industries, and deployment of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

SECTION 2. The following guidelines shall be strictly complied with at all times for the duration of GCQ in the Province of Sultan Kudarat:

- a. **MOVEMENT FOR ACCESSING ESSENTIAL GOODS AND SERVICES PERMITTED.** The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services from permitted establishments, for work in such establishments, or such other activities allowed in this section.

Essential goods and services cover health and social services to secure the safety and well-being of persons, such as but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy, and others as may be determined by the IATF.

- b. **RESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF BELOW 18 Y.O., ABOVE 65 Y.O., HEALTH RISKS INDIVIDUAL AND PREGNANT WOMEN.** Any person below eighteen (18) years old, those who are over sixty-five years (65) of age, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks, and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, **EXCEPT** for obtaining essential goods and services, or for work in industries and offices or such other activities permitted in this Section.
- c. **RECOGNIZED IDs.** Law enforcement agencies shall recognize any of the following IDs:
- (i) Government-issued IDs,
 - (ii) Valid IDs or other pertinent documentation issued by accrediting organizations or establishments allowed under GCQ,
 - (iii) COVID-19 Vaccination Card,
 - (iv) CCTS/S-Pass, and
 - (v) IDs for availing of essential goods and services.

No other IDs or passes specifically exempting persons from community quarantine shall be required of workers of permitted establishments and/or offices without prejudice to requiring the presentation of other documents establishing the nature of their work.

- d. **MOVEMENT OF CARGOES UNHAMPERED.** The movement of cargo/delivery vehicles, as well as vehicles used by public utility companies, shall be unhampered. Shuttle services of permitted establishments shall not be subject to an ID system but shall maintain compliance with minimum public health standards.
- e. **ONLY ESSENTIAL TRAVEL IS ALLOWED.** The entry of persons in the Province of Sultan Kudarat from either INTRA-ZONAL or INTER-ZONAL are limited only to ESSENTIAL TRAVELS and therefore banning the non-essential travel to the province.

Interzonal movement refers to the movement of people, goods, and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under **different community quarantine classifications**. Movements to and from areas under granular lockdowns within the province shall be considered as an interzonal movement.

Intrazonal movement refers to the movement of people, goods, and services between provinces, highly urbanized cities, and independent component cities under the **same community quarantine classification**, without transiting through an area under a different classification.

- f. **BORDER RESTRICTIONS.** All borders of the province shall be closed to non-essential travels. For this purpose, essential travel shall mean those travels which require or provide essential goods and services such as:
- i. to secure essential supplies such as food, water, medicines, medical devices,
 - ii. to secure essential services;
 - iii. to report for work or to conduct business activities in the case of businessmen/ entrepreneurs, professionals, media, and government services;
 - iv. to deliver all kinds of goods and services, subject to restrictions on swine and its by-products due to still on-going African Swine Flu (ASF) in other places;
 - v. to attend to an emergency such as medical reasons;

Other activities not included in the foregoing enumerations are considered non-essential travels and are banned in the province during the effectivity of this Order.

In the case of patients entering the province for admission in hospitals, they shall be allowed to enter the province and cross its border only when they have confirmed admissions from the authorized personnel of this hospital.

In the case of individuals, be they are Returning Residents, Locally Stranded Individuals (LSI) or Authorized Persons Outside of Residences (APOR) under existing national issuances, coming from areas with alarming cases of COVID-19, such but not limited to those enumerated in National IATF Resolutions 104, 109, 109-A, 112 (ban for travelers coming from India), all series 2021, they shall present NEGATIVE RT-PCR test results, whether it be from swab or saliva results issued within NINETY-SIX (96) hours taken from accredited DOH testing facilities, prior to the date of their arrival to the province' border;

- g. **MANDATORY QUARANTINE OF ROF, TRAVELLERS COMING FROM AREAS WITH DIFFERENT COMMUNITY QUARANTINE CLASSIFICATION.** Regardless of the negative RT-PCR results presented in the borders by travelers from land, sea, air, there shall be at least fourteen (14) day mandatory quarantine for returning residents or essential travelers who are not APOR in the City/Municipal/Barangay Isolation Units or the accredited Hotels.

In case the ROF will choose the hotel accommodation, such expenses shall be shouldered by him/her. On the 14th day, these individuals shall be subjected to antigen testing before they may be allowed to return to their respective homes. Should any of these travelers be found to be positive in antigen tests, they shall be subjected to a confirmatory RT-PCR Test and shall complete the 14 days mandatory quarantine period.

The BHERTS shall document and monitor the daily health conditions of the returning residents of their Barangays, as well as that of the members of their household, within fourteen (14) days from such arrivals. The RHU concerned shall be informed of such arrival and monitoring of said traveler residents. The RHU shall keep a daily record of the monitoring of these arrivals.

- h. **MANDATORY QUARANTINE FOR CLOSE CONTACTS.** The Barangay, thru their BHERTS, shall bring all closed contacts of their positive residents into quarantine/isolation for fourteen (14) days regardless of the antigen or RT-PCR result.

Close contacts, regardless of the vaccination status and possession of a negative COVID-19 test result, of probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall undergo fourteen (14)-day quarantine. Violation of this provision will be penalized in accordance with Provincial Ordinance No. 59 dated September 13, 2021 passed by the 15th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Sultan Kudarat ordaining the mandatory 14-day quarantine of all close contact persons of confirmed COVID-19 persons.

- i. **SAFE, SWIFT, and SMART PASSAGE (S-PaSS) REQUIRED.** Local travelers who are returning to or visiting different localities in time for the holidays, for vacation, or business and who will be entering a restricted locality shall secure a Travel Coordination Permit (TCP) in lieu of Travel Authority (TA) through S-PaSS. Travelers with unrestricted final destination but who are going to pass through restricted LGUs should also apply for a Travel Pass-Through Permit (TPP) aside from securing the TCP required by the place of final destination. All of these required permits are managed by S-PaSS to facilitate a safe, swift, and smart coordination of travels to the intended destination. Travelers can register by accessing <https://s-pass.ph>.

Local Chief Executives within the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall designate their own S-Pass Focal Person who must inform the public of the necessity of registering their travel outside of the province and with a duty to monitor arriving residents and inform concerned BHERTS of the said arrival for health monitoring purpose.

- j. **RESPONSIBILITY OF LGUs TO FETCH THEIR CONSTITUENTS.** ROFs and returning residents coming from outside SOCSKSARGEN Region shall be the responsibility of concerned LGU of their destination to ferry or fetch at the Airports (Cotabato City Airport/Gensan Airport). No public or private vehicles shall be allowed to fetch/ferry any passenger.

Upon the arrival of these passengers, the PDRRMO personnel assigned at the airport shall immediately coordinate with concerned LGUs relative to the arrival of their residents. Private vehicles who are fetching APORs must properly coordinate with the PDRRM Office, for appropriate processes and the mandatory health protocols;

Should no LGUs be fetching their residents, such passenger/traveler shall be placed in temporary processing facilities of the Provincial Government of Sultan Kudarat, only for one night, before they are brought to their respective homes or BIUs, as the case may be in the barangays.

- k. **ALLOWED ESTABLISHMENTS, PERSONS, OR ACTIVITIES.** Only the following establishments, persons, or activities are allowed to operate, work, or be undertaken for the duration of the GCQ in the Province of Sultan Kudarat:

With full on-site capacity:

- i. Public and private hospitals;
- ii. Health, emergency, and frontline services, including those provided by dialysis centers, chemotherapy centers, HMOs, health insurance providers, disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers, and the like;
- iii. Manufacturers of medicines and vitamins, medical supplies, devices, and equipment, including suppliers of input, packaging, and distribution;
- iv. Industries involved in agriculture (crops, fruits, vegetables, livestock, and poultry), forestry, fishery, and such other components of the food value chain and their workers, including farmers and fisherfolks;
- v. Logistics service providers (delivery and courier services; cargo handling; warehousing; trucking; freight forwarding; shipping, port and terminal operators);
- vi. Essential and priority construction projects, whether public or private, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
- vii. Manufacturing related to food and other essential goods such as but not limited to soap and detergents, diapers, personal hygiene products, toilet paper, and wet wipes, and disinfectants;
- viii. Companies that manufacture, distribute, and/or supply equipment or products necessary to perform construction or maintenance work, such as cement and steel, or spare parts;
- ix. Essential retail trade and service establishments such as public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies or drug stores, hardware, office supplies, bicycle shops, laundry shops, and water-refilling stations;

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 the entry of shoppers and implement mandatory temperature checks 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.

- x. Public and private financial service providers involved in the distribution of government grants and amelioration subsidies; and
- xi. Business process outsourcing establishments (BPOs), and export-oriented businesses, including mining and quarrying activities; and
- xii. Public transport providers and operators.

At a maximum of fifty percent (50%) on-site capacity:

- i. Media establishments and their total permanent staff complement, inclusive of reporters and other field employees.

With an on-site skeleton workforce:

- i. Dental, rehabilitation, optometry, and other medical clinics for the treatment of illness or injuries. Provided, that there is strict observance of infection prevention and control protocols. Provided, further, that dental procedures shall be limited to emergency cases only and that the wearing of full Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) by dentists and attendants shall be mandatory. Provided, finally, that home service therapy for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) shall be allowed;
- ii. Veterinary clinics;
- iii. Banks, money transfer services, including pawnshops only insofar as performing money transfer functions, microfinance institutions, and credit cooperatives, including their armored vehicle services, if any;
- iv. Water supply and janitorial/sanitation services and facilities, including waste disposal services, as well as property management and building utility services;
- v. The energy sector (oil, gas, and power companies), their third-party contractors and service providers, including employees involved in electric transmission and distribution, electric power plant and line maintenance, electricity market and retail suppliers, as well as those involved in the exploration, operations, trading and delivery of coal, oil, crude or petroleum and by-products (gasoline, diesel, liquefied petroleum gas, jet oil, kerosene, lubricants), including gasoline stations, refineries, and depots or any kind of fuel used to produce electricity;
- vi. Telecommunications companies, internet service providers, cable television providers, including those who perform indirect services such as the technical, sales, and other support personnel, as well as the employees of their third-party contractors doing sales, installation, maintenance, and repair works;
- vii. Funeral and embalming services;
- viii. Security personnel licensed by the PNP - Supervisory Office for Security and Investigation Agencies;
- ix. Printing establishments authorized by the Bureau of Internal Revenue and other government agencies to print accountable forms and other security documents;
- x. Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of machinery and equipment, for households and essential permitted establishments;
- xi. Establishments engaged in repair and maintenance of motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including the sale of spare parts;
- xii. Leasing of real and personal properties;

- xiii. Employment activities that involve the recruitment and placement for permitted sectors;
- xiv. Teachers, professors, and other staff for purposes of conducting online/offline, and flexible classes, completion of grades, and processing of student credentials, requirements, and documents;
- xv. Lawyers who will provide legal representation necessary to protect rights of persons as well as legal services for permitted establishments; and
- xvi. All other establishments, to the extent necessary for the buying and selling of consumer goods or services via the internet.

With 30% to 50% capacity

- i. Food preparation establishments such as commissaries, restaurants, and eateries may operate with their indoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of thirty percent (30%), and with their al fresco or outdoor dine-in services at the venue or seating capacity of fifty percent (50%).

Only hotels or accommodation establishments with valid DOT Accreditation shall be allowed to accommodate guests and clients for legitimate purposes under a state of a public health emergency.

All establishments are encouraged to observe work-from-home and other flexible work arrangements, where applicable.

With 30% venue capacity

- i. Personal care services, such as beauty salons, beauty parlors, barbershops, and nail spas, may operate up to thirty percent (30%) of venue or seating capacity. For this purpose, these establishments shall only provide services that can accommodate the wearing of face masks at all times by patrons/clients and service providers.
- ii. Outdoor tourist attractions, as may be defined by the DOT, shall remain to be allowed at thirty percent (30%) venue capacity with strict adherence to minimum public health standards;
- iii. Indoor tourist attractions shall not be allowed to operate;

All business establishments allowed to open and operate shall be required to secure a **Certificate of Authority to Operate** from the Department of Tourism (DOT) prior to its operation. While those that are not accredited 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.

Under the Safety Seal Certification Program, business establishments awarded Safety Seal Certifications shall be allowed to operate at an additional 10 percentage points beyond the prescribed on-site capacity or venue/seating capacity, whichever is applicable;

1. **NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE.** Notwithstanding the foregoing and without prejudice to previous IATF resolutions, the following establishments, persons, or activities shall **not be permitted** to operate, work, or be undertaken during GCQ:

- a. Entertainment venues with live performers such as karaoke bars, bars, clubs, concert halls, theaters, and cinemas;
 - b. Recreational venues such as internet cafes, billiard halls, amusement arcades, bowling alleys, and similar venues;
 - c. Amusement parks or theme parks, fairs/peyyas, kid amusement industries such as playgrounds, playroom, and kiddie rides;
 - e. Casinos, horse racing, cockfighting, and operation of cockpits (except for the sole purpose of conducting e-sabong or online sabong licensed and regulated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, lottery and betting shops), and other gaming establishments; and
 - f. Outdoor sports courts or venues for contact sports, scrimmages, games, or activities (basketball, volleyball, soccer);
- m. **ALLOWED ACTIVITIES**, Outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking (limited for exercise only), golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting, diving, and skateboarding are **ALLOWED**. Provided, that the minimum public health standards, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed. Provided, further, that operations of the relevant clubhouses or similar establishments, if any, are compliant with the protocols prescribed by the DTI. For this purpose, those below eighteen (18) years of age and above sixty-five (65), may be allowed outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise. Spectators in all non-contact sports and exercises shall be prohibited
- n. **NGAS & INSTRUMENTALITIES OF GOV'T. 30% TO FULL ON-SITE OPERATION**. Agencies and instrumentalities of the government shall be fully operational and shall operate at a minimum of thirty percent (30%) up to full on-site capacity as determined by the head of the agency, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the CSC.
- o. **F2F GATHERINGS ARE ALLOWED**. Face-to-face gatherings are allowed up to 30% venue capacity, provided strict social distancing is observed and, provided further, that participants therein are wearing of facemask and face shield. Provided furthermore that no buffet meals shall be served.
- o.1 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.
 - o.2 However, the use of Virtual Teleconferencing (VTC) mode is encouraged.
- p. **RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS ARE ALLOWED**. F2F Religious gatherings (mass, samba, sambayang) shall, likewise, be allowed up to 30% of venue capacity. The religious denominations may, however, proceed with their online mass service or pray in their respective houses.

EXCEPTION. Gatherings for necrological services, wakes, internment, and funerals for those who died of causes other than COVID-19 shall be allowed only to the **immediate members of the family** and shall likewise **not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity**. Provided, that the number of days for the wake/vigil **shall not last longer than seven (7) days**. Provided further that the same shall be in

full compliance with the prescribed minimum public health standards for the duration of the activity.

Burial shall be done on the following schedules:

- i) suspected and probable COVID-19 cases shall be within 48 hours after death, and
- ii) confirmed COVID-19 cases shall be within 12 hours after death

Confirmed COVID-19 cases who are certified as recovered shall be treated as non-COVID-19 cases, thus, not to be considered to be buried in accordance with the above schedule. However, to be considered as recovered, a negative RT-PCR test (saliva or swab) of the cadaver shall be presented by the immediate member of the family of the deceased to the concerned LGU to dispel all uncertainty on its treatment of the COVID-19 case.

Visits to memorial parks, cemeteries, and columbaria shall be limited to not more than ten (10) persons per group and not exceeding thirty percent (30%) of the venue capacity.

- q. **REGULATING MEDICAL MISSION/BARANGAYANIHAN AND OTHER SOCIO-CIVIC ACTIVITIES.** To contain the spread of COVID-19 and its variants in the Province of Sultan Kudarat, socio-civic activities such as medical missions, barangayanihan and the like conducted by Non-Government Organizations, people's organizations and other socio-civic organizations shall be allowed only if appropriate permission and approval of concerned local government unit is sought and taken; provided that the activity shall be in close coordination and with the participation of frontliners (doctors, nurses and other medical practitioners and volunteers) coming from the concerned municipal or provincial government; provided further, that health protocols are strictly observed; and provided finally that these socio-civic activities shall not be done during the "No Movement Day."
- r. **STRICT OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH PROTOCOLS.** Establishments that are allowed to open and/or operate shall observe strictly the protocols for health and safety, to wit:
 - social distancing (minimum of at least 1 meter)
 - mandatory wearing of face masks and face shields
 - designated washing areas
 - adoption of a strict skeletal workforce to support operations
 - provision of footbath at the entrance
 - thermal scanning for entering customers
 - prohibition on spitting in public places
 - Transactions shall be done outside of the office
 - Use of teleconferencing applications for meetings and webinars
 - Putting plastic barriers in between workspaces
 - Internal and external documents for submission be placed at a designated dropboxes
 - Use of personal ballpen when signing documents or filling out logbooks
 - Employees with flu-like symptoms shall under antigen test or RT-PCR Test whichever is applicable
 - Air purifier shall be provided to every office
 - Separate garbage or trash can for disposal of face mask

r. DESIGNATION OF SAFETY AND HEALTH PROTOCOL OFFICER (SAHPO).

Every establishment, including government and non-government offices within the province of Sultan Kudarat, are enjoined to designate a safety health protocol officer with the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Oversee the overall management of health programs of the province and with that of LGU in their establishment/office, particularly in the observance of health protocols provided in Section 16 hereof;
- b. Frequently monitor and inspect any health and safety aspect in the operation being undertaken;
- c. Assist government inspectors in the conduct of safety and health inspection at any time whenever work is being performed;

SAPHO shall render situational awareness report on the observance of the minimum health safety protocols in their respective establishments to the following :

- 1) Civil Service Commission -Sultan Kudarat Field Office for government offices, and
- 2) Department of Labor and Employment -Sultan Kudarat (DOLE-SK) for private establishments and offices.

The SAPHO shall undergo safety seminars and training to be conducted by DOLE to sustain preventive occupational safety and health culture in the workplace.

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

Alcoholic drinks and beverages are 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.

- t. SUSPENSION OF F2F CLASSES OF BASIC EDUCATION.** Face-to-face or in-person classes for basic education shall be suspended. The basic education sector shall operate in accordance with the guidelines of DepEd.
- u. LIMITED F2F FOR HEI.** Limited face-to-face or in-person classes for higher education and technical vocational education and training may be allowed, subject to the guidelines of CHED and TESDA, respectively.
- v. CURFEW HOUR.** Everybody is enjoined to observe curfew hours 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 that require immediate action to prevent the loss of life or limb shall be considered exempt from curfew for medical and humanitarian reasons.

w. PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE WITH LIMITED CAPACITY. Public transportation shall be allowed to operate at such capacity and protocols in accordance with the following:

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

- i. 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.
- ii. 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
- iii. Commuter Van
 - 18 seaters Grandia – nine (9) passengers
 - 14 seaters van – seven (7) passengers
- iv. Automobile – three (3) passengers
- v. SUV – five (5) passengers
- vi. Pick up (double cab) – three (3) passengers: one (1) in front beside the driver; two (2) at the back
- vii. Cargo Truck – maximum of five (5) personnel, with or without load, one (1) in front beside the driver and four (4) personnel at the back
- viii. Motorcycle - one (1) passenger, provided they are wearing face masks and helmets.

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

All passengers boarding public transport must have their CCTS scanned and S-Pass scrutinized.

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 routes 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 with accordingly.

This 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 in 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 before their boarding on public transport. Said list shall be furnished to 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 the terminal at the border for this purpose.

- s. **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:

- i. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays - plates ending in 1,3,5,7,9
- ii. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays - plates ending in 2,4,6,8,0

Should the vehicle have no issued plate by the Land Transportation Office, the conduction sticker shall be the basis of the transport coding. Nevertheless, as to public transport tricycles, the basis of transport coding is its control number issued by the concerned LGU.

Exempted from this transport coding are vehicles of Task Force Covid-19, government vehicles, rolling stores, PNP & AFP vehicles, ambulances, rescue vehicles, fire trucks, and funeral cars/vehicles to fetch cadaver(s) for embalming. Moreover, private vehicles being used in going to and from work by government officials, employees, media, or APOR are also exempted in this transport coding from Monday to Saturday, provided the user shall present his office ID to the enforcers.

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

- t. **NO MOVEMENT DAY EVERY SUNDAY.** Sunday, being a “No Movement Day”, all establishments shall be closed, except, pharmacies and drug stores, hospitals, and clinics. Moreover, all vehicles shall not be allowed to travel, except, ambulances, rescue vehicles, fire trucks, funeral cars, and those of:

- i. Local Chief Executives and his/her essential staff
- ii. Vice Governor, Vice Mayors, and members of the Sangguniang
- iii. Health workers and medical practitioners going to and from work
- iv. PNP and AFP personnel on duty
- v. Media

- u. **AUTHORITY OF LCEs TO DECLARE GRANULAR LOCKDOWN.** The LCEs in the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall enjoy the discretion to declare a barangay or sitio/purok, as the case may be, 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.

- v. **AUTHORITY OF THE MESU/CESU and BHERTS.** The MESU/CESU and BERTs, 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:
- i. Mandatory reporting of symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 positive;
 - ii. 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;
 - iii. Rapid containment, quarantine, and isolation of direct contact of COVID-19 positive; and RT-PCR of symptomatic COVID-19 suspect.
- w. **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.

- x. **DESIGNATION OF MONITORING TEAM.** 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 herein and by Provincial Ordinance No. 36 dated August 10, 2020.

The PIATF shall see to it that all LGUS have their Monitoring Team and to check if the latter is conducting monitoring at their level.

- y. **STRENGTHENING ISOLATION FACILITIES.** All municipalities in the Province of Sultan Kudarat and the City of Tacurong shall continue to strengthen their 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 24/7 security personnel to man the said facilities.

- z. **REFERRAL AND TRANSFER OF COVID PATIENT.** LGUs are encouraged to use the One Hospital Command Center (OHCC) for referral and as a channel for coordination in transferring COVID-19 patients, thus, transfer of the said patient shall be in accordance with the direction of the One Hospital Command Center.
- aa. **RELEASE OF COVID-19 HUMAN REMAINS UNHAMPERED.** All healthcare facilities shall not hamper the release of the human remains of the COVID 19 deceased even if it is due to non-payment of hospital bills.
- bb. **PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION OF VARIANTS.** To further prevent introductions of variants of concern to the province, all international travelers who arrived in the province must strictly comply with testing and quarantine protocols approved by the IATF. The following actions shall likewise be strengthened:

- i. Infection prevention and control protocols must be strictly followed in all quarantine and isolation facilities to prevent transmission in the facility and the households of facility workers;
- ii. LGUs must closely monitor for the appearance of any sign or symptom of their constituents who have arrived from areas with high cases of COVID-19 cases or areas with high quarantine classification.
- iii. The implementation of Prevent - Detect - Isolate - Treat - Reintegrate Strategy should be continuous and strengthened, as follows:
 - a. Active case finding;
 - b. Intensified contact tracing;
 - c. Immediate quarantine/isolation which should preferably be in a facility;
 - d. Declaration of localized Enhanced Community Quarantine down to the zone or barangay levels;
 - e. Stricter implementation and observance of minimum public health standards; and
 - f. Fast-tracked deployment of COVID-19 vaccine.

SECTION 3. 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, forces, 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 in accordance with Provincial Ordinance No. 36 dated August 10, 2020, as amended. 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 provisions 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 4. 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 the 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 5. ASSISTANCE FROM AFP/PNP IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ORDER. 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. As such, uniformed personnel shall be assigned at the Quarantine Check Points to strictly implement travelers' adherence to the requirements in entering the Province of Sultan Kudarat as provided in Section 2 (a,b,c,d,e,f and i) and relevant provisions on health protocols.

SECTION 6. DEPUTIZATION BY MAYORS OF OTHER SAFETY AND SECURITY GROUPS OR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOL. All Mayors in the Province of Sultan Kudarat shall deputize other safety and security groups or civil society organizations to assist in the strict implementation of the minimum health protocols by every constituent in their locality.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, repealed, revised, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect on the 16th day of September and shall remain effective until midnight of September 30, 2021, unless sooner revoked, modified, or repealed accordingly.

Done on the 15th day of September 2021 at Provincial Governor's Office, Kalawag II, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.


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Provincial Governor

