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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27, SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDER EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE UNTIL MAY 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the NIATF issued Resolution No. 29 placing low-risk provinces under General Community Quarantine (GCQ), which included the Province of Southern Leyte;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government issued Executive Order No. 24, placing the Province of Southern Leyte under General Community Quarantine until May 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the NIATF issued Resolution No. 35 on May 12, 2020 recommending high-risk areas under modified ECQ, moderate risk under GCQ, and low-risk areas with no more community quarantine, yet to maintain minimum health standards;

WHEREAS, the Province of Southern Leyte belongs to those classified as low-risk provinces;

WHEREAS, the Local Chief Executives are apprehensive with the lifting of GCQ as their fundamental efforts in addressing the threat of COVID-19 would come to naught once the province loosens its borders to and from Luzon, Mindanao and other areas in Visayas;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force (PIATF) conveys that the province cannot rest on its gains as among the few COVID-free provinces while compromising the health of all Southern Leyteños to an imminent threat of COVID19, come the return of OFWs in the province and the implementation of the *Hatid Estudyante Program*, *Balik Probinsiya*, *Bagong Pag-asa Program* and other similar government efforts to bring back fellow Southern Leyteños in the province.

WHEREAS, the NIATF issued Resolution No. 35 wherein a provision states that the Provincial IATF may appeal to change classification until May 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the PIATF issued Resolution No. 6 requesting the National IATF thru the Regional IATF to allow the Provincial Government of Southern Leyte to extend the General Community Quarantine in the Province until May 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, NIATF has released IATF NO. 35-A declaring General Community Quarantine for all LGUs not under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine.

NOW WHEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Provincial Governor of Southern Leyte, I, **DAMIAN G. MERCADO**, do hereby order the extension of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the entire Province of Southern Leyte.

SECTION 1. BASIC SERVICES/DAILY ESSENTIALS/ESSENTIAL GOODS/UTILITIES AND OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE RESIDENCE WITHIN THE PROVINCE:

SERVICES

MEDICAL SERVICES

AUTHORIZED PERSONS OUTSIDE RESIDENCE

- All DOH Officials and Staff
- All health and service personnel stationed at LGU Health Facilities
- All PRC vehicles bearing the Red Cross Logo and Staff with Red Cross IDs
- Doctors and their drivers
- Hospital Staff and Employees including janitors and utility workers
- Dentists, Optometrist and other related medical professionals and employees
- Private Care Givers
- Persons availing emergency medical and surgical services with one (1) driver and one (1) companion;

FUNERAL SERVICES

- Employees
- Immediate family of the deceased
- Officiating Priests, Imam, Pastors, and other religious ministers

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

- Members of the Emergency Operation Centers
- DRRMC Members (Prov/City/Mun/Brgy)
- Emergency Response Teams (Prov/City/Mun/Brgy)
- Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs)
- DILG Southern Leyte Officers
- DPWH
- BFP

SECURITY SERVICES

- PNP, AFP, PCG, BJMP, NBI, OTS, BOC, BI, PPA, and other law Enforcement Agency Personnel
- Company Security Officers and Security Guards
- Force Multipliers (Brgy Officials and Brgy Tanods)
- Phil Army Reservists
- Karancho and other volunteers

DAILY ESSENTIALS

CARGOES (WITH OR WITHOUT LOAD)

- Delivery Personnel (Max of 3 including driver)
- Delivery Personnel

DELIVERY SERVICES OF FOOD, WATER, MEDICINE AND OTHER BASIC NECESSITIES

- Bank Employees and Staff
- Technical Service Support Crew
- ATM Service Provider Crew
- Armored Vehicle Crew
- Financial Collectors, Agents and staff
- Personnel and staff
- Personnel and staff

BANKS, COOPERATIVES, LENDING AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

MONEY TRANSFER SERVICES

COMMERCIAL CENTERS/PUBLIC MARKETS/HYPERMARKETS/SUPERMARKETS/ GROCERY/ CONVENIENCE/SARI-SARI STORES

PHARMACIES/DRUGSTORES
FOOD CHAIN/ RESTAURANTS/
CARINDERIA/EATERIES/ COFFEE
SHOPS/FOOD AND SNACK
HOUSES/CAFES/BAKERIES
(STRICTLY FOR TAKE-OUT
SERVICES ONLY)

- Pharmacists and Employees
- Staff and Crew

LOGISTICS/WAREHOUSE
ESTABLISHMENTS

- Key Officials and Employees
- Employees of Cable/Internet Service Providers and third party contractors
- Cargo Handling, Warehousing, Trucking, Freight Forwarding, Postal and Courier Personnel and Staff

UTILITIES

ENERGY COMPANIES & SERVICES

- Electric Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Employees
- Petroleum Tanker Drivers
- Gasoline Attendants/workers

WATER COMPANIES & SERVICES

- Key Officials and Employees
- Refilling Stations Personnel and staff

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
AND SERVICES

- IT and other Telecommunications Personnel and Staff
- Programming and Broadcasting
- Media personnel
- Local modulators (ARCOM, MAGMA) and volunteers

OTHER SERVICES

REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND
INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY
AND EQUIPMENT

RENTAL SERVICES

VETERINARY SERVICES

LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING
SERVICES

INSURANCE AND PENSION
FUNDING ACTIVITIES

ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING
AND TECHNICAL TESTING
ANALYSIS ACTIVITIES

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITIES

FISHING AND FARMING RELATED
ACTIVITIES

FORESTRY AND QUARRYING AND
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, TRADE
AND REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES,
MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES AND
OTHER TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT,
AUTO MECHANIC/VULCANIZING
SHOPS

HARDWARE, ELECTRONICS AND
ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, APPLIANCE
CENTERS, FURNITURE SHOPS

COMPUTER, ELECTRONICS AND
OPTICAL CENTERS

LAUNDRY SERVICES, CAR WASH
SERVICES

PRINT SHOPS

HOTELS, PENSION HOUSES, INNS,
LODGING HOUSES AND OTHER
ACCOMMODATION SERVICES
(all required to conduct thermal
scanning)

- Repair, maintenance and installation services crew

- Rental services crew

- Veterinarians and staff

- Personnel and staff

- Personnel and staff

- Personnel and staff

- Personnel and staff
- Farmers/fishermen/farm workers/millers/irrigators scheduled to conduct production related activities
- Rice millers/dealers
- Agri-aqua product vendors

- Public and Private Workers

- Personnel and staff

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- Guests who have existing booking accommodation for foreigners as of May 1, 2020

- Guests who have existing long-term bookings
- Distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or Foreign nationals
- Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols
- Health care workers as guests

OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSONS

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

- National/Local Government Officials and Employees
- Members and volunteers
- Workers accredited by DOTr to work in utility relocation works and other DOTr projects
- Employees of Critical Transportation Facilities
- Outbound and inbound international passengers and drivers
- Private individuals (2 per household) availing the services of the abovementioned establishments, where those aged 21-59 years old are given the priority. Of the 2 Quarantine Passes issued per household, 1 shall be the **main holder** and the second holder shall be the **alternate**. No two shall be allowed outside their residence altogether or at the same time.

The operation of Government Offices and industries shall be up to maximum of 75% workforce only. (NIATF Res. No 35)

The access and avilment of the above-mentioned services by the establishments shall be regulated to ensure strict social/physical distancing. Handwashing facilities and/or sanitizers/alcohol and footbath are required to be installed at the entrance. Workers/employees/clients shall wear protective mask at all times and shall be thermally scanned.

All Local Chief Executives are directed to ensure that all establishments (either government or private that cater clients and customers) within their AOR have installed footbath and handwashing facilities and have thermal scanning equipment. (Provl Memo 2020-82)

SECTION 2. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

A. Unhampered Flow of Cargoes

The movement of cargoes to and from Southern Leyte shall be unhampered. All crews cannot disembark at the seaport. If the cargo ship needs to be inspected, it must be done by three (3) authorized personnel only (police, coastguard, health) at a time and must not stay inside the ship for more than one hour. Inspectors must be in complete PPEs when embarking the ship.

B. Public Transportation within Southern Leyte

All public transportation services within Southern Leyte such as bus/van/jeep/multicab and other motor vehicles shall resume operations at reduced passenger capacity in compliance with the DOTR's Sectoral Guidelines on Social Distancing and Community Quarantine. Mandatory wearing of facemasks of the drivers and passengers shall be strictly observed at all times. **Public transportation with routes outside the province are still temporarily suspended.**

The following provisions from the LTFRB MC 2020-017 shall be followed by concerned public vehicles plying within Southern Leyte:

1. No transport employees and passengers belonging to the sector classified as immuno-compromised (such as but not limited to those 20 yrs old and below, senior citizens over 60 yrs old) and/or those belonging to the vulnerable sector) shall be allowed to report for work except when expressly by proper authorities. (IATF Res. No. 29,s 2020)
2. Operation of public transport shall allowed only in routes identified and approved by the DOTr and/or Board. (list still to be determined). To ensure the limited operations of public transport, LGUs shall not be allowed to open routes within their jurisdictions without prior approval by the RFRO
3. For operational routes under GCQ, buses of authorized public utility buses shall be the preferred units of transport service. In areas where PUBs could not operate, the following hierarchy of transport service shall be observed:
 - a. Tourist Bus
 - b. OFG-compliant PUJs
 - c. UV Express service
 - d. Traditional PUJs which have consolidated as cooperative or are fleet-managed
 - e. Tourist vans
4. Passenger capacity shall be as follows:
 - a. Bus Passenger limits: Passenger load shall not exceed 50% or half the vehicle's capacity excluding the driver and conductor; passenger should be seated one seat apart; no standing passengers shall be allowed;
 - b. PUJ Passenger limits same with letter (a) however the passenger seat beside the driver may be occupied by one (1) passenger provided that the driver compartment is sealed by non-permeable transparent barrier and there is no conductor present during the trip;

- c. UV Express Passenger Limits: Passenger load shall not exceed two (2) passengers per row, except for the driver's row for which there should only one (1) passenger allowed to occupy the passenger seat, and provided that the driver compartment is sealed by non-permeable transparent barrier and there is no conductor present during the trip; and
 - d. To ensure that the limited passenger capacity is complied with, the operators are required to adopt means or markings that will guide passengers as to which seats are available during the trips.
5. In order to be allowed to operate on the identified routes, operators are directed to secure the necessary Special Permit. Request for Special Permit shall be done through an online facility to be set-up by LTFRB-RFROs and shall be free of charge for the duration of the GCQ. Those granted special permit shall follow the conditions set per LTFRB MC 2020-017.
6. For purpose of contact tracing:
 - a. All provincial buses as well as UV Express shall have a passenger manifest taken at designated terminal prior to departure where the conductor can record pertinent information of the commuters who will utilize the vehicle;
 - b. To further enhance the contract tracing, passengers of PUVs, especially bus and PUJs, are required to take note of the plate number of the PUV/s they rode, date and time they boarded the PUVs, and the route they took; same shall be given to the PUV driver and/or conductor upon alighting the vehicle;
 - c. All PUVs shall display this reminder on contact tracing with the plate number/body number of the vehicle and contact number of operator prominently visible to all passengers; and
 - d. Drivers, conductors, and all related personnel shall keep a log of their daily travel to and from work.
7. In the operation of PUV terminals, the following shall be observed:
 - a. All PUV terminals shall observe appropriate sanitary measures during the period of operations, especially in oftenly-touched surfaces. All terminal employees shall wear face masks at all times and be regularly subjected to medical check-up.
 - b. All PUV Terminals shall provided with alcohol and hand washing facility (with water and soap) at the entrance for the free use of the passengers
 - c. Passengers are required to wear face masks and shall observe social distancing while within the terminal premises, failure of which shall result to denial of entry.
 - d. Passengers shall be required to undergo checking of body temperature. In case body temp is 38 degrees centigrade or higher, they shall not be allowed entry and shall be referred to the nearest medical facility.
8. Fare matrix approved by DOTr shall be displayed inside the units for the information of the passengers.
9. ALL HOTLINE NUMBERS MUST BE PROPERLY DISPLAYED INSIDE THE PUVs, AND TERMINAL PREMISES FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE PUBLIC.



3. CHECKPOINTS. The 24/7 checkpoints shall be governed by the herein operating procedure, to wit:

3.1. STRUCTURE

3.1.1 **PROVINCIAL CHECKPOINTS** shall be established in 4 areas (Panan-awan, Maasin City; Buenavista, Bontoc; Kahupian, Sogod and Katipunan/Hingatungan, Silago which are manned by the PNP, BFP, AFP/Philippine Army (Active and Reservist) and Health Care Providers or the City/Municipal Health Emergency Responders which will be provided by the concerned city/municipality where the checkpoint is located. However, in the case of Bontoc, the adjacent barangay (Barangay Pamahawan) which is the closest to Bato, Leyte is allowed to establish a Barangay Checkpoint for closer coordination with Bontoc's provincial checkpoint in Buenavista.

3.1.2 **PORTS OF ENTRY OF GOODS** to the province shall be the following LGUs, namely: Maasin City, Sogod, Liloan, and San Juan. Benit Port in San Ricardo shall resume operations starting May 16, 2020.

Port Checkpoints shall be manned by the PNP, BFP, PCG, AFP (Active and Reservist) and Health Care Providers/Municipal Health Emergency Response Team. Port checkpoint should have Veterinary personnel to conduct proper inspection of livestock and meat (processed and raw) cargoes for ASF monitoring. Hogs from greenzone areas in Mindanao with proper documents shall be allowed to be transported which will be escorted directly to the provincial border.

Open docking of cargo ships carrying sand and gravel in areas or ports not identified in EO 24 is allowed, subject to coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard, Rural Health Unit and the Barangay concerned, provided however, that personnel of the cargo ships are not allowed to disembark.

3.1.3 **BACKDOOR ENTRANCE** (not designated for docking) to the province shall be strictly monitored by the concerned barangay/city/municipality.

3.2 GUIDELINES FOR INTERZONAL MOVEMENT: This section shall apply to the transit of people and goods from (a) an ECQ area to the Province of Southern Leyte and vice versa and (b) those within the same GCQ movements:

A. The Non-Essential entry and exit of people to and from the ECQ zone shall be prohibited, except:

1. GOODS AND CARGO SERVICES (max of 3 personnel including driver)

Goods and cargo services and other essential delivery trucks, their drivers and helpers shall only be allowed inside Southern Leyte while unloading their cargoes. For fuel haulers, they are allowed to travel to the point of destination inside the province, provided that the drivers and only 1 helper shall remain inside their vehicle and shall wear protective facemasks and surgical gloves during unloading, and immediately return to their place of origin thereafter. The backdoor of all closed vans will be sealed

with provincial stickers and be escorted by uniformed personnel to the point of delivery within the province, to ensure that they are not engaged in human trafficking or any other illegal activities.

Cargoes & delivery trucks carrying essential goods will be marked with a sticker issued by the provincial government to be attached on the left side of the windshield identifying these cargo trucks under special lanes at the municipal borders.

To keep trucks within their itinerary or to restrict out-of-destination trips, Numbered Flag and Logbook System shall be established at provincial checkpoints for vehicles in transit to and from Mindanao passing through the province.

For cargoes that have issues in passing through checkpoints, coordination with their respective agencies/establishments should be made before they are allowed entry.

VIOLATORS WILL BE BARRED RE-ENTRY.

2. **Uniformed personnel and government officials and employees on official business**, with the corresponding travel authority, transporting medical supplies and laboratory specimens related to COVID-19 and **RELIEF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**
3. **OFWs, PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF FOREIGN JURISDICTION, AND STRANDED FOREIGN NATIONALS** may leave for abroad through any of the airports or seaports in areas placed under ECQ or GCQ without any impediment; provided that this provision shall not be interpreted to allow outbound travel by Filipinos to countries where travel restrictions are in place; provided further, that departing passengers may be accompanied by not more than one (1) person when traveling to any international port, who shall be allowed to return to his/her point of origin upon presentation of **HEALTH DECLARATION FORM from the place of origin and valid ID upon his/her return.**
4. **STRANDED OFWs**, provided that they can present ¹letter from OWWA, ²Local Health Certificate of Completion of the 14-day Quarantine, ³Certificate of Negative Confirmatory Test from accredited DOH Testing Center, and ⁴Resolutions from both Provincial and City/Municipal IATF. However, upon arrival, they shall be subjected to 14-day quarantine at the designated Municipal or Barangay Isolation Units.

OFWs may be released from quarantine of the receiving LGU if the second swab test yields negative result. As such, they are to be advised to continue home quarantine for the remaining days.

The concerned local government units shall provide food and basic necessities to these OFWs while on quarantine period. Regular health monitoring shall be strictly conducted.

UNCOORDINATED OFWS physically stranded at provincial borders shall be assisted by the checkpoint health personnel to coordinate with OWWA in order to comply with the required documents and they shall be subjected to swab test with negative result before they are allowed entry and accordingly brought to the Isolation Facility of the LGU;

5. STRANDED LOCAL TOURISTS OR INDIVIDUALS who intend to return to the province shall only be allowed entry upon compliance of the following requirements, to wit:

- a. Clearance from the authorized national government agency (DOT/DOTr/OCD) and LGU of the place of origin;
- b. Medical certificate to be applied at least 3 days before transit from the Local Health Officer of the place of origin, certifying that they are not classified as suspect, probable or confirmed patients in transit ;
- c. Negative RT-PCR Test from accredited DOH Testing Center;
- d. Certification of 14-day quarantine period from local health officer of the place of origin; and
- e. Certificate of Acceptance from the receiving LGU.

6. PASSENGERS/VEHICLES ALLOWED TRANSIT BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT PASSING THROUGH THE PROVINCE IN TRANSIT TO AND FROM MINDANAO

- 7. HATID-ESTUDYANTE PROGRAM-** The purpose of this program is to help stranded students to come home to the province due to COVID-19 disease. Those stranded students who will return to the province (city and municipalities) shall coordinate with AUTHORIZED NGAs. In order to enter Southern Leyte, the following requirements shall be satisfied: ¹Certification that the stranded students have completed the mandatory 14-day quarantine and that the person is not a suspect/probable/confirmed COVID-19 case from the local health officer 3 days before their departure, ²Clearance from the Department of Transportation, ³Negative result on COVID rapid diagnostic test, ⁴a valid student ID or proof of latest enrolment, ⁵Parental Consent, ⁶Approval from the Provincial IATF, and ⁷Letter of acceptance from the local government units where they reside. At their arrival at Southern Leyte, the students shall be again placed in mandatory 14-day quarantine in designated isolation units of the city/municipalities/barangays or the students may be place in a private accommodation (Joint DOH-DOT-DILG Administrative Order No. 2020-001) in close coordination with CHU/ RHU/ BHERT. The local government units shall provide food and basic necessities to students while undergoing 14-day quarantine at the isolation units. If the stranded students will be placed in private accommodation, the family concerned shall defray all expenses during



their quarantine period. A **Memorandum of Agreement** shall be executed between the local government unit and the owner of the accommodating establishment regarding the quarantine procedure. They can be released from quarantine at the receiving LGU if they yield a second negative RT-PCR test result.

B. IN THE CASE OF TRANSIT ACROSS LOCALITIES IN THE SAME GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE SETUP AND COVID19-FREE AREAS IN THE REGION, THE FOLLOWING TRANSIT OF PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PROVINCE, TO WIT:

- 1. THOSE PERSONS EXPRESSLY ALLOWED IN 3.2 (A)**
- 2. MEDICAL/HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS**

Returning medical and paramedical personnel who accompanied patients needing immediate medical care outside the province shall be allowed entry to Southern Leyte. If the person manifests symptoms of influenza-like illnesses such as fever, colds, cough and sore throat, he shall undergo the 14-day quarantine period in designated isolation units/quarantine facilities;

- 3. DIALYSIS PATIENTS**
- 4. EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**
- 5. ATM/EFT-POS SERVICE PROVIDERS AND ARMORED VEHICLES**

- 6. Workers in Southern Leyte (private and public) residing outside Southern Leyte, but not from COVID POSITIVE AREA, are allowed to go home on weekends. They shall not be quarantined, but health status should strictly be monitored. If the person manifests symptoms of influenza-like illnesses such as fever, colds, cough and sore throat, he shall be placed in designated isolation units/quarantine facilities.**

- 7. REGIONAL OFFICES OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES** implementing programs in the province are required to stay in the province during the whole duration of their work; they shall not be quarantined but health status should strictly be monitored. If the person manifests symptoms of influenza-like illnesses such as fever, colds, cough and sore throat, he shall be placed in designated isolation units/quarantine facilities
DSWD PAYOUT SHALL BE DONE ONE-SHOT, ALLOWING 3 PERSONNEL ONLY.

- 8. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS (LIMITED TO BUSINESS OWNERS AND PENSIONERS ONLY OR THEIR 1 REPRESENTATIVE) HAVING BANK TRANSACTIONS** in the province; For cooperative and corporate clients, limited to two (2) personnel only, including the driver, who are then required to present travel order, health declaration and company ID.

9. ALL MARGINAL TRADERS OF ESSENTIAL GOODS (BUYERS AND SELLERS) provided that documentary requirements are presented (refer to 3.4.1 for doc requirements).

10. EVRMC PERSONNEL, in coordination with the Provincial Health Office shall be allowed of entry, subject to the established DOH protocols

11. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES AND BUSINESS OWNERS are allowed to transact or attend official business or activities outside Southern Leyte, provided that they have to return within the day. Travel order/business permit should be presented at checkpoints upon return;

12. INDIVIDUALS TRANSPORTING RELIEF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE are limited to 3 only including their driver.

Given the nature of their work, **MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES** are temporarily not allowed to conduct promotion activities in Southern Leyte until the lifting of the general community quarantine;

ALL PERSONS ENTERING SOUTHERN LEYTE ARE SUBJECT TO THERMAL SCANNING AND FOOTBATH. STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MANDATORY WEARING OF FACEMASKS SHALL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.

IN THE CASE OF ILLEGAL ENTRANTS, THEY ARE STILL TO BE SUBJECTED TO QUARANTINE PROTOCOL and SWAB TEST.

3.3. CITY/MUNICIPAL CHECKPOINTS shall be established in all municipal boundaries to be manned by the City/Municipal Police Station whoever has the jurisdiction, BFP, and AFP/Philippine Army (Active and Reservist). BHERTS/MHRT are no longer required.

CHECKPOINT IN-CHARGE	LOCATION
Maasin City	Pasay & Lunas
Macrohon	Border with Padre Burgos
Padre Burgos	Border with Malitbog
Malitbog	Border with Tomas Oppus
Tomas Oppus	Border with Bontoc
Bontoc	Border with Bato, Leyte
Sogod	Border with Bontoc
Libagon	Border with Sogod
Liloan	Border with Libagon
San Francisco	Border with Liloan
Pintuyan	Border with San Francisco
San Ricardo	Border with Pintuyan
Saint Bernard	Lipanto
San Juan	Border with Saint Bernard

Anahawan	Border with San Juan
Hinundayan	Border with Anahawan
Hinunangan	Border with Hinundayan
Silago	Border with Hinunangan
Limasawa	Triana & Magallanes

3.3.1. To ease internal checkpoints (city/municipal), footbath, handwashing and thermal scanning are no longer required; provided however that, health declaration certificates are fully accomplished and signed by the health worker in the barangay who assisted the health check on that day.

3.3.1. Provision of thermal guns and batteries, PPEs and food at the provincial check points will be provided by the provincial government, while Vehicle and diesel needed at the provincial checkpoints will be provided by the city/municipality concerned. For the needs of the city/municipal checkpoints, they will be provided by the concerned city/municipal government.

3.3.3. The LGU and PNP shall designate special lanes at the checkpoints for emergency/rescue/government vehicles, vehicles transporting national/local government officials and employees, IATF-MEID members, COVID responders, local service providers (e.g. SOLECO vehicles) and others transporting essential goods; PIATF Car Pass shall be issued to this effect.

3.3.4. The Lunas, Maasin provincial road is now open to address the easy transport of agricultural products. Provided however, that (a) a Barangay checkpoint will be installed in that area manned by the combined personnel of PNP Maasin City Police Station and the Southern Leyte Police Provincial Office; and (b) a communication facility will be established in partnership with Magma.

3.3.5. All Checkpoint personnel must always be physically fit and wear ID;

3.3.6. PPEs and masks of all the personnel at the checkpoint should be provided by the concerned LGU and must be worn at all times.

3.4. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS (shall be presented at the checkpoint)

3.4.1. PROVINCIAL CHECKPOINTS; All individuals in transit to Southern Leyte are required of the following:

- Company or Certificate of Employment (for public and private employees)
- Travel Order (for public and private employees)
- At first entry, Health Declaration Certificate shall be accomplished at the Provincial checkpoint;

- d. For succeeding entries, Health Certificate issued by the Local Health Officer from the point of origin;
- e. BFAR's Food Pass (for agricultural products) and Proof of Transaction by the company (for other goods)
- f. For livestock buyers: Upon entrance, Livestock Handler Certificate and Vehicle License issued by DA. Upon exit, Livestock Inspection Certificate issued by the City/Municipal Agriculture Office.
- g. For registered traders of essential goods – Business permit Health Certificate issued by the Local Health Officer from the point of origin;
- h. For marginal traders of essential goods – Valid ID or Barangay Certificate of Residency, if no ID Health Certificate issued by the Local Health Officer from the point of origin;
- i. Cargo truck drivers and helpers shall present at provincial borders a Negative Rapid Diagnostic Test obtained from the point of origin
- j. Persons availing medical services such as consultation or follow-up check-up are required to present at Provincial border a Referral from their private doctor or from the City/Municipal Health Office of the place of origin.

Those persons who have registered a body temperature of 38 degrees and above, after undergoing validation tests, shall be directed to see a doctor for further medical assessment and cannot enter inside the province;

All persons and vehicle entering at any provincial check points in Southern Leyte shall be required to log with their names, date of arrival, address, purpose, contact number, point of destination and plate number. They will also be required to undergo handwash and footbath installed at the provincial checkpoints.

All vehicles and motorcycles shall be subjected to wheel bath; strictly no misting shall be done to individuals.

3.4.2. MUNICIPAL CHECKPOINT

Government and private workers whose employment is outside municipality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duly accomplished Health Declaration Form at the point of origin 2. Employment ID/Valid ID, if none, a Barangay Certificate of Residency is required
Private individuals availing medical/surgical services & basic services within the province	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duly accomplished Health Declaration Form from the barangay of the point of origin 2. Valid ID; if none, Barangay Certificate of Residency 3. Home Quarantine Pass signed by the Mayor and the Punong Barangay 4. Referral from the Local Health Officer <p>For consultation or check-up, such purpose shall be indicated in the health declaration form.</p>
Business Sectors (Wholesaler/retailer)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duly Accomplished Health Declaration Form from the Barangay at the point of origin 2. Business Permit 3. Valid ID/Employment ID

3.4.1. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. The issuance of the above- mentioned documents shall be free of charge, regardless of the issuing office/agency.

SECTION 4. SECTORS NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE:

- a. Gyms, fitness studios and sports facilities
- b. Entertainment-related mass gatherings
- c. Business-related mass gatherings
- d. Politically-related mass gatherings
- e. Sports-related mass gatherings
- f. Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
- g. Gambling and betting activities, i.e., cockfighting and others
- h. Tourist Destinations (i.e water parks, beaches, resorts)
- i. Travel agencies, tour operators, reservation services
- j. Activities of membership organizations
- k. Other activities that encourage mass gatherings such as: barangay day celebrations, reunions, and others
- l. Personal care services (barbershops, salons, spa, massage parlors, sauna care, waxing)

SECTION 5. RELIGIOUS MASS GATHERING. Only the following religious mass gatherings are allowed and shall observe herein protocols;

1. Holy Mass. The following protocols must be observed:

- a. Schedule of masses shall be coordinated with the City/Municipal LCEs
- b. Placement of markings to indicate 1 meter physical distancing at the pews and entrance and exits;
- c. Handwashing, footbath and thermal gun facilities are installed and strictly observed by everyone going inside the church; surfaces, handrails, pews and church premises shall be sanitized daily;
- d. Individuals allowed entry are only those expressly mentioned in Section 1 under Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR);
- e. A one-way entrance and exit shall be provided;
- f. Only 1 priest is allowed to distribute the communion;
- h. Only 3 altar servers, 1 lector and 3 choir members are allowed.
- i. Information should be posted of the approved schedule and health protocols at the church entrance;
- j. Strictly no socialization after the mass;



k. Allowed number of churchgoers: 30 for cathedrals, 20 for other parish churches and 10 for chapels excluding the persons mentioned in (h) and the priest. All shall be Authorized Persons Outside Residence mentioned in Section 1.

2. **Religious procession** with one (1) lead car serving as navigator with documentation for live streaming to signal the pilgrims, one (1) car carrying the blessed sacrament and/or religious icon, and one (1) sweeper car to ensure no pilgrims will follow the convoy.

Any violation thereof shall be a ground for suspension of any religious activity thereat.

SECTION 6: LIQUOR BAN. Selling, furnishing, offering, giving, buying, serving or drinking intoxicating liquor of any kind shall be strictly prohibited.

SECTION 7. REDUCING CONTACT- The following policies should always be observed:

- A. Physical distancing of at least 1 meter apart;
- B. Installation of temporary barriers between the client and provider;
- C. Placement of red marking tapes on the floor for safe distance from each other;
- D. Restrictions of unnecessary mass gatherings;
- E. Limitation of the number of clients allowed inside an establishment/offices/banks facilities/pharmacy.
- F. Limit non-essential travel and activities of the general public .
- G. Establishment owners shall provide modified alternative structures and arrangements for transactions such as pick up, delivery, drop-off points and online transactions
- H. Funeral wake must be limited to immediate family members, and strictly observe social/physical distancing. Internment must be attended by the family only, and must observe strictly social/physical distancing at all cost.
- I. Mandatory wearing of face mask outside residence and in public establishments is prescribed. This is in compliance to DILG MC 2020-071.

SECTION 8. REDUCING EXPOSURE OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS TO PREVENT INFECTION.

A strict quarantine procedure and social/physical distancing shall be primarily enforced by the Barangay Officials/Tanods/BHERT at the barangay level. Should people refrain to abide by this imposition, concerned barangay personnel must document such defiance and submit the name/names to uniformed personnel for appropriate action.

- 8.1. The following persons are directed to strictly stay at home all times (24/7) except when availing medical services, to wit:
- o Senior citizens
 - o Immuno-compromised persons (cancer patients, diabetes mellitus, hypertension)
 - o Pregnant women and lactating mothers
 - o Persons aged 20-below and 60-above

A window hour from 6:00-7:00 AM twice a week may be allowed for senior citizens to go outside the home for physical fitness purposes. Those aged 21-59 with quarantine pass are also allowed at 5:00-6:00 PM twice weekly.

Government and private employers must provide alternative work arrangements to employees ages 60 above.

- 8.2. LGUs shall issue Home/Community Quarantine Pass to all households within their area of jurisdiction to ensure that only 2 household representatives will go out to avail of basic commodities and services. In order to limit movement of people outside home premises, Quarantine Pass forms shall be provided by the City/Municipal Government based on the number of households per barangay. These HQPs should bear the signature of the mayor, properly sealed (per barangay to secure authenticity) before it is turned-over to the Punong Barangay for distribution to its households. 1 Senior Citizen may also be issued with home quarantine pass in cases where all members of the household are senior citizens.

SECTION 9. REDUCING TRANSMISSION. All establishments/offices shall observe the following guidelines:

- A. Install a makeshift handwashing facilities or dispensers with an alcohol based solution in entrances and other strategic areas;
- B. Provision of routine refilling of dispensers, soaps and other disinfectants in the facilities;
- C. Footbaths upon entrance and daily disinfection of frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, pen etc.
- D. Regular meticulous frequent hand washing shall be observed at all times and good ventilation in the workplace; and
- E. Thermal scanning

SECTION 10. REDUCING DURATION OF INFECTION. Detection and isolation of symptomatic individuals at home or in designated community quarantine/isolation facilities should always be observed. BHERT /health care workers must refer symptomatic individuals to appropriate facility within their healthcare provider network and all persons entering an establishment must be subjected to thermal scanning;

SECTION 11. WORK ARRANGEMENT. All provincial/city/municipal government offices shall adopt alternative work arrangement as provided thru CSC MC#10- S. 2020 re: Revised Interim Guidelines For Alternative Work Arrangements and Support Mechanisms for Workers in the Government During the Period of State of National Emergency Due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

Private Offices and Establishments shall adopt alternative work arrangements as per guidelines approved by DOLE and DTI.

SECTION 12. CURFEW. For general public and business establishments, the curfew will be determined by each LGU;

SECTION 13. SUSPECTED COVID-19 PATIENT. Suspected Covid-19 patient shall undergo strict quarantine in a designated city/municipalities/barangays isolation units. If and when there will be 2 confirmed CoViD-19 case in a barangay, total lock-down of the barangay must be done immediately to be declared by the Provincial Governor.

SECTION 14. CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION OF ISOLATION FACILITY. The provincial government shall expand their isolation facilities for suspect Covid- 19 infection and all city/municipalities/barangays shall install isolation units for suspect Covid -19 infection in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 infection and to minimize exposures. All installed isolation units in the city/municipalities/barangays shall apply for certification/accreditation at the DOH/ PhilHealth for the reimbursement of their expenses and availment of the community Covid- 19 isolation benefit package during patient's stay in the isolation units. All hospitals and Health Units shall form their respective Covid- 19 Response Team. (PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR No. 2020-0012);

SECTION 15. FUNCTIONALITY OF LIGTAS COVID-19 CENTER. The provincial/ city/municipal government shall establish a functional Ligtas Covid Center for the general treatment of Covid- 19 cases and the community- based management of mild- Covid- 19 cases. All local government units shall comply the needed requirements in the setting up the Ligtas Covid Centers. [DOH-DILG JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020- 0001]

SECTION 16. INCREASE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL RESILIENCE. Universal wearing of cloth face masks for general public, surgical face masks for symptomatic individuals and medical grade protective apparel for health care workers on particular activities such as triage, screening, caring, collecting and transporting specimens should be observed. Mindfulness session through counselling must be provided to patients and health care providers.

SECTION 17. OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS. Health and Emergency Frontline Services shall continue in full force and operation. Public Health Program implementation shall be continued, such as Immunization, Nutrition, Maternal and Child Care, Dengue Control and others public health programs. Voluntary Blood Donation and Program of the Philippine Red Cross- Southern Leyte Chapter shall continue and uninterrupted even if the Mass bloodletting activities will be done outside Southern Leyte, particularly in neighboring municipalities of Leyte with no confirmed Covid- 19 case

SECTION 18. SUSPENSION/OPENING OF CLASSES. All classes from public and private schools are still suspended up to May 31, 2020 while opening of classes for both public and private institutions shall be within the period provided by NIATF guidelines.

All school institutions shall adopt the Minimum Health Standards per DOH guidelines and also guarantee that hand washing facilities in every school building and footbath are installed before and during the opening of the classes and shall adopt Health Minimum Standards

For Higher Educational Institutions (HEI), they may continue classes to finish the academic year and issue credentials, subject to national directives from CHED.

SECTION 19. CREATION OF PROVINCIAL/CITY/MUNICIPAL CONTACT TRACING

TEAM- The provincial/city/municipal government shall create Contact Tracing Team that would identify/trace all persons having closed contact and have been exposed to a confirmed Covid- 19 case in their respective areas of jurisdiction. The team is headed by the Local Epidemiology Surveillance Unit of the LGU or its equivalent with the following members: PNP; BFP; POPCOM; Local Health Officers, PHSO/CHU/ RHU personnel, personnel from the Bureau of Fire Protection, Provincial/City/Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer, Barangay Health workers Representative preferably with age below 60, Barangay Health Emergency Team Representative, DOH Representatives and NDP Nurses, NGOs and LGU Volunteers [DILG MC 2020-077]

SECTION 20. ESTABLISHMENT OF COVID- 19 HOTLINE – All provincial/city/municipal government shall establish a Covid- 19 hotline for all government employees to report to their respective hotline whenever they experienced symptoms related to Influenza like Illnesses on Covid- 19 infection for proper monitoring , active surveillance and appropriate home quarantine.

SECTION 21. ENHANCING EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE- There should be strengthened notification and reporting of Influenza Like Illnesses and severe acute respiratory infection through information system in the provincial health services unit, city/rural health units, government and private health institutions. Accurate and timely reporting of confirmed, probable, suspect Covid 19 cases and their close contacts, testing and test results as per RA 11332;

SECTION 22. LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS – Testing of all individuals fitting the Covid- 19 case definitions and subset of identified close contacts, exposures to confirmed Covid- 19 cases and/or having stayed in places where there is documented local transmission of Covid- 19 cases in the community either by rapid diagnostic tests and/ or Confirmatory tests should be implemented. Returning to work employees can also be subjected to rapid diagnostic test to control workplace transmission and health certificate in coordination with the LGUs.

Memo to offices (public and private) and testing centers for coordination/implementation protocols shall be in issued.

SECTION 23. HEALTH SYSTEM CAPACITY- Implementing triage should be continued to ensure non- overloading of the health care facilities. There should also be strengthening and strict implementation of infection prevention and control in the hospitals and health units. Stocking and Inventories of all critical logistics and equipment and supplies in the health facilities are likewise mandated and reporting and monitoring of suspected/probable/confirmed Covid- 19 cases. Non- interruption of essential health services and public health programs in the province/ city/municipalities must be ensured.

SECTION 24. HANDLING AND FINAL DISPOSAL OF DEAD (CONFIRMED/PROBABLE/SUSPECT COVID-19 PATIENTS. The province/city /municipalities shall designate a funeral parlor as the provider for handling and disposal of the remains of deceased positive and suspect Covid-19 patients in the province through execution of a Memorandum of Agreement. There shall be a proper Coordination between

the local government units/Social Welfare Office, relatives of the deceased patients and the owner of the funeral establishment regarding the settlement of the expenses on the burial. All parties involved shall ensure that the standard management of dead bodies provided in DOH DM No. 2020-0158 and DILG MC 2020-063 are strictly followed;

SECTION 25. CONDUCT OF RESEARCH. Any public and private institutions who are given the tasks to conduct research and collect data either through primary and secondary method in relation to the impact brought about by Covid- 19 pandemic, shall ask written permission to the Governor stating the rationale, objectives, significance of the study as well as to provide feedback on the initial results of the study conducted. Upon approval of the Governor in the conduct of surveys, all the enumerators hired shall be from Southern Leyte and shall follow the Executive Order issued by the governor regarding the precautionary measures against Covid infection such as stringent physical distancing, mandatory wearing of facemasks and the wearing of surgical gloves. Facemasks shall be provided to the respondents during interview. Health certificates are required for the enumerators that they are not suspect of Covid- 19 infection. Proper coordination with the City/ Municipal Health Team and BHRT must be done during the conduct of surveys.

SECTION 26. DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF GOODS. The provision of relief goods to the most affected families shall continue by the Office of the Social Welfare and Development (province, city, municipalities) throughout Southern Leyte;

SECTION 27. DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS/SEEDLINGS/LIVESTOCK. The office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist and the Office of the Provincial/City Veterinarian shall be responsible for the distribution of seeds/seedlings and availment of livestock to affected families based on the evidence-based data of the Office of Social Welfare and Development. Implementing Plans and Guidelines shall be developed by the concerned offices in the distribution of seeds/seedlings and the availment of livestock for dispersal and production in accordance with the approved Post COVID19 Rehabilitation Program of the Province/City/Municipality. All LGUs shall create a Post COVID19 Rehabilitation Council to approve and ensure the implementation of the aforementioned Post COVID19 Rehabilitation Program.

SECTION 28. INFORMATION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. The Inter- Agency Task Force of the province/city/municipalities shall disseminate information to the public on the decisions of implementing the general community quarantine measures up to May 31, 2020 throughout Southern Leyte relative to the Covid-19 situation. All media platforms should be utilized by providing correct and relevant information on health situation in the province/city/municipalities and the on-going government/non- governmental response against Covid- 19 infection. The Risk Communication cluster is mandated to continue disseminating updated risk messages and provide information what is "new normal" to the public and stakeholders; continue engaging and coordination with all the partners and institutions on Covid- 19 mitigation and response.

SECTION 29. BALIK PROBINSIYA BAGONG PAG- ASA PROGRAM – The provincial/city/municipal government shall adopt Balik Probinsiya Bagong Pag- Asa Program (Executive Order 114) and create a Balik Probinsiya Balik Pag- Asa Council and formulate

duties and responsibilities in line with the said Program Framework. A separate Executive order shall be crafted to institutionalize Balik Probinsya Balik Pag- Asa program in the province, city and municipalities. Voluntary movement of individual persons back to the province is subject to the resolutions of both the Council and the Inter- agency task force (IATF) of the province and the approval of the Local Chief Executives (Governor and Mayors).

SECTION 30: IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY - All city/municipal mayors shall ensure strict implementation of this order. Any violations of the EO provisions shall be subject to the imposition of penal sanctions thru their respective city/municipal ordinances and applicable national laws.

SECTION 31. ENFORCEMENT AND ASSISTANCE. The Philippine National Police headed by the Provincial Director Nelson DC Eucogco, Philippine Coast Guard headed by CPO Renato Salvame, Dr. Feliciano John Matibag Jr, Provincial Health Officer II of the Provincial Health Services Office, Provincial Director Geraldine Maquelabit of the DILG and Major Danilo Atienza, Manager of the Emergency Operation Center are mandated to ensure that the implementation of this Order is carried out with the utmost consideration for the order, safety and security of all persons involved.

SECTION 32. INTER- AGENCY TASK FORCE OF THE PROVINCE – The Inter- Agency Task Force, being the highest policy decision making body in relation to Covid-19 of the province, shall continue to convene anytime to study and continuously review the measures and guidelines in addressing the Covid-19 situation in the Province until such time that the health event subsides.

SECTION 33. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION. All other issuances of the DILG, DOH and Executive Orders issued by the Provincial Governor shall have suppletory application to this Executive Order.

SECTION 34. REPEALING CAUSE. All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed modified accordingly. All other policies issued by lower LGUs must be consistent with herein policies.

SECTION 35. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of the Executive Order is declared invalid, the remainder of any provision hereof not affected shall remain in full force and effect

SECTION 36. EFFECTIVITY. The Executive Order shall immediately take effect upon signing thereof and shall be enforced starting May 16, 2020 until May 31, 2020 or be extended subject to corresponding succeeding issuance.

Done on the 15th day of May 2020 at Capitol Site, Asuncion, Maasin City, Southern Leyte, Philippines.



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Provincial Governor