



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43
Series of 2020

**AN ORDER REGULATING MASS GATHERINGS AND PROHIBITING NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL
WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020 OR UNTIL
LIFTED / REVOKED**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 1021 extending the State of Calamity in the country until September 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the municipality because of the innumerable activities allowed during a Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ);

WHEREAS, there is a need to control the COVID-19 cases in the municipality because of the full occupancy of the COVID-19 beds in the Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) ;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that spreads between people mainly when an infected person is in close contact with another person;

WHEREAS, the virus can spread from an infected person's mouth or nose in small liquid particles when they cough, sneeze, speak, sing, or breathe heavily;

WHEREAS, risk of transmission can occur more easily in crowded places with people nearby, close contact settings, confined and enclosed spaces with poor or no ventilation and inadequate air circulation;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has published that Aerosol Transmission can occur in specific settings particularly in indoor, crowded and inadequately ventilated spaces where infected person/s spend long periods of time with others, such as restaurants , choir practices, offices and / or places of worship;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate mass gatherings in all public places to lower the risk of the transmission;

WHEREAS, there is a need to limit the movement of people in the locality to access essential goods and services or for work only, in keeping with the purpose of a community quarantine;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ban unnecessary public parties in the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I , FRANCO MAGNO CALIDA, Municipal Mayor of Hagonoy, Davao del Sur by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. BASIC HEALTH PROTOCOL IN PLACES .

A. Municipal Ordinance No. 10- 2020: Mandatory and proper wearing of face masks and face shield in all public places. There must be at least one-meter distance between all individuals and frequent hand washing with soap and water; alcohol or sanitizer.

B. A face mask should have no valve or vent. A cloth mask must be at least two (2) layers.

SECTION 2. OTHER ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENTS. Work in all public and private offices shall be allowed to resume physical work in full capacity with alternative arrangements for persons who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS. All government and private offices shall shift to online meetings. A face-to-face office or organization meeting of more than five (5) individuals shall be prohibited.

SECTION 4. CHRISTMAS PARTY OR OTHER PARTIES. All Christmas, commemoration celebration, reunions or other holiday parties are prohibited. All parties shall only be for members of the same households inside their residences.

SECTION 5. ONLINE EVENTS, All online events do not need a permit, a guest limit or curfew.

SECTION 6. CURFEW AND PARTIAL LIQUOR BAN. Executive Order 32 - 2020 is reiterated.

SECTION 7. PLACES OF WORSHIP. All places of worship must increase the spaces between their members to two (2) meters, there must be no singing and unnecessary chatting among individuals. Members who are below 21 years old, 60 years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, other serious health risks and pregnant women are prohibited from attending worship and must be provided with online, radio or television prayer opportunities.

SECTION 8. RESTAURANTS, CARINDERIA AND OTHER FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS. All restaurants, carinderia and other food establishments can only allow customers to remove their facemasks when eating or drinking. This notice should be placed on every table. All servers must wear a face shield on top of their facemasks.

SECTION 9. NON-CONTACT SPORTS. Non-contact sports shall only be allowed as a form of exercise which should be limited to a maximum of two (2) hours daily with absolutely no sharing of equipment. Other establishments shall monitor the two-hour time limit for their members.

SECTION 10. BILLIARDS, DARTS, CONTACT SPORTS. Billiards, darts and all contact sports are prohibited.

SECTION 11. EXCEPTION. Non-Professional and professional athletes can train for all kinds of sports with no time limit but they can conduct individual training only. Face-to-face team training shall be prohibited. Student athletes are subject to Section 12 and 13 of this EO.

SECTION 12. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CLASS ADVISERS. All Department of Education (DepEd) schools class advisers must have a regular schedule of compliance check of students and their performance tasks according to their modules. Checking must be unannounced and conducted at random times from Monday to Friday within the hours 7AM to 4PM. All students found to be missing inside their residences or not within 3 meters of their residences during school hours shall receive an equivalent grade reduction in their subjects. All barangay tanods are required to take note of the date, time and names of all students who are more than three (3) meters away from residences from Monday to Friday within the hours of 7AM to 4PM and submit the list to the school principal/head for the requisite grade reduction.

SECTION 13. PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND OTHER SCHOOLS can adopt the compliance check in Section 12 hereof whenever applicable or they may create their own system of inspection.

SECTION 14. MOVEMENT. All travel inside the municipality shall only be for accessing goods and essential services, for work in offices and industries and daily maximum two-hour non-contact sports exercises. All leisure, entertainment and non-essential activities are absolutely prohibited. Goods and essential service is defined as all goods and services relating to the human need for food, hospital/health and wellness/medicine, money, work or shelter.

SECTION 15. NON-ESSENTIAL. Events and activities for leisure, entertainment, sports, gaming and amusement shall be prohibited. All special permits for events and establishments related to the above are hereby deemed recalled and cancelled.

SECTION 16. MASS GATHERING. A mass gathering is defined as a gathering of people for the same event activity that has more than twenty-five (25) individuals. All mass gatherings are prohibited except buses, banks, hospitals, restaurants and other similar gatherings where people are not gathered together for the same common purpose.

SECTION 17. OTHER GATHERINGS. Allowable gatherings can only be for personal milestones, urgent government and business purposes and shall be guided by the following:

A. A gathering shall be allowed up to twenty (20) guests/participants including the celebrant/organizer and five (5) individuals for service providers/suppliers only. All other guests/participants can be online in another venue but will be limited by the number of individuals mentioned above. Guests/participants cannot hop from one venue to the other.

B. A successive event of twenty-five (25) guests/participants at a time may be allowed provided that there is a time for entry and exit of guests so that the two groups cannot gather together.

C. If an event or activity has no service providers/suppliers, the guests/participants can be **increased** to a maximum of twenty five (25) individuals.

D. Parade, motorcade, rallies and other gatherings in public places are absolutely prohibited. The right to free speech and expression in freedom parks shall be respected but the event must be limited to twenty-five (25) individuals and must be supervised by the Hagonoy Municipal Police Station (HMPS) and the Municipal Health Office (MHO) to ensure that Section 1 hereof is implemented.

E. Government distribution of food or financial assistance can be increased to fifty (50) individuals at a time provided that Section 1 hereof can be strictly implemented.

SECTION 18. HEALTH PROTOCOL / SECURITY OFFICER. A private company, establishment or public / private office shall provide a protocol /security officer who is authorized to conduct inspection, check and ensures that health protocols are strictly enforced.

SECTION 19. PENALTIES. All existing applicable laws and ordinances shall be pursued against those who fail to follow the provisions of this Executive Order.

SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provision not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 22. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect after signing.

DONE this 9th day of November, 2020 in the Municipality of Hagonoy, Davao del Sur, Philippines.


FRANCO MAGNO CALIDA
Municipal Mayor