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Municipality of Hagonoy

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09
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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ISSUED ADVISORY DATED MARCH 10, 2020 AND THE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-023 DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2020 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG)

WHEREAS, the recent updates revealed that the Corona Virus Disease (COVID – 19) has already claimed the several lives around the world and in the Philippines, the number of confirmed cases reached to 49 as of March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, in response to the growing concern over the outbreak of and the declaration of the World Health Organization (WHO) the 2019 COVID is now a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; with Code Red Sublevel 2;

WHEREAS, Local Government Code of RA 7160 specifically Section 16 provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

WHEREAS, it is expressly mandated in above RA 7160 Section 16, that local government units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the local officials through the Local Chief Executive must take a lead in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for and containment of the Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease at the local level;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued a Memorandum Circular No. 2020-023 dated February 6, 2020 which enjoins all local government units (LGUs) to effectively intensify the information, education and communication(IEC) campaign of COVID-19 and implement programs, projects and services that will promote the general welfare, public health and well-being of every citizen;

WHEREAS, DILG Advisory issued on March 10, 2020 for the Postponement of activities relative to the threat of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANCO M. CALIDA, Municipal Mayor of Hagonoy, Davao del Sur, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order :

SECTION 1. MASS GATHERINGS pursuant to the DILG Advisory.

1.1 Relative to the growing threat of COVID- 19 and its propensity to infect large numbers of people through crowds and large gatherings, all concerned offices and instrumentalities of the Department are hereby directed to postpone and reschedule all activities that will involve gathering people in a crowd regardless of size This shall include meetings, workshops, seminars and other related events. This is in consonance with the Resolution No. 10 Series of 2020 of the Inter-agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, which recommends the imposition of Social Distancing Measures;

1.2 The postponement shall affect all activities scheduled beginning March 11, 2020 and shall continue to persist for at least two weeks or until March 25, 2020 subject to such extensions as the need arises. All future amendments to the postponement window shall be communicated through an advisory to be released by the Office of the DILG Secretary;

1.3 Activities that are necessary for the preservation of peace and security, and in curtailing the COVID-19 threat shall be deemed unaffected and shall continue as scheduled while observing necessary health safety protocols.

1.4 All further advised to observe all safety measures as promulgated by the Department of Health, and to cooperate in any efforts of the government to keep the spread of the virus in check.

1.5. *Mass Gatherings include but not limited to* celebration of fiestas, founding anniversaries, tribal festivals, sectoral celebrations (e.g. PWD, senior citizen's, women's month), medical missions, livelihood and project turn-overs, seminars, trainings, convocations, flag ceremonies, religious activities, parades, parties, and other mass gatherings.

1.6 All previous issuances by the Municipal Mayor on the conduct of the Hackfight, Disco, or any fund raising activity relative to the celebration of Barangay Foundation anniversaries, shall be deemed revoked.

SECTION 2. PREVENTIVE PRACTICES AND ETIQUETE. The following preventive practices and etiquette shall be observed throughout the municipality.

1.a. *Proper Hand Washing.* Frequent hand washing using clean water and soap for at least 20 seconds should be practiced. In the absence of the water and soap, using of hand sanitizer and 60%-70% rubbing alcohol is advised.

1.b. *Respiratory Etiquette.* All residents and visitors of the municipality are advised to cover their mouth and nose and stay away from the other people when coughing or sneezing. They may use hankies, tissues, face towels, or the sleeves of their shirts in covering their mouth and nose.

1.c. *Close Contact.* All residents and visitors of the municipality are advised to refrain from having close contact with other people such as handshaking, hugging, besu-besu, and the likes.

SECTION 3. HOME QUARANTINE. All residents and visitors of the municipality are advised to stay at home or in their bedrooms if they have fever, cough, cold, and difficulty of breathing. All employees of government and private offices or establishments as well as students from any level, whether in public or private schools, should refrain from going to work or attending classes if they possess the above-stated symptoms, and perform self quarantine at home.

SECTION 4. HISTORY OF TRAVEL. All residents and visitors of the municipality, should they possess the symptoms enumerated in the preceding section, and have travelled abroad for the past days or weeks, should report to the nearest public hospital. Likewise, they should abide by the orders of the hospital authorities such as putting themselves under hospital or home quarantine being considered as Persons Under Investigation (PUI) or Persons Under Monitoring (PUM).

SECTION 5. MANDATORY THERMAL SCANNING. All residents and visitors of the municipality shall submit themselves for mandatory thermal scanning via thermal cameras or infrared temperature gun, in places and establishments that require such.

SECTION 6. MANDATORY DISINFECTION. All public and private offices and establishments including residences throughout the municipality, including but not limited to those within barangay, municipal hall, hotels, lodging houses, food chains, restaurants, resorts, should perform regular disinfection of frequently touched apparatus, equipments, furniture and fixtures, such as but not limited to biometrics/finger scanner, toilet bowls, faucets, doors, door knobs, tables, chairs, computers, laptops, hand rails, push carts, grocery baskets, utensils, remote controls, microphones and the likes. All schools, at any level, whether public or private, should also conduct regular disinfection. Likewise all operators and drivers of public utility vehicles such as jeepneys, multicabs and pedicabs, should also conduct regular disinfection.

SECTION 7. PROVISION OF SOAP AND 60%-70% ALCOHOL. All public and private offices and establishments in the municipality should provide soap in their respective toilet and handwash areas, including clean hand towels. 60%-70% rubbing alcohol should be made available in receiving areas or other places within or outside the office or establishment as may deem fit.

SECTION 8. PRIVATE HOSPITALS. All Level 2 and Level 3 hospitals shall attend to all persons under investigation (PUIs), per Department Memorandum No. 2020-0072 dated February 3, 2020. All hospitals and health facilities shall establish and maintain an Infection Prevention and Control committee in the facility. All Level 2 and Level 3 hospitals are hereby directed to attend to all patients including those suspected to have COVID-19, seeking consultations/treatment in these hospitals. Any refusal shall be dealt with accordingly as per Department Circular No. 2020-0023 issued by the Secretary of Health. All infirmaries and Level1 facilities are strictly directed to attend to all patients including those suspected to have COVID-19 patients seeking consultations/treatment and immediately refer patients to a higher facility.

SECTION 9. PLACES OF WORKSHIP. Encourage temporarily not to visit churches, mosques and the like but to hear mass/worship/fellowship through the television, radios and social media.

SECTION 10. PRICE MONITORING AND CONTROL. The Local Price Coordinating Council (LPCC) shall conduct regular and/or random price monitoring of basic and prime commodities, including prices of surgical masks, hand sanitizers and rubbing alcohol, throughout the municipality.

SECTION 11. COVID-19 TASK FORCE. The existing Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease (EREID) shall act as the concurrent COVID-19 Task Force. Its efforts in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak in the Municipality shall be intensified.

SECTION 12. LAW ENFORCEMENT. The assistance of the Philippine National Police, Military and other law enforcement agencies shall be called upon addressing the possible COVID-19 outbreak in the municipality.

SECTION 13. ROLE OF BARANGAY GOVERNMENT UNITS WITHIN HAGONoy. All barangays in the Municipality of Hagonoy are hereby enjoined to render cooperation and assistance and mobilize their Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) and necessary resources and funds to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measure in a timely manner to address and curtail the COVID-19 threat.

SECTION 14. DURATION. This order shall take effect unless otherwise earlier revoked by the undersigned following future declarations by the proper authorities that COVID-19 is curtailed or until the threat is finally eliminated.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

Done this 13th day of March, 2020 at Hagonoy, Davao del Sur, Philippines.


FRANCO M. CALIDA
Municipal Mayor