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"AN ORDER ESTABLISHING GENERAL GUIDELINES ON THE IMPOSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCALIZED CONTAINMENT MEASURES (SURGICAL LOCKDOWN), CONDUCT OF SWAB TESTING AND ISOLATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO"

WHEREAS, due to the urgency of the developing situation, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines and Proclamation No. 929 Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Country due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 for a period of six (6) months, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances warrant;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the said proclamation enjoins all government agencies and LGUs to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Infection Disease Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020 provides that a barangay-wide / purok-wide quarantine may be imposed when there are at least two (2) COVID-19 positive cases belonging to different household in the same barangay or purok;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases National Task Force for COVID-19 issued Memorandum Circular No. 2, Series of 2020 dated June 15, 2020 providing for the "*Operational Guidelines on the Application of the Zoning Containment Strategy in the Localization of the National Action Plan Against COVID-19 Response*";

WHEREAS, LGUs are mandated to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, 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 and delivery of basic services to their constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NINFA G. GAJO, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of San Lorenzo, Guimaras, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, rules, regulations and decrees duly promulgated by competent authority, do hereby **ORDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL GUIDELINES ON THE IMPOSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCALIZED CONTAINMENT MEASURES (SURGICAL LOCKDOWN), CONDUCT OF SWAB TESTING AND ISOLATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO** with the following:

Section 1. IMPOSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCALIZED CONTAINMENT MEASURES (SURGICAL LOCKDOWN). The following guidelines shall be followed:

A. Coverage. The identification of households that will be subjected to surgical lockdown shall be upon the assessment of the Inter-Agency Task Force for COVID-19 of

the Municipality of San Lorenzo in coordination with the affected Barangay. List of household shall be furnished to the Office of the Punong Barangay, Municipal Health Office, Philippine National Police - San Lorenzo Municipal Station, Bureau of Fire Protection - San Lorenzo Municipal Fire Station for proper reference and documentation.

B. Duration. The duration of the surgical lockdown shall be declared by the Municipal Health Officer upon proper evaluation of the existing situation and the information shall be made available to the Barangay Council and the household which is the subject of the lockdown.

C. Strict Stay at Home Order and Restrictions.

1. Upon securing the list of households under surgical lockdown, The Philippine National Police - San Lorenzo Municipal Station and Barangay Tanods of the affected barangay shall automatically cordoned the area.
2. All household residents affected are strictly advised to stay at their respective homes. Unauthorized movement of persons are strictly prohibited in the cordoned area until the lockdown is lifted.
3. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to persons who needs immediate hospital care and management.

D. Continue Contact Tracing. The Municipal Contact Tracing Team, Rural Health Unit together with the DILG Contact Tracers and the Municipal COVID-19 Taskforce shall conduct a continuing contact tracing for COVID-19 positive cases pursuant to the protocols provided by the Department of Health, IATF and DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-077.

E. Barangay Enforcement; Maintenance of Peace and Order. Barangay officials of the identified barangay subject for surgical lockdown, shall be designated as primary enforcers to implement this Executive Order. The Municipal COVID-19 Taskforce and the Philippine National Police - San Lorenzo Municipal Station shall augment the efforts of the barangay officials of the affected area.

F. Provision and Distribution of Goods. The Municipal Government and the Barangay Unit shall provide the food and medical needs of the affected residents for the duration of the lockdown.

G. Limited Access to Authorized Personnel. During the duration of the lockdown, only the following shall be allowed entrance and exit into the affected households:

- a) Municipal COVID-19 Task Force Members
- b) Authorized Municipal Officials and Personnel
- c) Municipal Health Office Personnel
- d) Department of Health Personnel
- e) Members of the Philippine National Police - San Lorenzo MPS
- f) Members of the Bureau of Fire Protection - San Lorenzo Fire Station
- g) Personnel assigned in the provision and distribution of goods.

H. Conduct of Disinfection and Decontamination. The Bureau of Fire Protection - San Lorenzo Municipal Fire Station shall lead the disinfection procedure in the critical, containment and buffer zones.

SECTION 2. PROTOCOLS ON SWAB TESTING

Close contacts of probable and confirmed COVID-19 Positive cases may not be required of RT-PCR Test subject to the following conditions:

1. Contacts of suspect/confirmed case shall be listed, traced and assessed based on the criteria used to identify close contacts.

2. Shall be assessed by the health care workers (Doctor/Nurse/Midwife) and declared as Asymptomatic at the time of tracing.
3. Shall remain asymptomatic for 14 days from the date of exposure.
4. Asymptomatic close contacts who are bedridden or unable to travel will be exempted from taking the test instead he/she should undergo strict home quarantine for 14 days or more.
5. Asymptomatic close contacts will not be required to undergo RTPCR testing but should undergo strict home quarantine for 14 days or more. But in case he/she will develop COVID-19 symptoms within the period of quarantine, he/she should undergo RTPCR testing and shall be subject for Isolation in the PQF.
6. Babies or children of COVID-19 positive parents or guardian may not undergo RTPCR testing if the parents or guardian decided to bring the baby or children with them while on quarantine since nobody will take good care of them aside from the parents or guardian.

All criteria are subject to the approval of BHERTS as mandated. In cases that they are not compliant with the protocols, criteria are not met, the BHERTS/LOCAL IATF have the right to request for RT-PCR and Isolation in the PQF for 14-21days.

SECTION 3. ISOLATION / STRICT HOME QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Cases shall be allowed Strict Home Quarantine for 14 days or more subject to the following criteria:

1. Assessed by the health care workers (Doctor/Nurse/Midwife) and declared as Asymptomatic or with Mild symptoms at the time of tracing.
2. With Separate Room with separate comfort room (CR) or separate HOUSE away from crowded neighbourhood as approved by BHERTS/ Local IATF.
3. Shall remain asymptomatic for 14 days or with mild symptoms from the date of swab/isolation.
4. In the event that they develop symptoms, the Health care worker shall assess for mild to moderate symptoms which shall be subject for Isolation in the PQF or continuation of Home Quarantine, provided that proper medical interventions will be given.
5. Dialysis patients who are tested positive for COVID-19 shall be allowed for strict home quarantine subject to the following criteria:
 - a. Asymptomatic at the time of testing and on the duration of quarantine
 - b. Not a High Risk patient as assessed by health care worker
 - c. Shall have a separate room with separate CR as approved by BHERTS
 - d. Active monitoring of health care worker assigned
6. Pregnant women who are tested positive for COVID-19 shall be allowed for strict home quarantine subject to the following criteria:
 - a. Asymptomatic at the time of testing and on the duration of quarantine
 - b. No signs of labor, preferably not in active labor
 - c. Not a High Risk Pregnancy as assessed by health care worker
 - d. Shall have a separate room with separate CR as approved by BHERTS
 - e. Active monitoring of health care worker assigned

7. Active surveillance and monitoring of BHERTS in the adherence to protocols for strict home quarantine.

All criteria are subject to the approval of BHERTS as mandated. In cases that they are not compliant of the protocols, criteria are not met, the BHERTS/LOCAL IATF have the right to request for RT-PCR and Isolation in the PQF for 14-21days.

Second-Generation and Third Generation close contacts and general contacts shall be advised to self-monitor, strictly adhere to the minimum health standards and report for appearance of signs and symptoms. Likewise, contacts of suspect cases shall be notified and advised to self-monitor, and adhere to stringent minimum public health standards. Should the suspect case turned out to be probable or confirmed cases, contacts will be asked to undergo quarantine or isolation whichever is appropriate and applicable.


SECTION 4. Penalties Imposable. Any persons who knowingly violate any provision of this Order and other health and safety protocols issued by the Department of Health and other authorized rule-making agencies will face the appropriate administrative and / or criminal penalties.

SECTION 5. Amendments. This Executive Order may be amended from time to time, as the needs arise or if there is a change in the situation as reported by the Municipal COVID-19 Taskforce.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order is declared as invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 28th day of September 2021, the Municipality of San Lorenzo, Province of Guimaras, Philippines.


NINFA G. GAJO
Municipal Mayor