

Republic of the Philippines Province of Cagayan MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO NIÑO

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-06-03 Series 2023

"AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ENJOINING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICES STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO NIÑO, CAGAYAN TO ADHERE AND CARRY OUT THE MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS IN PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY ESPECIALLY IN THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AS PROACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19"

WHEREAS, although COVID-19 no longer poses the common emergency that it did when it first surfaced in late 2019, COVID-19 remains an ongoing public health challenge;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Health Office has expressed alarm on the newly detected number of COVID-19 cases in a high school class from a random Antigen Testing recently undertaken by its Epidemiological Surveillance Unit;

WHEREAS, during the meeting of the Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force on June 28, 2023 purposely called to address the above health-related anxiety, it was decided that in order to mitigate the diffusion of this infectious disease all the students of the said high school class including their teachers and identified close contacts shall be prevented from entering the school premises and public places in the municipality within 7 calendar days starting June 30, 2023 but to stay isolated at their respective homes/residences for observation by concerned Barangay Health Emergency Response Team;

WHEREAS, for our municipal government to proactively address the exceptional case cited, there's really a need to gain support and cooperation from all government agencies and offices to continuously adhere and carry out with the proven and effective measures or protocols in the conduct of their affairs to avert the reoccurrence of this infectious disease which has distressed the entire human race, evidently putting the lives of those who are not yet fully vaccinated and those with comorbidities in danger; and

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. VICENTE G. PAGURAYAN, Municipal Mayor of Santo Niño, Cagayan by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order:

Section 1. That the mandatory wearing of face masks in availing government services, in entering sealed air-conditioned offices, and in attending affairs in community centers or halls where large number of people are to be assembled shall be strictly imposed.

Section 2. That the conduct of sociable gestures such as shaking of hands, *beso beso*, and the like that consent and allow physical body contact shall be discouraged and temporarily suspended.

Section 3. That the COVID-19 Vaccination Program shall be continuously and aggressively promoted by all concerned offices and that vaccines shall be made always available for those who are not yet vaccinated and fully vaccinated.

Section 4. That any agency or office who deliberately violates any provision of this Executive Order shall be dealt with accordingly under the applicable provisions of existing and applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Section 5. That all prior issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 6. That this Executive Order shall take effect on June 29, 2023 and all provisions hereof shall remain effective and in force until revoked.

DONE this 29th day of June 2023 in the Municipality of Santo Niño, Cagayan.

Atty. VICENTE G. PAGURAYAN

Municipal Mayor

