



Republic of the Philippines
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CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 21-14 (GENERAL)

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PROVIDING FOR THE NEW NORMAL CODE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASES 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 states 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. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 6 (e) of Republic Act No. 11332, "The Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Event of Public Health Concern Act" provides that local governments have the authority to conduct and enforce disease surveillance and response systems, epidemic/outbreak and epidemiologic investigations, and rapid containment, quarantine and isolation, disease prevention and control measures;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 as a pandemic that has been acknowledged by the Philippines resulting to issuance of several administrative orders by the Department of Health (DOH) for prevention and control measures within the country;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020, was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, the City of General Trias deemed it necessary to provide or prescribe a response strategy, guidelines and interventions in the City to ensure

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the health and safety of its constituents and prevent the rising number of deaths and infections.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Kristine Jane M. Perdito-Barison duly seconded by SP Member Isagani L. Culanding,

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:

ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "NEW NORMAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVES - It is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

This Ordinance aims to define the minimum public health standards for COVID-19 preparedness and response strategy to mitigate the threat of COVID-19 in the City of General Trias.

SECTION 3. SCOPE - This Ordinance shall be applicable within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias. All persons entering, passing or travelling within the City, must comply and abide with the public minimum health standards set herein.

SECTION 4. DEFINITONS - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall be adopted:

- a. Comorbidity - refers to the presence of a pre-existing chronic disease condition as defined by the IATF,
- b. COVID-19 - refers to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 which is caused by the virus known as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2),
- c. Essential Goods and Services - covers health and social services to secure the safety and wellbeing of persons, such as but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy and others as may be determined by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID),
- d. Health and Emergency Frontline Services - refers to services provided by public health workers, uniformed medical personnel private health workers, such as but not limited to medical professionals, hospitals and health facility and maintenance staff, public utility, rescue personnel, and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT),
- e. Community quarantine - refers to the restriction of movement within, into, or out of the area of quarantine individuals, large groups of people, or communities, designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 among persons in and to persons outside the affected areas,
- f. Social Distancing - physical distancing of 1 to 2 meters between individuals in all endeavors in public such as but not limited to purchasing of groceries, attending meetings, paying bills or transacting

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- in offices among others, provided that in case of physical exercises the physical distancing shall be 4 to 6 meters,
- g. **Sanitizing** - refers to the washing of hands with soap and clean water or 70% alcohol and the stepping on a foot bath with chlorine solution or other disinfectants before entering any establishments,
 - h. **Physical Barrier** - refers to a contraption made of plastic or other material (subject to sanitation procedure) that will still allow the transacting parties to see and hear each other but prevent the droplets from falling on each other,
 - i. **Personal Protective Equipment** - protective clothing, helmet goggles or other garments or equipment designed to protect the wearer's body from injury or infection. The hazard being addressed by the protective equipment under this ordinance is a biohazard known as SARS-COV 2 virus or COVID-19,
 - j. **New Normal** - refers to the emerging behaviors, situations, and minimum public health standards that will be institutionalized in common or routine practices and remain even after the pandemic while the disease is not totally eradicated through means such as widespread immunization and the attainment of a herd immunity. This include actions that will become second nature to the general public as well as policies such as bans on large gathering that will continue to remain in force,
 - k. **Minimum Public Health Standards** - refers to guidelines set by the DOH, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by government agencies, to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19,
 - l. **Operational Capacity** - refers to such maximum number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment,
 - m. **Skeleton Workforce** - refers to the operational capacity which utilizes the smallest number of people needed for a business or organization to maintain its basic function,
 - n. **Accommodation Establishments** - refers to an establishment operating primarily for accommodation purposes including, but not limited to, hotels, resorts, apartment hotels, tourist inns, motels, pension houses, private homes used for homestay, ecolodges, serviced apartments, condotels, and bed and breakfast facilities,
 - o. **Administrative Controls** - refers to procedure interventions or modifications in policies, standards, and processes, that are meant to reduce the frequency and severity of exposure to infectious diseases (e.g., hygiene and disinfection protocols, work shifting, etc.),
 - p. **Engineering Controls** - refers to physical interventions or modifications in spaces or environments, that is meant to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases (e.g., use of physical barriers, exhaust ventilation, etc.),
 - q. **Modification Potential** - refers to the degree to which mitigation strategies and other public health measures can reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in different settings,
 - r. **Most-at-risk population (MARP) for COVID-19** - refers to population

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groups who have a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 infection such as individuals aged 20 years and younger and 60 and above, pregnant, and those with underlying conditions or comorbidity at risk of COVID-19 exacerbation,

- s. **Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI)** - refers to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, that individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population,
- t. **Vulnerable Groups** - refers to socially disadvantaged groups that are most susceptible to suffer directly from disasters and health events, such as but not limited to those suffering from respiratory ailments, hypertension, diabetes, immune-compromised individuals, pregnant women, children, persons deprived with liberty (PDL) person with disabilities (PWDs), and members of indigenous peoples (IPs), internally displaced persons (IDPs), indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), among others,
- u. **Face Mask or Face Covering** - is any form of covering for the nose and mouth, including medical masks, industrial masks, ear loop masks, indigenous, reusable, or do-it-yourself masks, cloth masks, improvised masks, face shields, bandanas, or handkerchiefs,
- v. **Public Place** - shall include any place located within the territorial boundaries of the City of General Trias that people in general may access, including but not limited to streets, highways, sidewalks, parking lots, transportation terminals for public vehicles, vacant lots, parks, sari-sari stores, groceries, supermarkets, wet markets, pharmacies, drug stores, banks, offices, and the common areas in and about pawnshops, money changers, remittance centers, churches, residential buildings, malls or shopping centers, commercial establishments and places of entertainment such as movie theaters and similar places or establishments, public and private office buildings, hospitals, clinic, centers, and schools, and
- w. **Calibrated Capacity** - shall refer to the seating or operating capacity of more than 50% to be determined and adjusted by the City Planning and Development Council as the need arises.

ARTICLE II
GUIDELINES ON THE MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

SECTION 5. MANDATORY PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS - the following minimum public health standards shall become the "new normal" in the City of General Trias and shall be incorporated and enforced in all establishments, workplaces, shops, stores, and offices, whether private or public in order to increase physical and mental resilience, reduce transmission, reduce contact and reduce duration of infection.

SECTION 6. WEARING OF FACEMASK - Every person is required to wear face masks at all times, especially when going outside of their respective residence, at the workplace, when entering government buildings and offices and while in public places to pursuant to City Ordinance No. 20-13 (General).

SECTION 7. WEARING OF FACE SHIELD - Every person is required to wear face shield in any public places, private transportation, and all establishments as

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prescribed by pertinent laws and ordinances under Executive Order No. 08, Series of 2021 in the City of General Trias.

All passengers are mandated to wear and use face shields at all times in any public transportation in the City under City Ordinance No. 20-55 (General).

SECTION 8. ANTI-SPITTING - All persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias are strictly prohibited from spitting or expelling of saliva, phlegm, mucus and other substances in public places pursuant to City Ordinance No. 20-15 (General).

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL DISTANCING - All establishments, offices, shops, businesses, restaurants, stores, and schools must ensure physical distancing at least one (1) meter in the conduct of their transactions or in dealing with their clients pursuant to City Ordinance No. 20-13 (General).

SECTION 10. BASIC HYGIENE ETIQUETTES - All establishments are mandated to provide basic hygiene facilities such as but not limited to: handwashing areas, water, soap, alcohol/sanitizer in the workplaces.

SECTION 11. DETECTING AND ISOLATING SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS - Everyone is likewise directed to reduce the duration of infection by detecting and identifying symptomatic individuals and immediately isolating and referring them to the secondary hospitals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City pursuant City Ordinance No. 20-21 (General).

Also, all person within the territorial jurisdiction are mandated to be honest and to disclosed only truthful information regarding travel history, medical conditions and other information related to COVID-19 pursuant to City Ordinance No. 20-17 (General).

SECTION 12. MANDATORY QUARANTINE OF ASYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS - All persons who are confirmed infected with COVID-19, Asymptomatic or with mild symptoms are mandated to transfer from their respective homes to the City Isolation Facilities or other accredited isolation facilities pursuant to City Ordinance No. 20-42 (General).

SECTION 13. CURFEW - All persons are mandated to comply and observe the existing curfew hours as imposed by the City Government.

SECTION 14. CONSTRUCTION - Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as defeating, qualifying, modifying, or superseding in any way, manner, or extent the guidelines, rules, and protocols issued by the Department of Health, by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), or by authorized agencies of the Government on the proper handling, procedure, and management response for Suspect Cases, Probable Cases and persons found afflicted with or undergoing treatment for or have recovered from the COVID-19 virus.

SECTION 15. APPLICABILITY - The provision of this Ordinance or the IATF-EID guidelines, whichever is most applicable at the current situation of our City, shall prevail.

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ARTICLE III
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 16. PENALTIES -

All persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance and/or any applicable provision of the IATF-EID guidelines to our City, shall mete the following fines and penalties pursuant to the recommendation of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

FOR INDIVIDUALS	
1 st Offense	A fine of P 2,500.00
2 nd Offense	A fine of P 3,000.00
3 rd Offense	A fine of P 3,500.00

FOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS:	
1 st Offense	A fine of P 2,500.00
2 nd Offense	A fine of P 3,500.00
3 rd Offense	A fine of P 5,000.00 and/or Revocation of Business Permit

*Minor offenders shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 9344.

SECTION 18. ENFORCEMENT -

The implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance shall be spearheaded by the Office of the City Mayor through the City Health Office (CHO), City Traffic Management Office (CTMO), Office of the City Treasurer and Business Permit and Licensing Office together with the Barangay Officials, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other persons or offices as may be determined by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 19. PUBLIC INFORMATION DISSEMINATION -

The City Information Office, City Health Office (CHO), City Tourism Office, City Traffic Management Office and PNP, Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), Barangay Population Officers (BPO) and the Barangay Officials shall, in accordance with DepEd, DILG and other Non-Governmental Organization, conduct a continuing education and information campaign on waste disposal. Such education and information program shall:

- Aim to develop public awareness of the ill effects of the COVID-19 and the guidelines and protocols applicable in the City, and
- Encourage the general public, accredited NGO's and people's organizations to publicly endorse practices that can protect the community to COVID-19.

SECTION 19. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, resolutions and other issuances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect after posting in conspicuous places.

ENACTED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 29 MARCH 2021.


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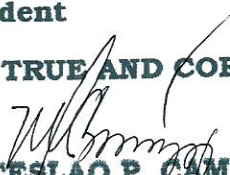

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