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IRIGA CITY OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT ON RESPONSE AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19

Introduction

Pursuant to joint Resolution Nos. 11 and 12 series of 2020 of the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, in light of the declaration of CODE RED ALERT Sub Level 2 in the Country and the declaration of an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) for the entire Luzon area, the City Government of Iriga, in its staunch efforts and commitment to effectively respond and prevent the spread of COVID-19, has immediately undertaken the following activities and practices as follows:

A. Organizational Structure and Support Systems

The objective is to identify responsible personnel and their specific roles and responsibilities, sources of funds and other logistical support thereby simplifying processes and ensuring fast response in service delivery.

1. Incident Management Team

Under the City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRMC), the team was appointed by the Responsible Officer (The City Mayor and CDRRMC Chairman) composed of the Incident Commander, Liaison Officer, PIO, the Unit Heads of Operations, Logistics, Admin and Finance, Communications, Security, including the creations of Divisions Alpha to Zulu, with defined roles and responsibilities.

Likewise, the Incident Command Post, Base, Staging and Triage Area as well as Check Points were properly identified and designated including schedule of rotating personnel on a daily basis. Reporting Systems using prescribe forms were also laid out.

2. Task Force Covid-19

Executive No. 02 dated January 07, 2020 was issued by the City Mayor creating the Iriga City task force nCov, defining its duties and functions, and providing funds thereof. It is an Inter-Agency task force responsible for inter sectoral collaboration to establish preparedness and ensure efficient government response to assess, monitor, contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is responsible for strictly implementing DOH issuances for Frontline service provider specifically on handling, contact tracing and monitoring of infected individuals.

3. Orientation/Planning Workshops/ Situational Analysis

The IMT and the TF COVID-19 conducted Series of Orientation/Planning Workshops/ Situational Analysis to Analyze the current situation in the City, identify actions and interventions necessary to address the identified issues and concerns affecting COVID-19 and define specific roles and responsibilities including resources that will be utilized. Regular meetings/conferences were conducted on a daily basis to assess, monitor and determine other alternative courses of action

4. Setting up of Policies/Guidelines/Procedures

To ensure efficient and effective utilization of personnel manpower and other logistical support, various Administrative Orders, Memorandum Orders, Advisories and IEC Materials were released/issued by the City Mayor as follows:

- a. Advisory on COVID-19 dated March 13, 2020 covering
 - Activation of TF COVID-19 and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team BHERT
 - Guidelines for Local Government Employees in the workplace
 - Adaption of Personal Sanitation and Hygiene
 - Prohibition of Large Events and Mass Gatherings

- Advisory to places of Worship in the conduct of their activities
- Recommended National Agencies Memorandums/Advisories for Work Place, Hospitals, Residential Communities, Schools and Hotels and other similar establishments
- Official Contact Numbers using Smart phones, Landline and Base Radio of Emergency Operation Center/Task Force

b. Memorandum Order dated March 13, 2020 to all residents of Iriga City

Subject: Additional directives and guidelines for the operation and management on the response to and prevention of COVID-19

Coverage:

- Mandatory 14 days self-quarantine of PUI and PUM with history of travels from places with confirm of cases of COVID-19
- Single Point Unloading Area Only for PUBs from Metro Manila and Other Places outside of Iriga City to implement individual thermal scanning registration of passengers
- Strict Monitoring of Arrivals by BHERT undergoing home quarantine
- Suspension of Classes in all learning institutions, Public and Private including moving up/Graduation/Recognition Ceremonies
- Mandatory regular Disinfection and Sanitation Activities for all Public and Private Offices and Business Establishments

c. Emergency Meeting/Dialog with all Hospital Administrators in the City of Iriga

Important matters relative to the City's compliance with the various Circulars, Executive Directives, and Memorandum Orders, specifically the DOH advisory relative to the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) were discussed.

Commitment of Support from the said hospitals were generated to ensure the effective response and prevention measures.

d. CDRMC Resolution No. 10 dated March 16, 2020

"A Resolution recommending and favorably endorsing the declaration of a State of Calamity in the City of Iriga"

e. Memorandum Order dated March 17, 2020 to the PNP, BFP and all Law Enforcement Personnel in the City of Iriga covering guidelines on all persons traveling to and from Iriga City, specifically identifying exceptions thereat pursuant to the Memorandum Order on ECQ

f. Advisory on Enhanced Community Quarantine dated March 17, 2020

In view of the Memorandum issued by the President on the Enhanced Community Quarantine for the entire Luzon, the City Mayor ordered the following:

- Suspension of all works in Local and Private Offices in the City including work from home arrangement except those engaged in frontline and mission critical services like health care, peace and order, emergency response, disaster risk reduction, among others, to limit people's movements
- Continuing Operations of all those engaged in services for food (take-home and delivery only), public markets, laboratories and clinics, drugstores/pharmacies, banking institutions and money remittance centers, water refilling stations, groceries and convenience stores, manufacturing and processing of basic food products and medicines, utilities (water, power and communications), courier services, and business process outsourcing services

- Suspension of all Mass Public Transport Facilities
- Observance of Strict Home Quarantine in every household allowing 1 person per Household only to access basic necessity
- Allowing persons with medical and health emergencies, including media workers, with valid/appropriate identification cards

g. Administrative Order No. 06 dated March 18, 2020

An order Imposing Curfew, temporary closure of City Roads and Adopting the Guidelines provided by the Executive Secretary as measures against COVID-19

- Imposition of 8PM-5AM Curfew Hours for all Ages except:
 - i. To call for a doctor for medical assistance or call a midwife to assist in the delivery of a child;
 - ii. To go to the hospital in case of emergency;
 - iii. Drugstore and/or similar establishments;
 - iv. Personnel from public utilities doing their jobs;
 - v. Personnel from hospital and other related jobs
 - Temporary closure of several entry points connecting to other municipalities to restrict the non-essential entry of people specially persons vulnerable to risk are infection and allowing essential workers as identified in Memorandum Order of the IATF
- h. Passage and Approval of Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolutions
- Resolution No. 2020-141- Declaration of a State of Calamity in the City of Iriga
 - Resolution No. 2020-142- Imposition of Curfew Hours in the City of Iriga
 - Resolution No. 2020-143- Submission of List of Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) and Persons Under Investigation (PUI) by Hospitals/Clinics in the City of Iriga to Local Chief Executive
 - Resolution No. 2020-144- Prohibition of Mass gathering in the City of Iriga

B. Consultations with Stakeholder

In order to ensure ownership, co-ownership and co-creation with the stakeholders and community and to avoid and/or reduce subjective interpretations and arguments on the various Advisories and Memorandum Orders issued, continuing and regular consultation meetings were conducted with the following groups:

1. Hospitals;
2. Transport Groups;
3. Barangays; and
4. Businesses/Vendors.

The consultation generated important inputs that eliminate mass gatherings, non-essential travels, exposures and risk and delayed movement of essential people, goods and services. It also provided proper awareness on effective home quarantine procedures, social distancing and personal sanitation/hygiene. It also encouraged community participation in augmenting and complementing local resources.

C. Community Awareness (Information Education Campaign)

1. Part of this strategy is the conduct of massive IEC to educate the community. These include issuance of Advisories and Memorandum Orders, regular Press Conferences by the IMT attended by Radio/Cable Stations in Iriga/Rinconada, Radio Announcements, "Bandillo", and Postings on social media platforms, and Official Websites.

On March 5, 2020, the 1st Expanded Local Health Board Meeting was conducted and part of the agenda are COVID-19 updates.

On March 12, 2020, the Local Chief Executive convened the School and Hospital Administrators and Business establishment owners encouraging them not to panic and emphasize to their personnel the COVID-19 preventive measures including having a healthy lifestyle. The following Day March 13, 2020, an advisory on COVID-19 was made and signed by the City Mayor. The advisory contains measures which will be adopted to safeguard everyone against COVID-19 and a Decision tool for Corona Virus Disease 2019 Assessment.

The campaign went on and a COVID-19 advisory was signed and was addressed to the Department heads, Head of Offices and Employees instructing them on the what to's and what not's during the COVID-19 health crisis. This was supported by Memorandum Circular No. 24, S. 2020, dated March 16, 2020, informing all CGO-Iriga employees of the additional guidelines on COVID-19 advisory dated March 13, 2020.

On March 14, 2020, an advisory was posted at the Iriga City Official page entitled "Mahalagang Paalala para sa COVID-19" serving a gentle reminder to all, especially those who came from countries or places with COVID-19 cases or who has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 and possessing symptoms related to such, that they will be considered as PUI thus, must seek medical attention. While those who do not possess any sign or symptom but came from countries or places with COVID-19 cases are considered as PUM and must report to the Barangay Hall and subject themselves to Home Quarantine.

Another public advisory was posted at the Iriga City Official Facebook page informing all passengers of PUV's that drop-off point will be at the Iriga City Central Terminal only, where monitoring is done by the COVID-19 front liners. Passengers of private vehicles were asked to fill up survey forms. Should they be symptomatic, they will be advised to do home quarantine. The advisory also mandates the resorts to be closed during this time of the crisis. And that disinfection at the central business district will be done diligently.

On March 15, 2020, an advisory entitled "Tagubilin para sa Home Quarantine" was made to the public. Later that day, a public announcement was made at the Iriga City Official page affirming that Iriga City is still COVID-19 free using the hashtag #IRIGACOV19free, simultaneous with an announcement that starting March 16, 2020 all classes in all grade and High school year level is suspended.

On March 16, 2020, a Memorandum Order was signed by the City Mayor containing additional directives and guidelines for the operation and management on the response to and prevention of COVID-19, where supplemental measures were mentioned such as Mandatory 14-day self-quarantine of persons arriving or will be arriving in Iriga City from places with COVID-19 cases; single point unloading at the Iriga City Central Terminal; monitoring of all arrivals in their respective area of jurisdiction by the BHERT of the 36 Barangays; corresponding punishment for those violators of the prohibited acts of Section 9 Paragraph E of R.A. 11332, otherwise known as Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act; and checkpoints along entry points of the City covering boundaries with neighboring municipalities and etc.

A meeting with the 36 Punong Barangays was conducted by the City Mayor and the COVID-19 team, issues regarding checkpoints on all entry points of the city and implementation of the guidelines were discussed.

On March 17, 2020, the Incident Management Team of the City, headed by the City Mayor, held an Emergency Meeting after the President's declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the entire Luzon. They thoroughly discussed how to implement the President's directive.

A memorandum addressed to the Acting Chief of Police of Iriga city, and all law enforcement personnel manning the checkpoints in Iriga City was released, providing information regarding those persons allowed to travel to and from the city.

All Hospital Administrators were also enjoined in a meeting. Matters related to the City's compliance on the President's directive were discussed ensuring the effective response and preventive measures to safeguard the general public from COVID 19.

The Iriga City Enhanced Community Quarantine advisory was released and was made effective on March 18, 2020 at 12:01 am. 24 hours curfew, no classes, no mass public transport, no loitering, restaurants for take home and delivery only, all public congregations discouraged, and other establishment closed were some of the highlights of the public advisory.

A Memorandum Circular addressed to the business establishments in Iriga City was also released containing guidelines for their operation while under this health crisis.

Administrative Order No. 5 "An Order imposing curfew, closing city roads and adopting the guidelines provided by the Executive Secretary as measures against COVID-19" was signed by the Mayor and took effect immediately on the same date, March 17, 2020.

Then, before the day commenced, the first Iriga Presscon related to COVID-19 and the Enhanced Community Quarantine was conducted. Salient issues were addressed by the City Mayor, together with the rest of the IMT. Day 3 Disinfection of the CBD I and Public market also took place.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, a Memorandum Order addressed to all Punong Barangays with the subject "Consolidated Directives and Guidelines for the Operation, Management, Response, and Prevention of COVID-19" was signed by the good Mayor.

An "Abiso para sa mga taga-Iriga" or Advisory for the people of Iriga was also made public thru Iriga City Official Facebook page and the local radio stations.

A memo directive regarding the closure of the San Ramon-Hanawan Road was signed by the City Mayor also during the said date.

That same evening, Iriga City 2nd Presscon regarding the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the City was held. Resource Persons were: the City Mayor Hon. Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor, Mrs. Maridel Verrosa (Incident Commander) and Mr. Peter B. Lagyap (Public Information Officer).

On March 19, 2020, an advisory reiterating that Iriga City is still NCOV-19 free was released.

An advisory entitled "Pag-implementar sa curfew sadi Iriga base sa Administrative Order No. 5" was made public on the same date.

That same afternoon, the Iriga City 3rd Presscon regarding the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in the City was held. And as the night is about to end, the 4th day of disinfection of CBD I and public market took place and went further ahead to the City Hall Main and Annex, San

Miguel/ Nabua Checkpoint, San Agustin/Baao Checkpoint, Zeferino Arroyo High School, LCC Expressmart at San Agustin, and main roads where the disinfecting team passes by.

On March 20, 2020, another Memorandum Order was signed by the City Mayor with the subject “Additional Guidelines and Directives on the implementation of Enhanced Community Quarantine” and was addressed to all private establishments of Iriga City.

On March 21, 2020, another Iriga City Press Conference regarding COVID-19 operations on Enhanced Community Quarantine was held.

The LGU-Iriga, thru City Mayor Hon. Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor, unceasingly extending their maximum efforts in order to prevent the occurrence of COVID-19 in the City. Information regarding updates, advisories, schedules, etc. were posted at the Iriga City Official Facebook page and being announced over the radio thru our local media partners.

D. Community/Stakeholder Participation

Resultant of the massive IEC program on COVID-19 are the encouraging responses and support from the community that augmented and supplemented the manpower and other logistical requirements of the City. This include volunteers for monitoring strict home quarantine procedures, supplies of face mask from businessmen and private sectors, supplies of food for frontline service providers such as the IMT, Check Point Personnel, BHERT and reporting of arrivals and other information from the barangay level. Cash donations and other commodities for relief assistance also came in.

Local government employees, and barangays are encouraged to plant vegetables in their homes to ensure that the local community has a healthy and sustainable food source while they are working from home. Free vegetable seedlings are being distributed for this endeavor.

E. Implementation

1. Disinfection

Regular disinfection of public places such as the Central Business District including the Public Market and Commercial Districts, the Iriga City Terminal, and City roads along the urban area, and vehicles used for transporting food and medical products.

2. Social Distancing

A term applied to certain actions that are taken by Public Health officials to stop or slow down the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The objective of social distancing is to reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying a virus, and others who are not infected, so as to minimize disease transmission, morbidity and ultimately, mortality.

The City of Iriga, through the City Mayor, issued a Memorandum adopting the practice of social distancing – staying home, avoiding crowds and refraining from touching one another. A distance of 1 meter (3 feet) is advice as standard measures to prevent the virus from spreading.

Another measure adopted to implement social distancing is the “no back-ride policy” for motorcycles. Violators shall be dealt with accordingly.

3. Checkpoints

To institutionalize the intensified monitoring of COVID-19, the City through the IMT set-up checkpoints composed of joint law enforcement agencies from PNP, BFP, Reservists, Barangay Officials, and the CHO personnel. The checkpoints were designated at the entry and exit points of the City to prevent the possible transmission of COVID-19 to the residents of Iriga.

At the checkpoint areas, persons entering the City are required to fill-up and submit a Health Declaration Form. The contents of the Health Declaration Form are the name and address of the person, his/her health status and travel history. The current body temperatures are also being taken using thermal scanners. All reported persons with no respiratory symptoms are being advised to undergo 14 days quarantine at home. Those with respiratory symptoms are then referred to CESU for further assessment and monitoring.

4. TODArescue

The Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association (TODA) were tapped as partners to man the checkpoints along boundaries and become force multipliers, to be called as “TODA Rescue Team”. It started on March 23, 2020.

The TODArescue members are qualified to man the checkpoints because they had undergone trainings by the DRRM as a requirement for the approval of their tricycle permits. As mass transportation has been suspended during the ECQ, this is one way to augment their income in this time of crisis.

5. Borderline passes

To enforce the Rinconada-wide Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ), persons will be issued borderline passes for inter-city or municipal travel, for their valid transactions. However, the person's point of entry shall also be his/her point of exit. This is the agreement reached between the different DRRM Officers of Rinconada, with the authority from their respective Local Chief Executives.

6. Price Monitoring (iPatrol)

Iriga City created the iPatrol Task Force through Executive Order No. 13-C, series of 2019 to monitor prices in the market, primarily in the Central Business District of Iriga. They were also tasked to implement the banning of the use of plastic in the City.

7. Vegetable on Wheels

With our objective to assist both the households and the farmers in the city, we started the “Vegetables on Wheels” project after the implementation of the ECQ. The concept came up due to the need to strictly implement the ECQ where residents are prohibited from going out of their homes. At the same time, to assist our local farmers to earn and maintain their livelihood by selling their produce to the villagers amid the community quarantine.

Trucks loaded with fresh vegetables, onions, and garlic served as a mobile store that will visit the 36 barangays of the city during the period of the community quarantine. The local government bought the vegetables directly from the farmers in the city and were sold to the barangays at a lower price to ease the plight of poor households in the city.

Aside from the vegetables, other commodities such as rice, eggs, dried fish, and fruits are also being sold on the truck. These commodities are from market vendors which the city is also assisting in selling their products. This project helps in maintaining the economic activity in the city while we are under the community quarantine and can eventually lead to a sustainable cycle between the LGU and the local farmers for farm-fresh produce.

In addition to the vegetables and commodities being sold through the vegetable on wheels, vegetable seedlings are also being distributed for free in the barangays.

Through this project, the City Government of Iriga also hopes to combat the spread of COVID19 by providing nutritious food to Irigueños. The city recognizes the importance of a strong immune system by supplying vegetables and other commodities in preparing healthy nutritious meals in every household in the city.

Iriga City is the first local government unit in the Philippines to implement the vegetables on wheels which is now being adopted by other LGUs.

8. Strict Home Quarantine

Since the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, only one member of the family is allowed to go out to buy food and medicine supplies. All household members are encouraged to practice social distancing even in their home.

People are being discouraged to loiter along the roads and make unnecessary conversation with their neighbors.

The City of Iriga encourages its constituents to do backyard gardening, do additional reading of verified information regarding coronavirus, maintain calmness, listen to the news and adopt best practices to prevent the spread of the virus.

Emergency contact information or hotlines are being circulated by the City to hasten the delivery of services in case of emergencies.

9. Home Quarantine Passes

Home Quarantine Pass were issued by their respective Barangays to every head of the family to limit the movement and activities around the City. This is part of the effort to lessen the risk of the families being exposed and infected by the coronavirus.

10. Business Establishment Advisory

Private establishments providing basic necessities, such as those related to food and medical supplies, shall be allowed to operate or remain open provided that they comply with the following:

- a. Skeletal Workforce
- b. Temporary Accommodation Arrangement
- c. Pick-up/Drop-off
- d. Certificate of Employment/ID
- e. Amelioration Package

Since there are different LGU protocols on deliveries of food and medical supplies, the City shall allow the entry of delivery trucks loaded with the abovementioned to keep the supply stable and thus, meet the demand of consumers.

The following businesses are allowed to operate:

- a. Public markets
- b. Supermarkets
- c. Groceries
- d. Convenience stores

- e. Banks and money transfer services
- f. Hospitals
- g. Medical clinics
- h. Pharmacies and drug stores
- i. Food preparation and delivery services
- j. Utilities such as power, energy, water, and telecommunications provider
- k. Gasoline stations
- l. Funeral and interment services
- m. Water-refilling stations
- n. Manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines
- o. Business Process Outsourcing

11. Suspension of Mass Transport System

All mass public transport facilities shall suspend its operations, as well as public utility vehicles such as buses, jeepneys, ride hailing services, FX, UV Express, Point-to-Point (P2P) buses, and motorcycle taxis.

Movement of cargoes within, to and from the entire Luzon shall remain unhampered.

Farmers and other food producers are exempted from travel restrictions but are subject to quarantine checkpoint.

12. Task Force ASF and Bird Flu – City Vet/Market –Checkpoints

To ensure that the City of Iriga will remain free from African Swine Fever (ASF) virus, the local government installed checkpoint areas to monitor and regulate the entry of pork and pork products in the city. Pork raw meats from nearby municipalities are also being banned from entering the City.

The news of Bird Flu entering the country triggered the City Vet to provide additional manpower in the strategic checkpoint area to also monitor and regulate the entry of poultry and poultry products.

The City is gearing toward capacitating the local village watchmen or “barangay tanod” to a veterinary quarantine procedure training. These personnel will serve as additional manpower to become force multipliers in enforcing quarantine procedures for ASF and Bird Flu in the City. The training will strengthen the enforcement of the checkpoints in the entry and exit points of the City.


Proper documents are being checked in the checkpoint area like veterinary health certificate and veterinary shipping permit. Once they are not complied with, cargoes or the shipment will be sent back to their origin.

13. Mass Gathering Prohibition

In all aspects of mass gathering, residents of Iriga are being prohibited from participating or conducting activities such as Birthday parties, weddings, fiestas, graduation, and even celebration of holy mass. Instead, people are encouraged to watch the televised celebration of holy mass. This shall also include prohibition against gatherings along barangay roads and centers for non-essential activities such as playing basketball and other games, drinking spree, and standbys.

This declaration is important so that the City Government and barangays would be able to quickly take appropriate measures such as disinfection of communities, supervision of persons under monitoring (PUMs), and setting up isolation rooms, among others, to combat COVID-19 and its transmission.

In view of the President Declaration of Code Red Alert Sub Level 2 over the Corona Virus Disease 19 as contained in Resolution 11, Series of 2020 dated March 12, 2020, the ADVISORY ON COVID-19 DATED MARCH 13, 2020 was issued.



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ADVISORY ON COVID-19
March 13, 2020

In view of the President's Declaration of Code Red Alert Sub Level 2 over the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as contained in Resolution 11 Series of 2020 dated March 12, 2020, the following measures are hereby adopted to safeguard everyone against COVID-19;

- Activation of Iriga COVID-19 Task Force and Barangay Emergency Health Response Team for COVID-19.
- Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 Flag Raising and Flag Retreat Ceremonies in the City Hall are cancelled, instead employees are instructed to clean and disinfect their personal spaces and offices, and other areas frequently used by the public. Heads of Offices are mandated to schedule a regular disinfection for frequently touch surfaces inside in their offices.
- Use of biometrics for time-in and time-out is also cancelled. Employees will use the Attendance Logbook for this purpose.
- Employees are banned from receiving personal visitors. Only those who have transactions with the government are allowed in the offices.
- Employees are prohibited to share food and eating utensils with others during meals in their offices. Everyone is required to bring his/her own reusable dining wares.
- Employees who have shortness of breath, fever, cough, cold and flu-like symptoms shall stay home and have themselves checked by a doctor. They should bring a doctor's clearance when reporting back to work.
- Hand sanitizers or alcohol should be made available for the public before entering and leaving the offices.
- All scheduled "large events" of the City Government and its component barangays shall be cancelled or postponed until this Advisory is lifted.
- Public and private learning institutions, civic groups and organizations, religious group and government agencies are highly encouraged to cancel or postpone their mass gatherings in the City until such time that this Advisory is lifted. However, should organizers, wish to proceed with the conduct of the event or services they are required to notify the City at least one (1) week prior the scheduled conduct of mass gatherings for risk assessment and monitoring purpose.

10. All tourism stakeholders and enterprises are advised to adopt DOT and DOH Guidelines and customize to the most appropriate process in their operations. Meanwhile, limited tourist movement is encouraged to contain the spread of the virus.

11. All Barangay Activities and Celebrations shall be postponed until June 30, 2020. However, there shall be no disruption in the delivery of health and basic barangay services.

12. Places of worship should come out with their guidelines in the conduct of activities for the observance of the lent and Ramadan. All rituals and ceremonies pertaining to these religious activities that can be dispersed with are highly encouraged.

13. All are hereby enjoined to review and abide by the DOH Advisory pertinent to the organization:

- For workplace – DOLE Labor Advisory #4 Series 2020 and DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0056
- For Hospitals – DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0035
- For Residential Communities – DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0059
- For Schools – DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0055 and DepEd Memo 15 s. 2020
- For Hotels and Other Similar Establishments – DOH Dept. Memo 24 2020-0057

14. All concerned are advised to generate information from the Official Advisory of the City and not to entertain fake news posted in Social Media.

PREVENTION ACTIONS TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your MEN (Mouth, Eyes and Nose).
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Use of facemask is encouraged:
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

8. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

The following decision tool for COVID-19 Assessment shall be adopted by the Task Force on COVID-19 per DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0080.

Decision Tool for Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-2019) Assessment (as of February 26, 2020)

Signs and Symptoms	Travel History in the past 14 Days to Areas with Issued Travel Restrictions	History of Exposure	Case Category and Interventions
+	+	+	Patient Under Investigation (PUI) For hospital admission Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Gives mask and isolates PUICollects and evaluates the BOQ Health Declaration Card at points of entryEndorses patients for admission to a hospital Hospitals <ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete the case investigation form (Annex A)Trained hospital staff collects specimens (NPS and OPS) and sends to RITMCoordinates with RESU for reporting and transport of specimensManages PUI accordingly. (Annex B)
+	+	-	Person Under Monitoring (PUM) For monitored self-quarantine for 14 days Bureau of Quarantine <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collects and evaluates the BOQ Health Declaration Card and Public Health Passenger Locator Form (Annex C) at points of entryAdvise person to go on home quarantine for 14 days (Annex D)Notifies Center for Health Development (CHD) with jurisdiction of the traveler's final destinations Center for Health Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">Notifies local health office (PHO & CHO/MHO) of the PUMs profile, status and location of PUMs Local Health Office
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• Provides a plan for self-monitoring instructions and for notifying the health department before seeking health care if symptoms develop

• Checks regularly the condition of the PUMs over the course of the home quarantine period through the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams

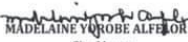
• Issues certificate of completion of 14-day quarantine

*Note: Prescribed forms in the said annexes are attached in the DOH Circular

For any assistance and/or further information and queries, please contact the **TASK FORCE COVID-19/CDRRMO Emergency Operations Center** at the following:

Smart : 09216364018
Globe : 09561729656
Base Radio : 144.110 mtz
Tel. No. : (054) 299-7083

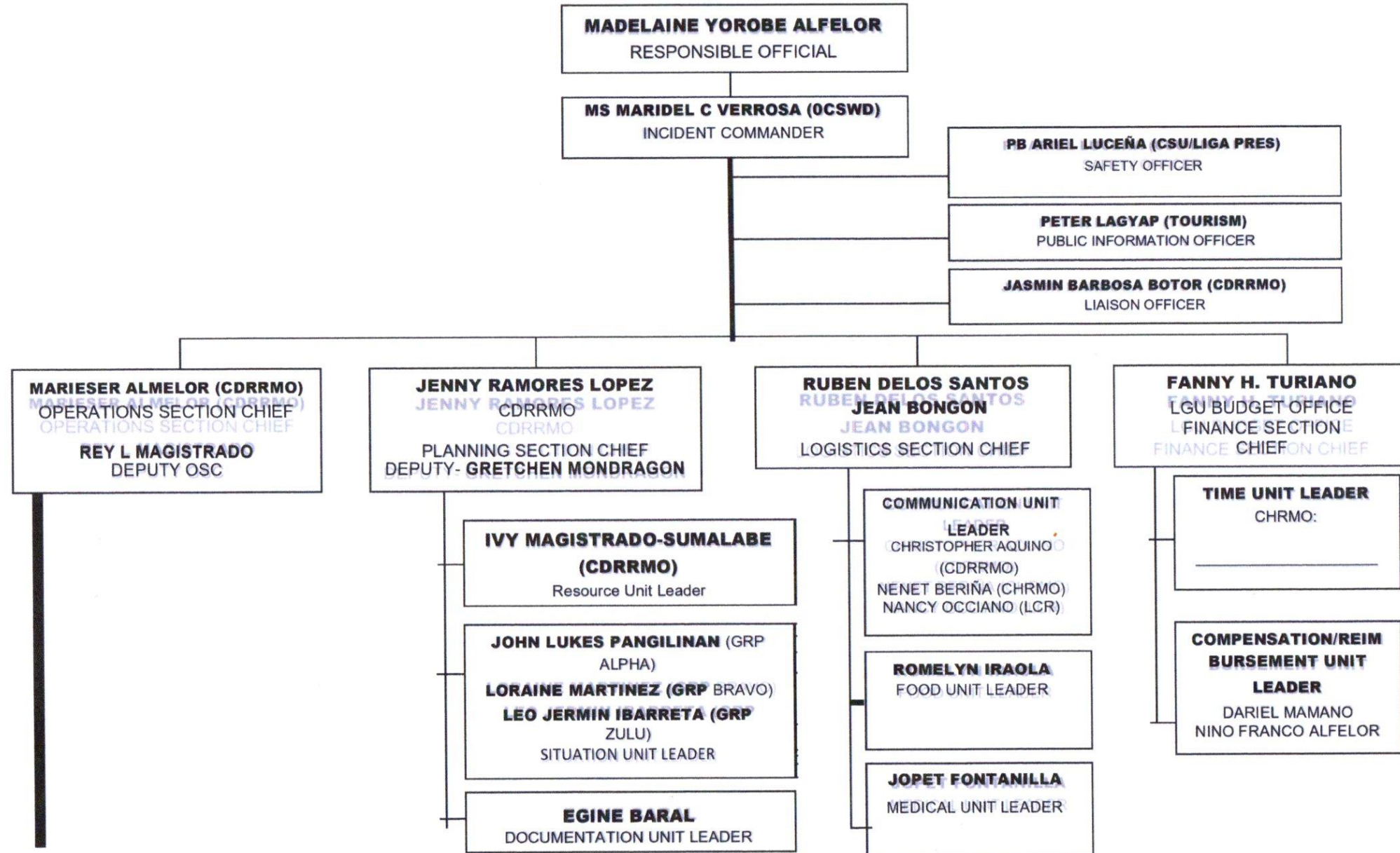
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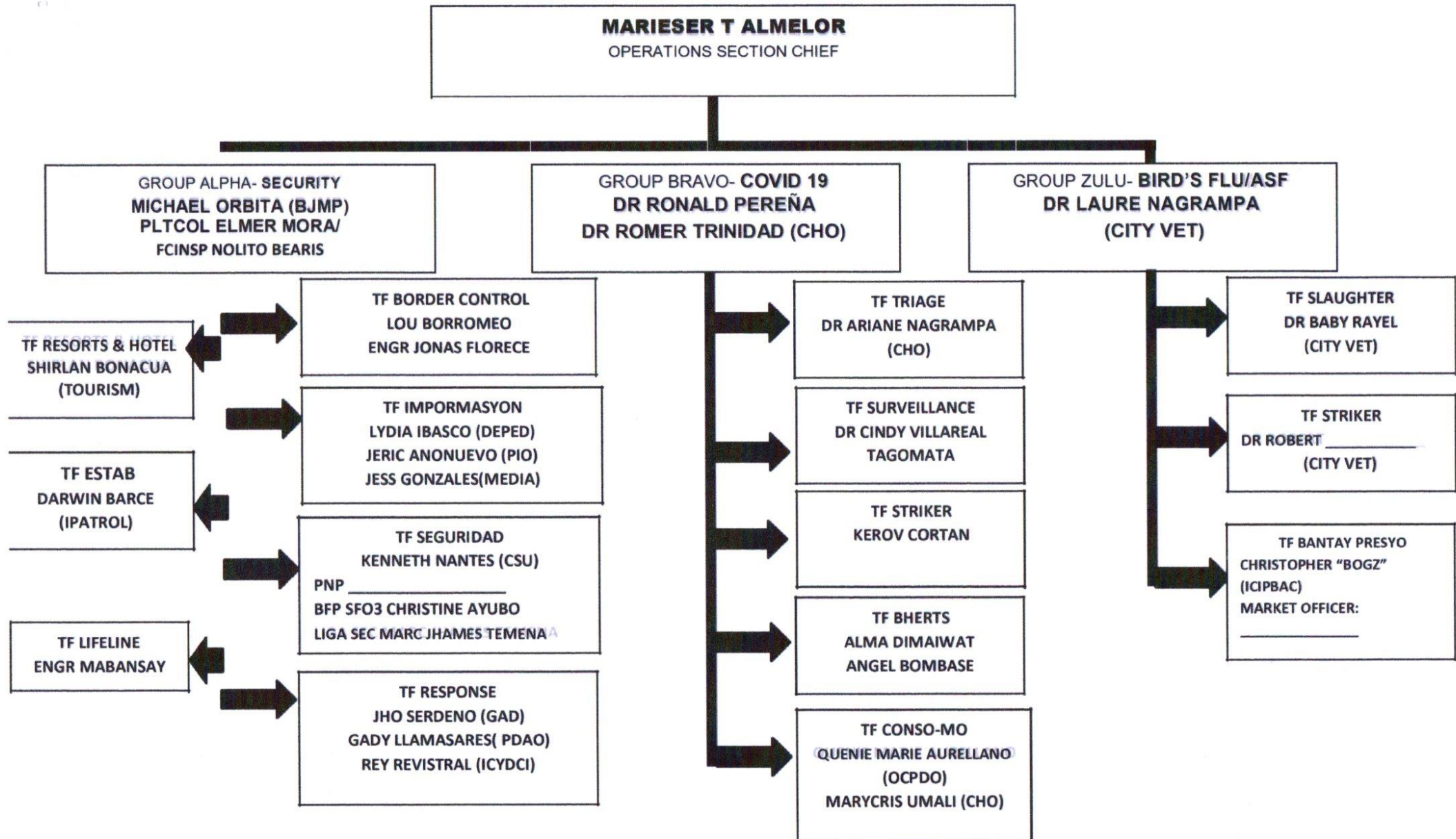
MADLAINE Y. ROBE ALFEOR
City Mayor

IRIGA CITY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

"ENHANCED COVID-19 OPERATIONS"



ENHANCED COVID-19 OPERATIONS



March 13, 2020 at 1PM – Emergency meeting with Academe, Business Sectors, and Hospital administrators for the Briefing/Orientation on the Precautionary Measures of COVID 19



COVID-19 Task Force, Incident Management Team (IMT) and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) were activated, and various meetings were conducted



The 36 Punong Barangays were gathered for the briefing on the guidelines on the precautionary measures regarding Covid-19



iPatrol Task Force regularly monitors the prices of commodities in the Central Business District (CBD)



Iriga City is the first to implement the “Vegetable on Wheels”. This was recognized by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and by the Inquirer

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LEGAZPI CITY, Philippines — To keep residents inside their homes during the enhanced community quarantine and with the closure of all borders in Camarines Sur’s Rinconada area, the agriculture office of Iriga City has launched its “Vegetable on Wheels” to sell basic goods to villagers.

A truck loaded with fresh vegetables, rice, eggs, onions, garlic, and other basic commodities, served as a mobile store.

The local government said vegetables were bought from local farmers in the city and sold to villagers at a lower price to ease the plight of poor households.

“This is one of the ways to help our farmers in their livelihood amid enhanced community quarantine,” it said in a Facebook post.

The local government also distributed free vegetable seeds from the Department of Agriculture to encourage families to do backyard gardening and be more productive while under home quarantine.

Since the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine, only one member of a family is allowed to go out to buy food and medicine supplies.

Ma. April Mier-Manjares, @MaAprilMierINQ, Inquirer Southern Luzon

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Vegetable on Wheels Barangay Schedule

March 23, 2020
Morning @ Salvacion
Afternoon @ Sta. Cruz Sur

March 24, 2020
Morning @ San Antonio
Afternoon @ La Trinidad

Schedule of other Barangays will be announced soon.

All 36 barangays will be visited by the vegetable on wheels.

Everytime you buy, it will be a big help to our Iriga Farmers.



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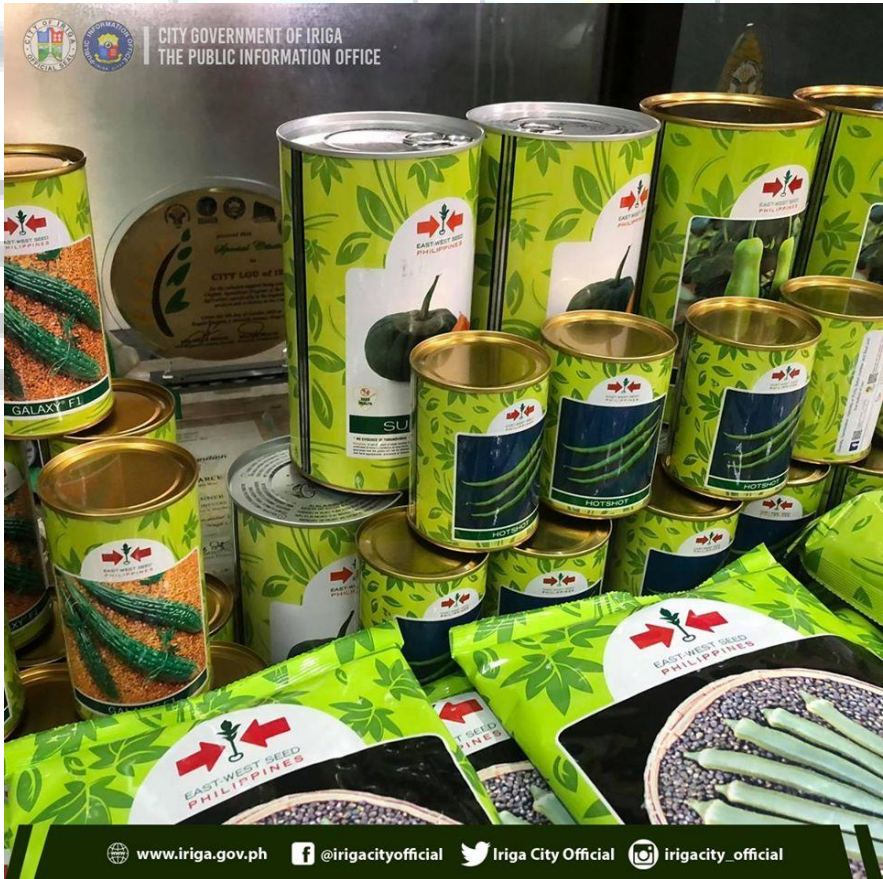
VEGETABLE ON WHEELS PRICELIST AS OF MARCH 22, 2020

Gulay	MARKET PRICE	VEGETABLE ON WHEELS PRICE
Ampalaya ▶	80 / kg	60 / kg
Antak ▶	80 / kg	70 / kg
Baguio Beans ▶	50 / kg	15 / pack
Calamansi ▶	160 / kg	20 / pack
Carrots ▶	30 / kg	20 / pack
Okra ▶	60 / kg	20 / pack
Parupagolong ▶	60 / kg	20 / pack
Patatas ▶	90 / kg	20 / pack
Pipino ▶	70 / kg	60 / kg
Sayote ▶	30-40 / kg	30 / kg
Sili (Panigang) ▶	140 / kg	30 / pack


Vegetable seedlings were distributed to the LGU employees and barangays for the Backyard Gardening Program of the City while on Home Quarantine



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Executive Order No. 02, series of 2020: Iriga City Taskforce nCov



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02
Series of 2020

AN ORDER CREATING THE IRIGA CITY TASKFORCE nCov, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF


WHEREAS, Corona viruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). A novel Coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which provides that "The state shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them," and Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which 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," it is hereby expressly mandated that local government units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their respective jurisdictions. As such, they must take the lead in the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for, and containment of, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (nCoV ARD) at the local level.

WHEREAS, With an increasing number of cases spreading to various territories and confirmed human-to-human transmission, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) last January 2020.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) hereby issues interim guidelines for all health facilities and institutions whether public or private on the necessary precautions, preparations of health facilities, and management of persons under investigation (PUI) and confirmed cases of the 2019-nCoV ARD.

WHEREAS, The Task Force will enhance the inter-sectoral collaboration to establish preparedness and ensure efficient government response to assess, monitor, contain and prevent



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Now, therefore, I **MADELAINE YOROBE ALFELOR**, City Mayor of Iriga City by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order the creation of the Iriga City Taskforce nCov do hereby order;

Section I. TITLE – Iriga City Taskforce nCov.

Section II. COMPOSITION - The Iriga City Taskforce NCOV shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	HON. MADELAINE YOROBE ALFELOR
Vice Chairperson	RONALD G. PEREÑA, MD
Members	HON. JM A. GRIMALDO, Committee on Health RUBEN S. DELOS SANTOS, City Administrator FANNY H. TURIANO, OIC-City Budget Office TERESITA I. TALAGUIT, Acting City Accountant JEAN A. BONGON, City Treasurer BENJIE D. GONZALES, OIC-City Planning and Development Office JERIC ANONUEVO, Public Information Officer MARIESER T. ALMELOR, OIC-CDRRMO PETER LAGYAP, OIC-City Tourism Office MARIDEL VEROZA, OIC-OCSWD PSUPT. ELMER V. MORA, Chief of Police, PNP Iriga Bureau of Fire Protection, Iriga City Provincial Department of Health - DOH Department of Education City Health Office Civil Security Unit Barangay Council NGO's




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Section III. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS – The Iriga City Taskforce NCOV members shall be;

- Conduct the relevant press conference to provide a direct social awareness for the benefit of all the constituents, residents and guests of the Metropolis, and thus post public advisories as well as precautionary measures to inform and educate the general public on the necessity of maintaining proper hygiene and regular hand washing and thereby thwart mass hysteria, fear or panic;
- Employ the DOH proposed system to identify, screen, and assist Filipinos and foreign nationals suspected or confirmed to be infected with this disease;
- Afford an immediate training of the respective City and Barangay Health Workers as well as capacitate Local Health Units and Private Care Facilities on nCov prevention, containment, and control with its possible campaign in coordination of the Department of Health (DOH);
- Coordinate with the Bureau of Immigration, airport & sea port authorities together with other government agencies for entry and exit of passengers coming from nCov affected countries so that adequate quarantine procedures may eventually be effected to those suspected of said disease;
- Afford Contact Tracing tracking down of all individuals that came or may possible have contact with the Chinese Nationals recently tested positive of nCov disease thereby institutionalizing surveillance, alert and similar quarantine process in all ports of entry;
- Inform directly the DOH on a reasonable basis in case of dire need to place an individual under quarantine;
- Perform frontline work exercising extreme caution and vigilance in handling and strictly monitoring these suspected individuals possibly infected altogether ensuring the safety of all responders;
- Pronounce its official and public statements thru the City Public Information Office;
- Address all concerns and make close coordination for inter-agency cooperation to extend all possible assistance on this regard; and
- Perform such other functions and activities as may be just, immediate and necessary to carry out the provisions of this Order, or as the City Mayor may direct.



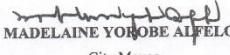
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Section IV. FUNDING - An amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 500,000.00) to be taken at the emergency and calamity fund of the city.

Section V. EFFECTIVITY - This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL this 2nd day of January, 2020, in the City of Iriga, Camarines Sur, Philippines.



MADELAINE YOROBE ALFELOR
City Mayor

Social Media Advisory on the Iriga City Enhanced Community Quarantine



IRIGA CITY ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

24 HOURS CURFEW

- * Except essential personnel
- * Except buying necessities
- * (up to one (1) person only)

DISCOURAGE

- * All Public Congregations (Religious, Private & Government)

OPEN

- * Banks and other Financial Services
- * Groceries
- * Supermarkets
- * Pharmacies/Drug Stores
- * Wet Markets
- * Public Utilities

NO LOITERING

- * Loitering outside the house and streets are denied

NO CLASSES

- * All Public and Private Institutions (Elementary to Post Graduate)

RESTAURANTS

- * Open for take-home and delivery services only

NO MASS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

* Buses	* Motorcycle Taxis
* Jeeps	* Pedicabs
* Multicabs	* Habal-habals
* Filcabs	* Taxis
* Tricycles	

CLOSED

- * Malls
- * Computer Shops
- * Gaming Centers
- * Wellness Centers
- * Public Areas (Parks & Playgrounds)
- * Basketball Courts
- * Dry Good Markets
- * Other Non-Commodity Shops

EFFECTIVITY

- * March 16, 2020
- * 6:00 PM

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Designated Checkpoints to Entry and Exit Points within the City



NABUA TO IRIGA CITY COVID19 CHECKPOINT STATION



**MASOLI TO SALVACION IRIGA CITY COVID19
CHECKPOINT STATION**



SAN AGUSTIN IRIGA CITY COVID19 CHECKPOINT STATION

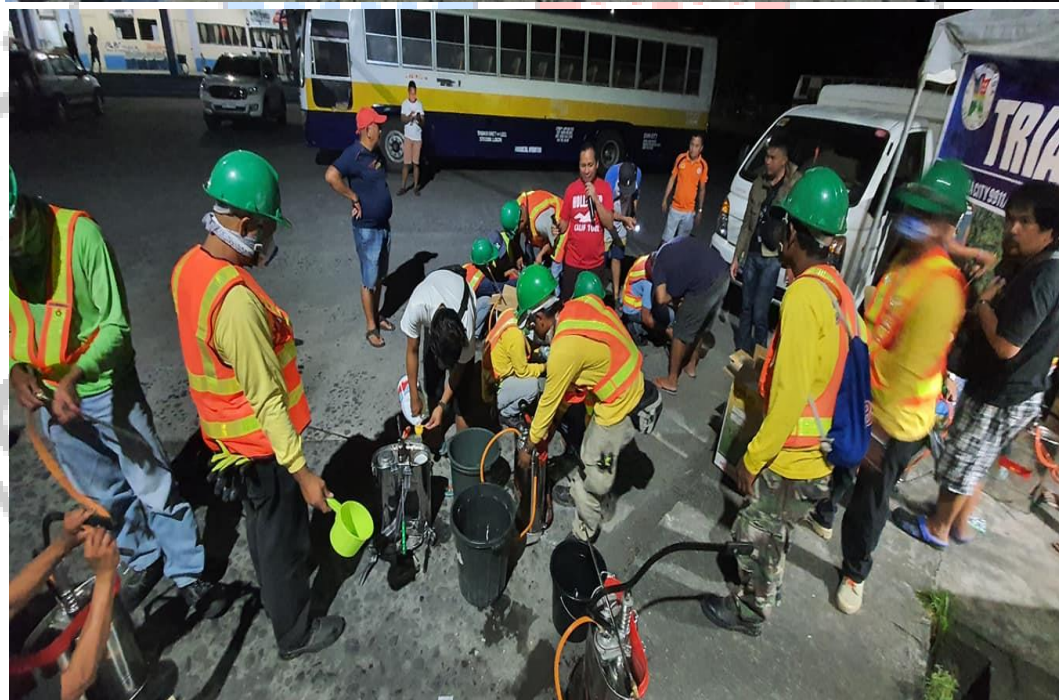
Conduct Survey, History Taking and Thermal Scanning to all individuals from PUVs and Private Vehicles in all checkpoints areas and strictly observe protocols



Regular disinfecting of roads, central business district and checkpoints



The IRIGA CITY IMT thru the leadership of Mayor Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor with the Task Forces composed of GSO and BFP in cooperation with the Iriga City Water District/PrimeWater prepared the equipment and solution for Misting from the Iriga City Terminal down to the Central Business District Area



**IRIGA CITY PRESSCON regarding the implementation of ENHANCED
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**



Our Mayor, Hon. Madelaine Y. Alfelor, personally monitors the different checkpoints around the City



Social Media Advisories



The graphic features a dark teal background with a subtle pattern of virus particles. In the top left is the official seal of the City of Iriga. To its right, the text 'IRIGA TASK FORCE' is in white on an orange rectangular background, followed by 'COVID 19' in large orange letters and 'CORONA VIRUS DISEASE' in smaller orange letters. A pink virus icon is in the top right. The word 'HOTLINES' is centered in large white letters. Below it are four contact methods, each with an icon: a mobile phone for '0921-636-4018', a landline for '0956-172-9656', a radio for '144.110 MHZ', and a telephone for '(054)299-7083'. The bottom orange bar contains the website 'www.iriga.gov.ph' and social media handles for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

 **IRIGA TASK FORCE**
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CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

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The graphic has a teal background. At the top, the text 'The people of Iriga would like to thank OUR FRONTLINERS' is written in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. Below this, a list of professions is provided. In the center is a row of five circular icons: a police officer, a doctor, a portrait of Mayor Madelaine Y. Alfelor, a nurse, and a firefighter. At the bottom, a message of gratitude is displayed above the official seal of the City of Iriga and its social media handle.

The people of Iriga
would like to thank
OUR FRONTLINERS

Mayor Madelaine Y. Alfelor . Doctors . Nurses . PNP . BFP . CSU
All Law Enforcers . LGU Employees . Volunteers . Barangay Captains
and the whole barangay council of all 36 Barangays

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR CITY HEALTHY AND SAFE!


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