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### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 16

#### AN ORDER ESTABLISHING COVID-19 RESPONSE PROTOCOL AND DIRECTING PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVJD-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, the Department of Health has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak the World Health Organization and the Department of Health has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel and all travelers to exercise enhanced precautions; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization and the Department of Health currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the Philippines, albeit, the Municipality of Aringay including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines declared the Public Health Emergency due to Covid-19 through Proclamation 922 Series 2020.





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WHEREAS, the mitigating measures in the communities including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others and other instructions of public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that the residents and visitors of Aringay remain safe and secure;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ERIC O. SIBUMA, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Aringay, la Union by virtue by the powers vested upon me of the Constitution of the Philippines and all other laws of the Republic of the Philippines, promulgate this Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. In light of the declaration of COVID-19 with the alert level Code Red (sublevel 1) a National Public Health Emergency, the Municipal Government of Aringay, La Union, is hereby ordering the cancellation of all social gatherings like fiesta celebrations, big social gatherings, conferences, cockfighting activities, basketball games, volleyball games, dance competitions, exhibition games, general assemblies and similar activities from today until further statements on the prohibition will be released. For those that have scheduled non-essential events, consider modifying (through use of webinars) cancelling or postponing your events.

Section 2. The Department of Education has released Division Advisory No. 03, s.2020 and that students will be given home-based studies will only come to report to school from March 16-18, 2020 only during the time of their respective examination schedules. All classes whether public or private are cancelled from March 19, 2020 until March 30, 2020.

Section 3. On moving up and graduation rites which are scheduled within the week of April 13-17, 2020, should there be lifting of the Public Health Emergency before that time, plans to conduct these activities may ensue. But should the Public Health Emergency is still enforced, then these activities shall be cancelled. All other mass activities after the declaration shall be cancelled until further lifted.





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Section 4. All tourism and cultural activities are cancelled.

Section 5. All meetings regardless of size are cancelled except on Peace and Security and the Inter-agency task force meetings created for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 6 The Senior Citizens Office, Persons with Disability Office and E-library will be closed during the period of Public Health Emergency. The services offered by the Aringay Amphitheater will not be available for any activities.

Section 7. Students under the age of 18 are not allowed to roam around and are supposed to stay home. Law-enforcing agents will accost these children and reprimand their parents.

Section 8. The Municipal Government advises its residents to practice preventive measures like frequent hand washing, observing proper cough etiquette, social distancing, avoiding unnecessary travel, and postponing mass gatherings. All at risk groups like Senior Citizens, Persons with co-morbidities (Diabetes mellitus,, cancers of any forms, undergoing chemotherapy, respiratory illnesses and the like) and those with low immunity are advised to have heightened precautionary measures.

Section 9. Residents with a travel history and respiratory symptoms and/or those with exposure to someone who is sick or exposure to someone who has a suspected exposure are expected to cooperate with health authorities following their protocols. At the Barangay Level, you can report to the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team or you get in touch with the Municipal Health Office NCOV Focal Person. They will make proper representations to the Department of Health Region 1 or to Hospital equipped to handle the case.

Section 10. Because of the foregoing conditions, I direct the Municipal Health Officer and Dr. Armando Avena, to institute measures of public health concern in response of the declaration of a public health emergency Code Red, Sublevel 1, pursuant to his authority as a Municipal Health Officer. The Municipal Health Officer is authorized and directed to use his judgment as to the duration of this public health emergency.

Section 11 Accordingly, I direct the Municipal Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health.





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Section 12. I direct the Municipal Health Officer to follow the guidelines established by the Department of Health in establishing the control of spread of the COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention.

Section 13. I designate the Municipal Health Department as the lead agency to coordinate emergency response activities in cooperation with the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office. The Municipal Health Officer, or his designate, shall advise the Local Chief Executive (Mayor) on the implementation of these emergency response activities.

Section 14: All actions taken by the Municipal Health Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of the Executive Order are ratified.

Section 15. The Aringay Health Department will actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons meeting the definition of a Person Under Investigation (PUI) as defined by the Department of Health for COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the PUI tests negative for COVID-29. Active monitoring by the

- A. Risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria for a PUI.
- B. Twice-daily temperature checks.

Section 16. The Municipal Health Office in coordination with the Department of Health, pursuant to its authority in section will ensure that all individuals meeting the DOH definition of a PUI are isolated or quarantined for a period of 14 days or until the person tests negative for COVID- 19.

Section 17. I hereby direct the Municipal Health Office to coordinate with the Department of Health to make own determination as to quarantine, isolation and other necessary public health interventions as permitted under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

Section 18. I direct all agencies under the direction of the Municipal Mayor to fully cooperate with the Municipal Health Office, and any representative thereof in furtherance of this Order.





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Section 19. I, hereby direct and assign Dr. Rolando Q. Mallari to be the Focal Person for the fight against COVID-19 for the Municipality. All reports, communications, issuances, advisories and coordinative work shall emanate from him.

Section 20. I hereby direct the following Health Emergency Committees to be activated to the following:

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAM (2 TEAMS)

Team A

- 1. Sheiladel Dulay, Nurse. Team Leader
- 2. Jeanette Abubo, RHM
- 3. Normita Abad, RHM
- 4. Adonis Rico

#### Team B

- 1. Nikki Arriane Banan, RHM Team Leader
- 2. Jeremie Obrique
- 3. Annie Ramos

#### AMBULANCE TEAM (2 Teams)

Team A

- 1. Dr. Armando Avena
- 2. Antonette Bambico, RN
- 3. Jennifer Bartolo, RHM
- 4. Clarence Asprin

#### Team B

- 1. Dr. Cristopher Brandon C. Mallari
- 2. Jonathan Aludino, RN
- 3. Virginia Canero, RHM
- 4. Edwin Gajo





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WASH TEAM (Divided into 2 Teams)

- 1. Engr. Marikon E. Mangaoang
- 2. Engr. Nemesio Frigillana
- 3. Mr. Jeffy Cacanindin
- 4. Mr. Samson Villarosa
- 5. Mr. Phillipp John San Andres
- 6. Mr. Edelito Gajo
- 7. Mr. Jefferson Burgonio, Reggie Raza
- 8. Ramon Medriano
- 9. Aldwin Sevilla
- 10. Joseph Frigillana
- 11. June Mapanao
- 12. Raleighson Dulay and
- 13. 2 members from the Bureau of Fire and Protection.

#### NUTRITIONIST

- 1. Dina Laciapag
- 2. Juvie F. Yaranon, RHM

#### MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICE TEAM

- 1. Teresita Wong
- 2. Menchie Bitabit
- 3. Melendre Nimuan

#### PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM

- All other RHU Staff
- All HRH Staff





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### SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- PNP
- RTC-1

Section 20. I hereby also constitute the LDRRMC-Emergency Operating Center and the following are hereby designated as such:

Incident Commander : Dr. Armando Avena/Dr. Cristopher Brandon C. Mallari Safety Officer : Ms. Antonette Bambico, RN. Information and Communications Officer : Dr. Rolando Q. Mallari Liaison Officer : Ms. Julie San Andres. Chief Disaster /Calamity Planning Officer : Mr. Samson M. Villarosa. Chief Operations Officer: PLT. Clinton Amawan Chief Logistics Officer : Ms. Lisa Parrocha. Chief Finance/Administrative Officer: Ms. Elvira D. Pajo

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this  $11^{th}$  day of March 2020 at the Municipality of Aringay, La Union

As ordered. 1 ERIC O. SIBUMA Municipal Mayor

