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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 621, s. 2026

INTENSIFICATION OF SCHOOL-BASED DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors, Principals In-Charge of the District
Head Teacher-In-Charge of the District
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Heads of Public Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 1036, s. 2026 dated October 12, 2026 regarding **Intensification of School-Based Dengue Prevention and Control Measures,** which is self-explanatory.

2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance of this Memorandum are desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: None
Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 1036, s.2026
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INTENSIFICATION OF SCHOOL-BASED DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES

To: School Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is an Advisory from **Hon. Malcolm S. Garma**, **Undersecretary for Governance and Operations**, regarding the **Intensification of School-Based Dengue Prevention and Control Measures**, which is self-explanatory.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III
Regional Director

Enclosure: As Stated
Reference: DepEd Advisory
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Consistent with the Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order No. 2018-0021, as amended by Administrative Order No. 2018-0021-A, on the Enhanced 4S Strategy Against Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika, and DOH Department Memorandum No. 2025-0420, entitled 'Reiteration of Vector Control Measures and Interim Guidelines on the 1-3-7 Intensified Vector Control Strategy for Dengue, the Department of Education (DepEd) calls for heightened vigilance and intensified implementation of dengue prevention and control measures in all public schools, particularly during the rainy season when conditions become favorable for the breeding and proliferation of *Aedes* mosquitoes.

Dengue is a viral infection transmitted through the bite of infected *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. These mosquitoes commonly breed in clean, stagnant water found in water containers, flower vases, discarded cans and bottles, old tires, clogged gutters, drainage areas, and other receptacles that can collect rainwater.

In accordance with DOH health advisories on dengue prevention and control, all DepEd offices and schools are enjoined to strengthen the following measures:

1. Implement the 4S Strategy Against Dengue

a. Search and Destroy

Schools shall regularly inspect and eliminate mosquito-breeding sites within and around school premises.

Particular attention shall be given to classrooms, school grounds, gardens, drainage areas, gutters, comfort rooms, storage areas, and other locations where stagnant water may accumulate.

The **4Ts or "4 O'Clock Habit" — Taob, Taktak, Tuyo, at Takip** — shall be integrated into routine school cleanup and environmental sanitation activities:

- **Taob** – turn over containers and receptacles that may collect rainwater;
- **Taktak** – empty and remove stagnant water from containers and other water-holding materials;
- **Tuyo** – drain and dry areas where water may accumulate; and
- **Takip** – properly cover water drums, pails, tanks, and other water-storage containers.

Schools shall also regularly clean gutters and drainage systems and remove discarded tires, cans, bottles, plastic containers, and other materials that may serve as mosquito-breeding sites.

b. Secure Self-Protection

Learners and personnel shall be encouraged to protect themselves from mosquito bites by:

- Wearing long-sleeved clothing and long pants, whenever practicable;
- Using mosquito repellents appropriately and according to product instructions; and
- Using appropriate physical barriers such as screens and mosquito nets, where applicable.

c. Seek Early Consultation

Learners and personnel exhibiting signs and symptoms suggestive of dengue shall be encouraged to seek **early medical consultation**.

Common signs and symptoms include:

- Sudden onset of high fever, usually lasting two (2) to seven (7) days;
- Headache and pain behind the eyes;
- Muscle and joint pain;
- Weakness or unusual fatigue;
- Skin rashes;
- Abdominal pain;
- Persistent vomiting; and
- Signs of bleeding, such as nosebleeds or unusual bleeding.

Schools shall facilitate prompt referral of suspected cases to the appropriate health facility or Local Health Office for proper assessment and management.

Adequate hydration should be maintained as advised by a health professional. Aspirin and other medicines that may increase the risk of bleeding should not be administered unless prescribed or recommended by a qualified health professional.

d. Support Fogging/Spraying in Hotspot or Outbreak Areas

Fogging or spraying shall be conducted only when indicated by the appropriate health authorities, particularly in identified dengue hotspot or outbreak areas.

Schools shall coordinate with the Local Government Unit (LGU), Local Health Office, and other health authorities concerned for appropriate vector-control interventions.

Fogging or spraying shall not replace the regular elimination of mosquito-breeding sites and environmental sanitation activities.

2. Strengthen School-Based Surveillance and Reporting

School heads and school health personnel shall strengthen monitoring of suspected dengue cases among learners and personnel.

Schools shall:

- Promptly refer and report any suspected or confirmed cases to the appropriate health facility or Local Health Office, through coordination with the Schools Division Office, for case verification and appropriate vector-control measures, consistent with the DOH 1-3-7 Intensified Vector Control Strategy for Dengue under Department Memorandum No. 2025-0420;

- A suspected outbreak or hotspot;
- A need for epidemiological investigation;
- Identification of significant mosquito-breeding sites; or
- A need for targeted vector-control measures.

6. Continuous Implementation and Monitoring

Dengue prevention and control measures shall be implemented continuously and intensified during periods of increased dengue risk, particularly during the rainy season.

Regional Offices and Schools Division Offices shall ensure that this Advisory is cascaded to all schools and that implementation is regularly monitored.

School heads, school health personnel, teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, parents, and community partners are enjoined to work together in maintaining a clean, safe, and dengue-free school environment.

For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

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Undersecretary for Governance and Operations