DIVISION MEMORANDUM

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
    Chiefs, SGOD and CID
    Public Schools District Supervisors
    Elementary and Secondary School Heads

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SUBJECT : Anti-Dengue Fever Campaign in Schools

DATE : July 31, 2019

1. In response to the alarming increase of number of Dengue cases in the province, the Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Health, shall strengthen the implementation of extensive campaign to address this menace. Dengue H-Fever, and protect the school populace from the day-biting "Aedes Aegypti" mosquito in their respective area.

2. In addition to disseminate information campaign regarding Dengue, and to the Synchronized Division SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DRIVE: "Aksyon Eskwela Laban Dengue" on scheduled on August 2, 2019, the School Health and Nutrition are requesting all Dengue Coordinators/Clinic Teachers of all public elementary and secondary schools, a list of learners (by grade level) and teaching and non-teaching personnel who had been admitted/hospitalized, and/or suspected to have been inflicted with Dengue from January to July 2019. We need total numbers by levels per schools only, not names. This is to gather an initial number of Dengue cases from our schools. This list will be submitted to the SDO on or before August 5, 2019.

3. Referral of pupils/students/personnel with symptoms of Dengue to proper authorities is advised as part of the Preventive Alert System in Schools (PAS), which is a systemic relay of information on a child’s or teacher’s state of health to appropriate personnel and/or agencies in the locality (please see attached page).

4. Please be reminded to observe the 4S in preventing Dengue (Search and destroy; Secure Self protection; Seek early consultation; and Support Misting during impending outbreak), which must be evident around the school campuses as signages and posters; and coordinate with your local barangays and/or RHU for fumigation and referral/consultation purposes.

5. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.
OPERATIONALIZING THE PREVENTIVE ALERT SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS (PASS)

1. The preventive Alert system in Schools (PASS) is a systematic relay of information on a child’s or teacher’s state of health to appropriate personnel and/or agencies in the locality.

2. All school heads shall operationalize the PASS in their respective schools.

3. Teachers-in-Charge shall explain in class how the PASS works:

   > Learners will observe the well-being of their own classmates and if someone among them is not feeling well or has colds/cough and feverish, the sick learner will be reported to the teacher for validation.

   > The early morning health inspection shall be conducted routinely by the teacher to detect the presence of fever and other signs and symptoms of infection. The teacher shall keenly observe the health status of each learner in the classroom. If he/she finds out that a child is sick, this case shall be reported immediately to the principal.

   > The principal shall notify the family/guardian of the sick child. The feverish person shall be immediately referred to the school physician for evaluation. If the school does not have a physician, the nearest health center physician/municipal health officer or rural health midwife shall be consulted.

   > Depending on assessment, the learner, teacher or employee who has fever regardless of cause will be requested to stay at home for a number of days as determined by the school medical officer/municipal health officer/nurse.

   > The illness of the student, teacher, or another school employee should be closely followed up by the health personnel.

4. School heads shall conduct daily monitoring of health status of school children and personnel and maintain record on health status. Lessons/materials for home study may be provided to the child.

5. School principals are expected to take the lead in operationalizing the PASS and to relay relevant information to the Schools Division Superintendent and such information be likewise relayed to the Office of the Education Support Service Division (ESSD) Attention Health and Nutrition Section (HNS) or email at hns.rov@deped.gov.ph

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