Division Memorandum

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TO: CHIEF SGOD
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
SCHOOL BASED IMMUNIZATION COORDINATORS

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Subject: CONDUCT MASS MEASLES VACCINATION IN SCHOOLS FOR ALL UNVACCINATED PUPILS OF GRADE 2 TO 6 for PHASE II OF MEASLES PREVENTION AND CONTROL STRATEGY OF BICOL REGION (March 18-22, 2019)

Date: March 15, 2019

1. RATIONALE:
The Department of Health has already declared measles outbreak at the National Capital Region, Central Luzon and Eastern Visayas. In Bicol Region, there is an increasing number of reported measles cases and other vaccine preventable disease in almost all provinces.

In January to December 2018, there 363 reported measles cases with 12 deaths in Bicol Region. Out of the total suspected measles cases, 74% have not been immunized against measles and 17% has unknown immunization status. This proves that a significant susceptible population particularly children hence the risk of getting infected.

2. To immediately control the ongoing transmission and prevent a wider measles outbreak, all provincial/city/municipal health offices are hereby ordered to conduct Measles Vaccination and Vitamin A supplementation from February 1 to March 31, 2019.

3. PHASE 2 of Measles Vaccination Mopping Out (to be completed on March 18-22, 2019: SCHOOL-BASED)

Priority Targets:

A) ALL "unvaccinated/incomplete/missed/defaulter" Grade 2 to 6 pupils during the School-Based Immunization Program in 2015-2018 shall be vaccinated with one (1) dose MCV in this Mop-up immunization activity.
B) ALL unvaccinated/incomplete Grade 1 and 7 during the School-Based Immunization Program in 2015-2018 shall also be vaccinated to complete the PHASE I.

C) ALL pupils should present PROOF of Vaccination Status to prove that the child has completed At Least 2 doses of MCV (from routine, SBIP, SIA)

4. IMPORTANT:

a) The School Based Immunization Coordinator of each school must be the one to coordinate with their corresponding RHU’s for schedule of the Mopping-Out Activity between March 18-March 22, 2019. Before the said activity, a Masterlist of all the students for SBI must be prepared as well as their Parent’s Consent Form.

b) We are requesting the schools with the SBI Coordinator and teachers for assistance for the RHU team at the time of vaccination and prepare the pupils for the said activity. The SDO Catanduanes is aiming for a 100% accomplishment rate on the said program.

5. For STRICT and WIDEST dissemination and compliance.