



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL

SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CATANDUANES

October 11, 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-DM - 520 S. 2024

CELEBRATION OF THE GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2024

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief, School Governance and Operations Divisions
Public Schools District Supervisors/In-Charge of the District
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Heads
School WinS Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

1. In accordance with OUOPS 2024-09-08209, this office, through SGOD- School health and Nutrition Unit, will join the public in celebrating the **2024 Global Handwashing Day**, themed **"Why are Clean Hands still Important?"** This global advocacy is celebrated every 15th of October and aims to raise awareness about the importance of handwashing with soap as a simple yet effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.
2. In this regard, all public and private elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to participate by implementing relevant activities for teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, and their families by:
 - a. Posting of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials focusing on proper handwashing habits and advocacy in conspicuous areas in the schools and/or school's official social media pages
 - b. Simultaneous handwashing activity based on the schedule set by the schools, ensuring that there would be no disruption of classes.
3. All Schools WinS Coordinators are hereby advised to document the 2024 Global Handwashing Day activity on **October 15, 2024**. The simultaneous handwashing activity shall be video recorded and submitted on or before October 18, 2024 to the School health and Nutrition Unit through the link



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4. Reference and resources related to the celebration can be accessed at the Global Handwashing Partnership's official website through tinyurl.com/GHW2024.
5. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the OIC Schools Division Superintendent

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