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**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**



Division Memorandum

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To: Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
District/School Nurses  
All others concerned

From:  **MA. LIZA R. TABILON Ed.D., CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL-NURSING SERVICES AND  
THE ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM FOR SY  
2020-2021**

Date: December 4, 2020

1. Attached herewith is a copy of the OUA Memo 00-1020-0198, entitled Advisory on the Implementation of the Medical-Nursing Services and the Adolescent Reproductive Health Program for your information and appropriate action. Other details are contained in the enclosures which are self-explanatory.
2. For further queries you may contact the Division Program Focal for Medical-Nursing Services Jessica L. Caburatan and for ARH Vicente Ramon C. Suarez.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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**OUA MEMO 00-1020-0198**  
**MEMORANDUM**  
19 October 2020

To: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister  
Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads**

Subject: **ADVISORY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
MEDICAL-NURSING SERVICES AND THE ADOLESCENT  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM FOR SY 2020-2021**

Due to the current situation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, during which face-to-face classes have been suspended, the implementation of the following School Health Programs for SY 2020-2021 shall be **community-based**, to be **conducted by the Department of Health (DOH)**. Concerned personnel at the regional and division offices and schools are **requested to provide necessary support** in the following activities, expected to be completed on or before December 31, 2020:

School Health Program	Expected Roles of the Regional and Division Offices, and Schools in the Community-Based Implementation of the Programs
<p><b>1. Medical and Nursing Services</b></p> <p>a. School-Based Immunization Program (SBI) – Measles-Rubella (MR), Tetanus diphtheria (Td) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV)</p> <p>b. Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the SDOs to provide the needed <b>Master List of Learners</b> for SY 2020-2021 to their respective counterpart Local Health Units. The master list shall also serve as the basis for the accomplishment report of the school, and shall be a communal property of both the Local Health Unit and the school</li> <li>• For the Regional and Division Focal Persons to attend <b>program-related activities organized by the DOH</b> (e.g., virtual coordination, consultative meetings, orientation, awareness campaigns, etc.)</li> <li>• For the Regional and Division Focal Persons to conduct <b>health promotion advocacies on the programs</b> to teachers, parents, and learners utilizing various platforms</li> </ul>



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<p>c. Integrated Helminth Control Program (IHCP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the Regional and Division Focal Persons Focal Persons to help/facilitate the <b>transfer of commodities for IHCP and WIFA supplementation</b> (deworming and iron folic acid tablets) from the schools to local health units</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH)- Rapid Psychosocial Assessment for Adolescents</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the SDOs to provide the needed <b>Master List of Learners</b> for SY 2020-2021 to their respective counterpart Local Health Units</li> <li>• For the Regional and Division Health Personnel, ARH Coordinators, and teachers to attend <b>self-paced online trainings</b> on Adolescent Health Education and Practical Training (ADEPT) and the use of Rapid Psychosocial Assessment Tool accessible at the DepEd Professional Development-Learning Management System (DepEd PD-LMS)</li> <li>• For the Regional and Division Health Personnel, ARH Coordinators, and teachers to attend <b>program-related activities organized by the DOH</b> (e.g., virtual coordination, consultative meetings, orientation, awareness campaigns)</li> <li>• For the Regional and Division Health Personnel, ARH Coordinators, and teachers to assist the Local Health Units in the <b>distribution of self-administered forms</b>, through the existing mechanisms/platforms set up by the schools for module distribution for Grades 5 to 12. Schools, in coordination with the Local Health Units, can opt to create an online form for their learners.</li> <li>• For ARH Coordinators, health personnel, and teachers to help facilitate the <b>collection of the printed forms</b> from the learners upon the return of their modules. The forms shall be a communal property of both the Local Health Unit and the school.</li> <li>• For personnel trained in the use of the Rapid Psychosocial Assessment Tool, ADEPT, and Psychological First Aid (PFA) to assist in the <b>consolidation and analysis of data, conduct PFA</b> to identified learners in need, if necessary, and refer to proper health care professionals</li> <li>• For ARH Coordinators and health personnel to conduct <b>health promotion advocacies on the program</b> to teachers, parents and learners utilizing various platforms</li> </ul>

It is emphasized that the participation of DepEd personnel in the implementation of the abovementioned programs shall be on **personal and voluntary capacity**.



Furthermore, the implementation of the SBI, WIFA Supplementation, and IHCP shall be done under the **Fixed Site Administration approach**, stated in the DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0167. Should the health personnel be involved, the Local Health Unit must **ensure the safety and health of the DepEd personnel** by providing the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), alcohol, sanitizers, and other disinfectants, and implementing stringent physical distancing measures; and paying remuneration or allowances, as may be warranted by law.

The **Data Privacy Act and related policies** of the DOH and DepEd shall be followed in the handling and sharing of data.

The following memoranda issued by DOH to its field coordinators in the implementation of above-mentioned health programs are enclosed for ready reference:

1. **DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0167**- Continuous Provision of Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic
2. **DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0237**- Interim Guidelines for the Delivery of Nutrition Services in the Context of COVID-19 Pandemic
3. **DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0341**- Interim Guidelines on Continuous Provision of Adolescent Health Services during COVID-19
4. **DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0351**- Interim Guidelines in the Implementation of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination amid COVID-19 Pandemic

For all future correspondence and queries on these School Health Programs, please contact **Ms. Girlie A. Azurin**, Senior Education Program Specialist, SBI Coordinator; **Ms. Ma. Lee L. Alpuerto**, Nurse II, WIFA and IHCP Coordinator; and **Ms. Lien Ivy C. Callado**, HEPO II, ARH Coordinator, Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division, at 02 (8632-9935) and email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph) .

For immediate and appropriate action.

  
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