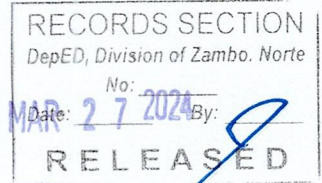




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REGION IX
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE



March 26, 2024

Division Memorandum

No. 198, s. 2024

EL NIÑO PRECAUTIONARY & PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

TO: Public Schools District Supervisor
Elementary and Secondary School Heads and Principals
School Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Coordinator
District Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Coordinator
All others concerned

1. Per DOST-PAGASA advisory, duly reiterated by NDRRMC Memorandum 031 s. 2024 titled "*Onset of the Warm and Dry Season 2024*", all public sectors are advised to continue their ongoing precautionary measures to prevent any health risk associated with this climate condition.
2. In this connection, to continuously promote friendly environment, conducive for learning and working, the school personnel with the learners are advised to observe the following:
 - a. Monitoring of heat index in their respective schools from reliable sources (e.g. PAGASA Website, etc.)
 - b. Ensure proper ventilation in the school classroom and offices (e.g. securing air cooling gadgets such as electric and industrial fans, among others.)
 - c. Unplug unused electrical device to prevent fire hazards.
 - d. Discourage outdoor activities that may lead to exhaustion due to direct exposure to the sun.
 - e. Increased hydration and regular fluid intake of learners and personnel is advised.
 - f. Wearing light-colored, loose, simple, and decent clothes are highly advised to minimize absorption of sun's rays and result to increased airflow in body circulation.
 - g. Visibility of updated emergency contact numbers are in each classroom or offices.
3. The wearing of the prescribed DepEd uniform of school personnel may not be strictly observed during this time provided that they adhere to the norms of conduct under Republic- Act 6713 of the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards of Public Officials and Employees and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 19, s.



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2000 or the Revised Dress Code Prescribed for all Government Officials and Employees in the Workplace.

4. Shifting to Alternative Blended Distance and In-person Modality (ABDIM) shall be applicable whenever the environment is not favorable and tolerable as provided for in *Division Memorandum 169 s. 2023* titled "*Localized Policy on the Implementation of Blended Distance and In-person Modality*".
5. For monitoring and technical assistance, schools shifted to ABDIM shall report the Division Office through <https://bit.ly/cancelledclasses> .
6. Widest dissemination and strict compliance of this memorandum is desired.

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Reference/s: as stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects: El Niño 2024

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