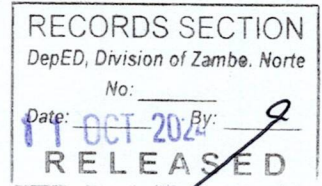




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REGION IX
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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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Division Memorandum
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OBSERVANCE OF GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2024

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
School Principal, Public Elementary & Secondary Schools
School Health Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to OM-OUOPS-2024-09-08209, dated September 24, 2024, regarding the celebration of **Global Handwashing Day 2024**, the Department of Education (DepED), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLLS-SHD), in collaboration with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), will lead this year’s observance. The event, themed “*Why Are Clean Hands Still Important?*”, will take place on October 15, 2024. This global initiative aims to raise awareness about the crucial role of handwashing with soap as a simple yet highly effective way to prevent diseases and save lives.
2. To promote public awareness of this celebration, this office encouraged all schools to carry out activities related to Global Handwashing Day 2024, which may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Utilizing online and social media platforms by actively posting, sharing, and promoting the Global Handwashing Day 2024 campaign and advocacy materials on all DepED official websites and social media pages, and
 - b. Conducting simultaneous handwashing activities involving learners, teaching and non-teaching staff, parents, and other stakeholders.
3. Schools shall set specific time to conduct the said activity on October 15, 2024, ensuring that there would be NO disruption of classes. The simultaneous handwashing activity shall be video recorded and submitted to SDO WinS coordinator for documentation not later than 5pm of October 16, 2024.
4. References and additional resources for the celebration can be accessed on the Global Handwashing Partnership’s official website via the link: tinyurl.com/GHW2024.
5. For inquiries and concerns, you may contact the Division WinS coordinator, Ma. Gina M. Chiong, on mobile no.09171323258.
6. Wide dissemination for strict compliance.

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