DIVISION ORIENTATION ON THE UNDERSTANDING COVID – 19 AND THE DEPED REQUIRED HEALTH STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL COVID – 19 DRRM TEAMS

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
   Elementary and Secondary Schools Administrators
   Health and Nutrition Personnel
   Division DRRM Coordinator
   Secondary School Nurse
   All Others Concerned

1. In reference to an Unnumbered Memorandum dated July 9, 2020 from Evelyn R. Fetalvero, CESO IV, Assistant Regional Director, Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Regional Director entitled Division Orientation on the Understanding Covid – 19 and the Deped required Health Standards for School Covid – 19 DRRM Teams.

2. In the provision of learning opportunities, the health and safety of our learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel are of utmost importance and must always be protected. To ensure safe return to schools and DepEd offices, DepEd issued DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2020 entitled “Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in the Basic Education Offices and Schools”.

3. In line with this, there will be a Division Orientation on Understanding Covid-19 and the DepEd Required Health Standards for Division COVID-19 DRRM Teams on August 7, 2020, at exactly 9:00 am – 11:30 am via Google Meet.

4. The participants are the School Clinic Teachers, School DRRM Coordinators, Division Health Personnel and Secondary School nurse. Link will be provided in the Health and DRRM group chats.

5. In addition, all Clinic Teachers are required to fill-out the online inventory via Google Forms which was posted earlier in the group chat. Deadline of submission of forms will be on August 10, 2020.

6. Expenses of connectivity shall be charged to School MOOE subject to the provision Unnumbered Division Memorandum dated March 31, 2020 re: Augmentation/ Provision of Load Allowance to Division and School Personnel while on Community Quarantine. School Clinic Teachers will be given Php 100.00 for load expenses.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Schools Division Superintendents

Subject: REGIONAL ORIENTATION ON UNDERSTANDING COVID-19 AND THE DEPED REQUIRED HEALTH STANDARDS FOR DIVISION COVID-19 DRRM TEAMS

Date: July 9, 2020

The Department of Education (DepEd) is committed to ensure safe educational continuity amidst the challenges of COVID-19. Learning opportunities must be provided to give hope and stability, contribute to the normalization of activities, and facilitate development of our learners and bring normalcy to their lives.

In the provision of learning opportunities, the health and safety of our learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel are of utmost importance and must always be protected. To ensure safe return to schools and DepEd offices, DepEd issued DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2020 entitled “Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools”.

In this connection, the Regional Orientation on Understanding COVID-19 and the DepEd Required Health Standards for Division COVID-19 DRRM Teams will be held on July 16, 2020 at exactly 9:30am to 12:00noon via Zoom which will be participated by 3 participants per division from the Division COVID-19 DRRM Team. Link will be provided thru the Region XI Task Force SHIELD/COVID-19 group chat before the scheduled date. All participants are required to have a DepEd email account to access Google Forms for the filling up of the Online Inventory of DepEd Required Health Standards on Basic Education Offices and Schools.

In addition, all SDOs are required to conduct a Division Orientation on Understanding COVID-19 and the DepEd Required Health Standards for School COVID-19 DRRM Teams within the following dates, July 27 - 31, 2020. Deadline for the submission of the said online inventory via Google Forms will be on August 10-14, 2020. All schools within the region should fill out the form thru their School Health Coordinator/ School Nurse to properly know the status of their compliance on the DepEd Required Health Standards.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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GUIDELINES ON THE REQUIRED HEALTH STANDARDS IN BASIC EDUCATION OFFICES AND SCHOOLS

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) is committed to ensure safe educational continuity amidst the challenges of COVID-19. Learning opportunities must be provided to give hope and stability, contribute to the normalization of activities in the country, and facilitate development of our learners and bring normalcy to their lives.

2. In the provision of learning opportunities, the health and safety of our learners and teaching and non-teaching personnel are of utmost importance and must be protected at all times.

3. To ensure the safe return to schools and DepEd offices when allowed by the Department of Health (DOH), the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), or the Office of the President, DepEd issues the enclosed Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools (Enclosure No. 1) for the guidance of all learners, teachers, and nonteaching personnel nationwide. The specific measures for COVID-19 mitigation in schools and offices are detailed in Enclosure No. 2 and Enclosure No. 3, respectively.

4. The guidelines and the specific interventions are primarily based on the DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 or the Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation, cited by the IATF to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions.

5. The DepEd Central Office (CO), Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and all public and private elementary and secondary schools/community learning centers (CLCs) are mandated to adopt the guidelines on the required health standards and implement the specific interventions for COVID-19 mitigation. Other measures may be instituted, guided by the following principles laid out in the DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0015:

a. Shared accountability
   i. All efforts shall espouse the government’s strategic directions of national government-enabled, local government-led, and people-centered response to the COVID-19 health event
b. Evidence-based decision making
   i. All policies and decisions shall be guided by evidence
   ii. All actors shall periodically assess and recalibrate policies, plans, programs, and guidelines

c. Socio-economic equity and rights-based approach
   i. Vulnerable groups should be identified and provided additional social safety net protections;
   ii. Policy design shall always choose the least restrictive alternative that achieves its goals; and
   iii. In the event of any conflict of rules or guidelines, the interpretation shall ensure the protection of human rights. As such, the safety, needs, and well-being of the individual shall prevail.

6. All concerned are directed to:
   a. Cooperate with DepEd in carrying out the provisions set forth in these standards;
   b. Report any COVID-19 related concerns to the DepEd Task Force COVID-19 for Central Office concerns, or to their respective COVID-19 DRRM Teams for Regional, Division, or school-level concerns;
   c. Comply with the standards on health and work safety issued by the Department, and participate in related programs, initiatives, and activities;
   d. Responsibly use and manage all safety, hygiene, and sanitary resources provided by the agency;
   e. Contextualize and adapt implementation processes and procedures according to the socio-cultural realities and contexts of learners and their communities; and

7. For more information, contact DepEd Task Force COVID-19 through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), 3rd Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no. (02) 8-632-9935 or email at medical.nursing@deped.gov.ph.

8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order are directed.

Encl/s: As stated
Reference: None
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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