



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY
Digos City

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**REITERATION ON THE COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 MINIMUM HEALTH AND SAFETY
PROTOCOLS AND MEASURES**

To: **Public Schools District Supervisors**
All Elementary and Secondary Schools Administrators
All Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Administrators
Senior High School Administrators
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepED Order No. 015, s. 2020, Enclosure No. 5 re: The Safety Precautions and Protocol, the Schools Division of Digos City hereby reiterates to all concerned on strict compliance with Covid-19 Minimum Health and Safety Protocol and Measures recommended by Department of Health and World Health Organization to reduce the general risk of transmission of respiratory infection, specifically on proper handwashing, respiratory hygiene and food safety practices in light of the new Covid-19 variant known as B117 that was detected in the United Kingdom on September 2020.
2. The following are the Minimum Health and Safety precautions and protocol:
 - a. Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub (70% Ethyl alcohol) or soap and water;
 - b. When coughing and sneezing, maintain distance and cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away into a closed bin immediately and wash hands;
 - c. Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;
 - d. If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider;
 - e. Consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices;
 - f. Airflow in classrooms/ offices should be improved by opening the windows and doors as much as possible.
 - g. Wearing of medical mask is indicated for an individual exhibiting or feeling symptoms of respiratory infections. The medical mask is intended to contain respiratory secretions. Thus, it should be worn as much as possible;
 - h. Wearing of face shield when outside the house and inside the offices/ schools as mandated by the Local Government Unit;
 - i. Physical distancing of 1-2 meters away.
 - j. Avoid crowded places; and
 - k. Avoid/ refrain from attending/ going to parties, fiestas and any other celebrations with venue/ place that caters more than the required number of persons/ guests.
3. Close contacts of confirmed cases shall be monitored even without symptom.

A close contact of a confirmed case shall be defined as a person who is asymptomatic but who has experienced any one of the following exposures:

- a. Face-to-face contact with a confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
 - b. Direct physical contact with a confirmed case;
 - c. Direct care of patient with confirmed Covid-19 positive without using personal protective equipment.
4. All other provisions in the existing guidelines on the implementation of the DepED Health and Safety Protocol as stated in DO No. 014, s. 2020 and DO No. 015, s. 2020 shall remain in force, unless sooner repealed, amended, or rescinded.
5. For widest dissemination and strict compliance.



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