



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

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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STRICT COMPLIANCE TO FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS AND MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS FOR SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) AND OTHER CONCERNS

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
Division Health and Nutrition Personnel
Elementary and Secondary Schools Administrators
Senior High School of Digos City
Secondary Nurse
All Others Concerned

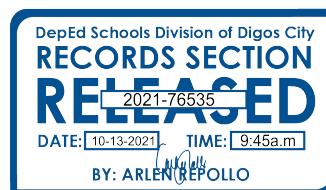
1. Attached is an Unnumbered Memorandum from ALLAN G. FARNAZO, Director IV, Region XI re 2021 re the Strict Compliance To Food Safety Standards and Minimum Health Protocols during the Distribution of Milk and Nutritious Food Products for School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) hereby inform the field in view of the resumption of the milk and nutritious food products distribution.
2. Schools are reminded to strictly follow the food safety standards (Annex A) and the minimum health protocol (Annex B) during the implementation of SBFP to get away from Covid-19 infection.
3. Annex A – The Food Safety Standards as precautionary measures for SBFP Implementation:
 - Availability of water and handwashing facilities.
 - Well-maintained, clean, well ventilated and pest free environment.
 - Proper selection of food ensuring freshness and good quality.
 - Washing and cleaning items before storing.
 - Storing dry goods in dry storage area and of perishable goods in cold storage area.
 - Hygienic practices in food preparation, serving and storage.
 - Ensuring non-food items are not in the kitchen area, or if it cannot be avoided, it should be properly labeled and segregated from food items.
 - Observing the expiry dates of food commodities.
 - First in and First out (FIFO) is observed in withdrawing stocks from the storeroom.
4. Annex B – Precautions to be strictly observed during the distribution of milk and Nutritious Food Products (NFP).
 - Distribution of milk and NFP shall be conducted in an open-air area where air is constantly moving, dispersing the droplets and the distribution area shall be with plastic covering sheet to avoid exchange of droplets.



- If the school has no available open-air area and the distribution is conducted in an closed area or in a classroom, the windows shall be opened to provide good ventilation and installing a plastic covering in the distribution area.
 - Available alcohol in the distribution area.
 - Wearing of face masks and face shield during the conduct of distribution.
 - Observance of physical distancing in the distribution area.
 - Avoid eating with each other and gathering during snack and lunch breaks.
 - Washing of hands frequently and avoid touching of face.
5. It is further informed that the Health and Nutrition Unit Personnel will conduct a school visitation/ monitoring in random schedule of the school implementation and the above-mentioned Food Safety and Health Standards Protocols.
 6. In addition, SBFP Focal Person, SDO TWG/Core Group, School Focal Person and School Core group may request for Compensatory Overtime Credit (COC)/ Service Credits for the tasks beyond regular functions or beyond regular work hours/ days in relation to School-Based Feeding Program for approval of the Schools Division Superintendent and School Head respectively as per DepEd Order No. 53 s. 2003.
 7. For information and compliance.



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To : Schools Division Superintendents

Subject: STRICT COMPLIANCE TO FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS AND MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS FOR SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) AND OTHER CONCERNS

Date : October 8, 2021

In view of the resumption of milk and nutritious food product distribution for the School-Based Feeding Program, all schools are reminded to strictly follow the food safety standards (Annex A) and minimum health protocols (Annex B) during the implementation of SBFP to get away from the spread of COVID-19.

The Division School Health and Nutrition Section are also requested to monitor the distribution in schools either online or onsite. All school SBFP Focal Persons are advised to post their SBFP implementation on their respective Facebook Groups.

In addition, the SDO SBFP Focal Persons, SDO SBFP Core Groups, School SBFP Focal Persons and School SBFP Core Groups may request for Service Credits for the tasks beyond regular functions or beyond regular work hours/days in relation to School-Based Feeding Program for approval of the Schools Division Superintendent as per DepEd Order 53 s. 2003.

For further information and clarification, kindly contact Mrs. Reissa T. Silda, Nutritionist-Dietitian II, thru this email address: reissa.tindoy@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV
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**Annex A. FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR
SBFP IMPLEMENTATION**

1. Availability of potable water and handwashing facilities.
2. Well-maintained, clean, well-ventilated, and pest-free environment.
3. Proper selection of food and ensuring freshness and good quality.
4. Washing and cleaning items before storing.
5. Storing of dry goods in dry storage area and of perishable foods in cold storage area.
6. Hygienic practices in food preparation, serving and storage.
7. Ensuring non-food items are not in the kitchen area, or if it cannot be avoided, it should be properly labeled and segregated from food items.
8. Observing the expiry dates of food commodities.
9. First-in and first-out (FIFO) policy shall be observed in withdrawing stocks from the storeroom.



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Annex B. PRECAUTIONS TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS FOR SBFP IN SCHOOLS

1. Distribution of milk and nutritious food products shall be conducted in an open-air area where air is constantly moving, dispersing the droplets and the distribution area shall be with plastic covering sheet to avoid exchange of droplets.
2. If the school has no available open-air area and the distribution will be conducted in an enclosed area or in a classroom, the windows shall be opened to provide good ventilation and installing a plastic covering sheet in the distribution area to avoid the exchange of droplets.
3. Available alcohol in the distribution area.
4. Wearing of face mask and face shield at all times during the conduct of distribution.
5. Observance of physical distancing in the distribution area.
6. Avoid eating with others and gathering during snack or lunch breaks.
7. Washing of hands frequently and avoid touching of face.

Adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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