



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DEPED MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2023- 470

To : Assistant School Division Superintendent
CID Chief
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads of Public Elementary Schools
School Heads of JHS and SHS
All Private Schools
All Others Concerned

Subject: **REITERATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROTOCOLS AGAINST RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES**

1. The Department of Education is committed to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of its learners and teaching and nonteaching personnel. Part of this commitment is to protect them from these diseases and to prevent these illnesses from being acquired.
2. Due to increasing incidence of viral respiratory illnesses among schools in Digos City, the office hereby reiterates the importance of and to review the health and safety precautions and protocols enclosed in the **DepEd Memorandum No. 15, s. 2020 (Enclosure Nos 4, 5, and 6 of First Set of Policy Directives of the DepEd Task Force NCOV)**.
3. With this, the SDO is reminding all teaching, nonteaching personnel, and learners of all levels in private and public schools to adapt the COVID 19 virus Health Protocol to minimize the spread of these illnesses within the school premises
 - Practice proper and safe hand hygiene
 - Practice proper respiratory etiquette; 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
 - Wearing of face masks is indicated for an individual exhibiting or feeling symptoms of respiratory infections. Well learners and personnel are highly recommended to wear face masks within the premises of the school.
 - Cleaning, Disinfection, Decontamination, and Sterilization
 - Observe social distancing and avoid crowded places
 - Strict compliance of other health protocols
4. It is also recommended to ensure adequate ventilation inside the classroom such as opening of windows and doors provided that it is free from toxic gases and pollutants.



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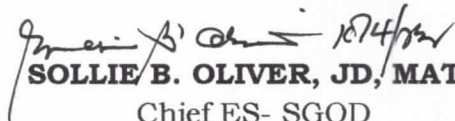


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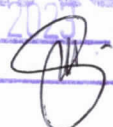
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5. Prompt reporting of cases is mandatory. School Clinic Teachers must report to their respective District Nurses if there are notifiable symptoms among the learners and personnel. All school heads and personnel involved shall review and utilize **the Preventive Alert System in Schools (PASS), enclosure no. 4 to DepEd Memorandum No. 15, s. 2020.**
6. The school shall utilize the isolation tents/ area where the symptomatic/sick learners can stay temporarily before they will be picked up by their guardians or transported to their homes. The isolation tent must be well ventilated and must be disinfected before and after use.
7. Symptomatic learners and personnel is advised not to attend classes and shall shift to modular learning. School heads and teachers must still ensure the quality of learning of those students who are in modular learning.
8. In relation to this, there will be a virtual meeting with all the school clinic teachers tomorrow, October 5, 2023. Link for the meeting will be posted to the HIMSOG Advocates chat group.
9. For strict compliance and dissemination.

For and in the absence of OIC-SDS


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October 4, 2023

Melanie P. Estancio, PhD, CESO
OIC – City Schools Division Superintendent

Attention: **Lyra Pilarte, MD**
Medical Officer III

Dear Ma'am,

Our city Disease Surveillance Officers (DSOs) are currently conducting case investigations in light of the high prevalence of influenza-like illnesses exhibited by school children here in Digos City so we can provide the necessary technical assistance to your department, if needed.

In this regard, the City Health Office highly recommends **wearing of face masks** by students and all personnel in our public and private educational institutions while we are currently addressing the necessities of this epidemiological health situation.

Further, I would like to reiterate the importance of **proper hand hygiene** and **respiratory etiquette** to reduce the spread of the above-mentioned respiratory illnesses.

Your prompt response and cooperation on this urgent health matter would be highly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,


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City Health Officer II