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**Department of Education**  
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

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**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

SGOD-2023-SM

To : **Public Schools District Supervisors  
Health and Nutrition Personnel  
Secondary School Nurse  
All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
School Clinic In-Charge  
All Others Concerned**

Subject : **HPV LECTURE AND IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITY**

Date : November 13, 2023

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Attached herewith is the letter from DMO IV, Provincial Health Team Leader, Salvacion C. Rodriguez, RN, MPH dated October 17, 2023, requesting to conduct an HPV Lecture and Immunization Activity to all public schools of DepEd- Digos City Division. Lectures on HPV will be conducted every Monday-Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and vaccination will be done in the morning every Thursday-Friday at different school venues to be announced on the group chats of the **Health and Schools Administrators** and **HIMSOG Advocates**. Prior to the start of the lectures and immunization, a Virtual Coordination meeting will be conducted on November 20, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Link will be posted at the mentioned group chats. Participants of the meeting will be the PDOHO team, HNU Personnel, Secondary Nurse, School Heads/School Clinic In-Charge.

This HPV Lecture and Immunization drive is in relation to the recently announced "8 Point Agenda" by the Health Sector which gears to fully realize the Universal Health Care Act in which the Sector also aims to fulfill both health for all Filipinos (Agenda 1) and disease prevention (Agenda 5). As part of the National Immunization Program and to ramp up vaccination coverage, raising awareness on the value of providing Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccines to females aged 9-14 years old is the sector's aim.

In connection to this, the following conditions will be implemented:

1. Schools will call upon the parents of the female learners aged 9-14 years old. A health lecture on HPV and its association with Cervical Cancer and the importance of early HPV vaccination among females 9-14 years old will be provided for them by the Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO) of Davao del Sur, in which it will be spearheaded by the Medical Officer III.
2. Schools will prepare a venue for both the lecture and immunization preferably at the school gymnasiums or covered court, and to prepare chairs and tables for the PDOHO team to be utilized.
3. School will prepare an attendance sheet for the said lecture and will submit a copy of the said attendance sheet to their respective District Nurses for consolidation.
4. The schools should strictly follow the entrance and exit points. A crowd control will be strictly observed during immunization.



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5. Policy on **“No Disruption of Classes”** as per **DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005** shall be strictly followed. Thus, lectures will only be done at 3:00-5:00 PM on every Monday-Wednesday, and during immunization day, only the consented female learners aged 9-14 years old will be allowed to participate on the said activity. After being immunized and monitored for any untoward side effects, the learner will resume to her classes for further observation and referral.
6. Consent forms will be distributed during the lecture prior to the immunization, thus class advisers will collect the consent forms prior to the immunization schedule and will hand over the signed forms to the immunization team during the day of the immunization.
7. Learners who wish to be immunized should only be accompanied with one parent.
8. Only learners of the certain school will be immunized.
9. All School Clinic In-charge will conduct a widespread information dissemination on the said lecture and immunization.
10. Schedule for both lecture and immunization will be posted to the **Health and Schools Administrators** and **HIMSOG Advocates** group chats.
11. District nurses and the secondary nurse is expected to be present during the conduct of the lectures and during immunization of their respective school assignments.

For immediate, widest dissemination, and compliance.

  
**MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Office-in-charge

DepEd Schools Division of Digos City  
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October 17, 2023

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Digos City

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Dear Dr Estacio,

Good Day!

As we continue to provide quality health care services to our fellow Filipinos, we aim to raise awareness and help them gain access to health programs which enable them to live good healthy lives. The current Health Sector has recently announced its "8 Point Action Agenda" which gears to fully realize the Universal Health Care Act. And for this matter, we aim to fulfill both good health for all Filipinos (Agenda 1) and disease prevention (Agenda 5). As part of the National Immunization Program and to ramp up vaccination coverage, we would like to raise awareness on the value of providing Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccines to females aged 9-14 years old.

We have an ongoing community-based immunization for HPV vaccines for our eligible population and we have increased our coverage during the summer break of 2023. Unfortunately, there is still much to do to reach our eligible population (females aged 9-14 years old currently in Grades 3-8) especially as classes have begun and a community-based set-up will take a huge toll of gathering such individuals for immunization in barangay health centers.

As such, we would like to request from your good office that we may be given permission to conduct an HPV Lecture and Immunization Activity within your respective school premises. In coordination with the Provincial Department of Health Office (PDOHO) of Davao del Sur, this activity will be spearheaded by a Medical Officer III where she will conduct a lecture on HPV and its association with Cervical Cancer and the importance of early HPV vaccination among females 9-14 years old. This will also help appease parents' anxieties and misconceptions as this activity will be conducted together with parents (schedule to be discussed and planned as to the availability of parents during a PTA meeting). A consent form will be distributed after the session to establish the number of children who will be vaccinated on a separate scheduled



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date finalized for the actual immunization. On the said immunization date, the same physician will be present to address concerns and any adverse events following immunization.

We are hoping for your utmost understanding and support for this important endeavor.

Thank you very much and more power!

Sincerely yours,

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DMO IV, Provincial Health Team Leader  
PDOHO Davao del Sur