



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

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**OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

SGOD No. 024, s. 2024

To: Public Schools District Supervisors  
Health and Nutrition Unit  
Public Elementary School Administrators  
Junior and Senior High School Administrators  
All Others Concerned

Subject: **CELEBRATION OF THE GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2024**

Date: October 7, 2024

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1. This has reference to the OM-OUOPS Memo 2024-09-08209 from ATTY REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO, Department of Education, Office of the Undersecretary for Operations (OUO) dated September 24, 2024, the Department of Education through the Bureau of Learners Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS- SHD), in collaboration with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), will lead this year’s celebration on **Global Handwashing Day** with the theme “**Why Are Cleaned Hands Still Important?** Celebrated every 15<sup>th</sup> of October, this global initiative aims to raise awareness about the significance of handwashing with soap as a simple yet effective means to prevent diseases and saves lives.
2. In line with the celebration, the BLSS- SHD, in coordination with Public Affairs Services (PAS), shall produce a special episode of its Public Relation Campaign, “**Oplan sa Kaalaman, dahil O-K sa DepEd ang may alam**”. The special episode shall feature interviews from key persons and information related to the importance and effects of handwashing and will be posted to the DepEd’s official Facebook page, DepEd Philippines, under the supervision of the Public Affairs Division.
3. To promote public awareness about the celebration, all **Schools** are encouraged to undertake Global Handwashing Day 2024 related activities, such as but not limited to:
  - Utilizing online and other social media platforms through active use, posting, and sharing of the Global Handwashing Day 2024 campaign and advocacy materials in your school websites and social media pages; and
  - Conducting own relevant activities for learners and their families such as webinars lectures, exhibits, etc



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4. Schools shall designate a specific time to conduct the said activity on October 15, 2024, ensuring that there would be no disruption of classes. The simultaneous handwashing activity shall be video recorded with a narrative report and submit it to the SDO WinS Coordinator. Deadline will be on **October 30, 2024**. References and other resources related to the celebration maybe accessed at the Global Handwashing Day Partnership's Official website through [tinyurl.com/GHW2024](http://tinyurl.com/GHW2024).
5. For immediate and appropriate action.

For and in the absence of the  
 Schools Division Superintendent

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**BEVERLY S. DAUGDAUG, Ed.D**  
 Chief – Curriculum Implementation Division  
 Officer – in - charge

*10/9/24*

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**OM-OUOPS-2024-09-09209**

MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
 SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
 SCHOOL HEADS  
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
 Undersecretary for Operations

**DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN**  
 Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **CELEBRATION OF THE GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2024**

DATE : **September 24, 2024**

The DepEd Order 10, s. 2016 (DO 10, s. 2016) or the Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program, aims to promote proper hygiene and sanitation practices, and advocates for creating a clean environment in and around schools, ensuring the safety and health of learners. DO 10, s. 2016 is designed to enhance learning and health outcomes while improving learners' attendance through a comprehensive, sustainable, and scalable school-based program for water, hygiene, sanitation, and deworming. This aligns with the State's mandate, as established in the 1987 Constitution, to uphold children's rights to adequate care and nutrition and to protect them from harmful conditions. Additionally, it seeks to promote public health and instill health consciousness within the community.

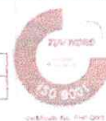
The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), will lead this year's celebration of **Global Handwashing Day**, themed "Why are Clean Hands Still Important?" Celebrated every 15<sup>th</sup> of October, this global initiative aims to raise awareness about the significance of handwashing with soap as a simple yet effective means to prevent diseases and save lives.

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To promote public awareness about this celebration, all DepEd offices are encouraged to undertake Global Handwashing Day 2024 related activities, such as but not limited to:

- utilizing online and other social media platforms through active use, posting, and sharing of the Global Handwashing Day 2024 campaign and advocacy materials in all DepEd official websites and social media pages; and
- conducting own relevant activities for learners and their families such as webinars, lectures, exhibits, etc.

All DepEd schools are also enjoined to conduct simultaneous handwashing activity among learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel, parents and other stakeholders. Schools shall designate a specific time to conduct the said activity on October 15, 2024, ensuring that there would be no disruption of classes. The simultaneous handwashing activity shall be video recorded and submitted to the SDO WinS Coordinators for documentation.

All Regional, Division, and School WinS Coordinators are requested to follow the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.

References and other resources related to the celebration may be accessed at the Global Handwashing Partnership's official website through [tinyurl.com/GHW2024](https://tinyurl.com/GHW2024).

For more information, please contact **Ms. Christine Isabel B. Buenvenida**, Health Education and Promotion Officer II and/or **Mr. Dranoel Cyrus C. Bagoio**, Technical Assistant II of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), through email at [sbfp@deped.gov.ph](mailto:sbfp@deped.gov.ph) or telephone number (02) 8632-9935.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.