



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025-295

To : Schools Division Office – Digos City Teaching and Non-teaching Personnel
Public and Private School Learners
All other Concerned

Subject : **MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS AND THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH PROTOCOLS TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX (MPOX) AND OTHER EMERGING AND REEMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (EREID)**

Date : May 29, 2025

1. Attached is the Executive Order from the Office of the Governor of the Province of Davao del Sur regarding the participation on the mandatory wearing of face masks and the strict observance of health protocols to control the spread of monkeypox (mpox) and other emerging and reemerging infectious diseases (EREID) that is effective immediately and shall remain in force until lifted, amended, or superseded by future issuance.
2. In alignment with the DOH's guidelines and the mentioned Executive Order from the Office of the Governor of the Province of Davao del Sur, the DepEd – Digos City Division shall implement the following precautionary measures.
 - A. Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks**

All individuals within school premises are required to wear face masks, especially in situations where physical distancing is not possible.
 - B. Strict Adherence to Health Protocols**
 - i. Hand Hygiene: Regular hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
 - ii. Respiratory Hygiene: Covering mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.
 - iii. Surface Cleaning: Regular cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, including desks, doorknobs, and shared equipment.
 - iv. Physical Distancing: Maintaining a distance of at least one meter from others whenever possible.



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- v. Avoiding Close Contact: Refraining from close and intimate skin-to-skin contact with individuals who are suspect, probable, or confirmed cases of mpox.
- C. Monitoring and Reporting**
School health personnel shall monitor for signs and symptoms of mpox among students and staff.
Any suspected cases shall be reported immediately to the DOH and local health authorities for appropriate action.
- D. Education and Awareness**
Conduct regular information sessions to educate the school community about mpox, its transmission, and preventive measures. Distribute educational materials, including posters and leaflets, to reinforce key messages.
3. All school heads are directed to:
- Ensure the dissemination of this memorandum to all personnel and students.
 - Coordinate with local health authorities for the implementation of health protocols.
 - Monitor compliance and report any challenges or violations to the Schools Division Office.
 - Provide necessary resources and support to facilitate the adherence to health protocols.
4. Compliance with all cited stipulations in the herein issuance by all members of the school community is essential in preventing the spread of mpox and other EREIDs. By adhering to the mandatory wearing of face masks and strict health protocols, we contribute to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone.
5. For strict implementation.

For and in the absence of the
Schools Division Superintendent


SOLLIE B. OLIVER, JR., MATE
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20, SERIES OF 2025

AN ORDER DIRECTING THE MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS AND THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF HEALTH PROTOCOLS TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX (MPOX) AND OTHER EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (EREID) IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Davao del Sur is committed to protecting the health, safety, and well-being of its constituents;

WHEREAS, monkeypox is a viral disease that poses a serious threat to public health and has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 11223 otherwise known as the Universal Health Care Act recognizes the importance of addressing Public Health Emergencies posing imminent threat of an illness or health condition;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has issued advisories for the Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment and Re-integration (PDITR) on Monkeypox, and has urged local government units to implement appropriate health measures;

WHEREAS, there is already reported one (1) confirmed case of Monkeypox in the Municipality of Magsaysay, Davao del Sur;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to implement localized preventive measures to reduce the risk of transmission and ensure the preparedness of all municipalities and barangays within the province;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, YVONNE R. CAGAS, Governor of the Province of Davao del Sur, by virtue of the powers vested in me under the Local Government Code and other pertinent laws, do hereby order:



SECTION 1. Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks

All residents and individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of Davao del Sur are required to wear face masks:

In indoor public and enclosed spaces such as markets, public transport, offices, schools, churches, and business establishments;

In crowded outdoor areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained;

In healthcare facilities and when caring for or interacting with suspected or confirmed monkeypox cases.

SECTION 2. Mandatory Observance of Health Protocols

The following public health measures shall be strictly observed:

Frequent handwashing or use of 70% alcohol or alcohol-based hand sanitizers;

Physical distancing of at least one (1) meter in public and communal areas;

Proper cough and sneeze etiquette;

Ensure adequate ventilation in enclosed spaces;

Immediate reporting and isolation of individuals showing symptoms of monkeypox such as fever, rashes, swollen lymph nodes, and fatigue;

Disinfection of frequently-touched surfaces in homes, offices, and public places.

SECTION 3. Responsibilities of Local Government Units

All city, municipal and barangay governments in the province are directed to:

Implement and enforce this Executive Order within their respective jurisdictions;

Mobilize City/Municipal/Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (CHERTs/MHERTs/BHERTs) for surveillance, reporting, and public education;

Coordinate with the City/Municipal Health Offices (CHO/MHO) for isolation, referral, and contact tracing of suspected cases.

SECTION 4. Role of the Provincial Health Office

The PHO shall:

Monitor and report monkeypox and EREID related developments within the province;

Disseminate accurate information and health advisories;

Provide technical support to LGUs in case detection, containment, case management and referrals;

Recommend updates on health protocols based on evolving data;

Coordinate with other stakeholders on Monkeypox and EREID response; and,

Oversee and advise activation of surge-capacity protocols of hospitals.

SECTION 5. Compliance and Penalties

Non-compliance with this Executive Order shall subject violators to appropriate sanctions under existing national laws and provincial ordinances, including the imposition of fines, community service, or other corrective actions

SECTION 6. Separability Clause

If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. Effectivity

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until lifted, amended, or superseded by future issuances.

Issued this 28th of May, 2025, in Digos City, Davao del Sur.


YVONNE R. CAGAS
Provincial Governor