



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025- 591

To : **HEALTH AND NUTRITION UNIT
MT. APO DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
RIZAL CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL HEAD**

Subject : **CONDUCT OF RABIES AWARENESS MONTH COMMEMORATION**

Date : September 4, 2025

1. Attached is the letter from the Provincial Health Office Province of Davao del Sur dated September 2, 2025 regarding the conduct of Rabies Awareness Month Commemoration on **September 26, 2025 from 8:30AM to 12:00noon** at **Rizal Central Elementary School, Kapatagan, Digos City**.
2. This activity aims to significantly reduce rabies-related fatalities by enhancing public awareness and understanding of rabies prevention and control measures. This also strengthen health promotion on rabies.
3. In support with this activity, the host school is requested the following:
 - a. At least 125 students from Grade III to Grade VI together with their teachers
 - b. Venue and stage preparation to include chairs
 - c. Emcee for the program
 - d. Sound System
 - e. One (1) Intermission number from studentsOn the other hand, the PHO will be providing the following:
 - a. Snacks (125 packs)
 - b. Tarpaulin for the Stage
 - c. Outdoor Projector and Screen
 - d. Event's Program
4. For information and strict compliance is desired.

For and in the absence of the
Schools Division Superintendent

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RECOMMENDATION

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The **Rabies Awareness Month Commemoration**, scheduled for **September 26, 2025 at Rizal Central Elementary School in Digos City**, is critically important and warrants full support and execution as planned due to the following reasons:

a) **High Animal Bite Incidence in Davao del Sur**

In 2024, the **Davao Region** recorded **120,000 animal bite cases**, a staggering volume of exposures that significantly increases the risk of human rabies infection. Among regional fatalities, **Davao del Sur alone accounted for five human rabies deaths**, underscoring an urgent and localized health concern

b) **Fatal but Preventable Disease**

Rabies is **virtually 100% fatal** once symptoms appear, yet **entirely preventable** through awareness, prompt bite management, and vaccination. The alarming prevalence and tragic outcomes in our region demonstrate why that awareness must be urgently raised.

c) **Amplifying Public Education and Prevention**

The proposed symposium represents an essential platform to educate the community, especially children, teachers, and parents, on critical preventive measures: proper wound care, timely post-exposure prophylaxis, responsible pet ownership, and the dangers of traditional yet ineffective practices


In light of the alarming spike in rabies cases and the fatal consequences of delayed or inadequate response, we strongly recommend endorsing the **Rabies Awareness Month Commemoration** event.

Launching this event will not only raise critical awareness among residents, particularly youth and educators, but also strengthen our health promotion efforts, enhance post-exposure response readiness, and ultimately save lives.

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September 2, 2025

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Schools Division Superintendent
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Digos City, Davao del Sur

Dear Ms. Estacion

Good day!

Rabies is a vaccine-preventable viral disease which occurs in more than 150 countries and territories. It is 100% fatal but 100% preventable and the most affected group are below 15 years of age. In 2024, the province of Davao del Sur has a total of 17,324 animal bite cases reported and five (5) human rabies death. The most effective strategy to decrease cases of rabies deaths is to strengthen health promotion on rabies.

Relative to this, the Provincial Health Office (PHO) in partnership with Provincial Veterinary Office annually conducts Rabies Awareness Month Commemoration. This year we planned to conduct this event in Rizal Central Elementary School, Kapatagan, Digos City on September 26, 2025 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon thus, we are requesting for the approval from your good office that we can conduct this event in the said venue. During the activity, we are requesting the following details from the host school:

1. At least 125 students from Grades III to Grade VI together with their teachers
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On the hand, the PHO will be providing the following:

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We are thanking you in advance for your support to the program. For further inquiries please contact Ms. Marie Jane Lalaine N. Dofiles at 0919-599-8086 the Provincial Rabies Control Program Manager.

Respectfully yours,


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