



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

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To All PSDS
Schools Division of Aklan
Numancia, Aklan

Sirs/Mesdames:

Greetings!

The COVID-19 Pandemic posted a great challenge in our institution, during which face to face classes are suspended, thus delivery of school health programs for SY 2020 – 2021 shall be community based to be conducted by the Department of Health (DOH).

OUA Memo 00-1020-0198 Memorandum 19 October 2020 re: Advisory on the Implementation of the Medical- Nursing Services and Adolescent Reproductive Health Programs for SY 2020 – 2021 identified our responsibility to facilitate the transfer of deworming tablets (Albendazole) in our possession to the Local Health Unit as per attached memo.

Anent this, SHNS of DepEd Aklan is requesting your assistance to facilitate the delivery of the deworming tablets to your respective Local Health Units. We will be forwarding the allocated medicines to your districts. Kindly attach the Master List of learners for SY 2020 – 2021 as recipients to your Local Health Unit counterparts. The master list will serve as the basis for the accomplishment report of the school and shall be a communal property of both the Local Health Unit and the school.

Thank you very much. God bless.

Very truly yours,

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OUA MEMO 00-1020-0198

MEMORANDUM

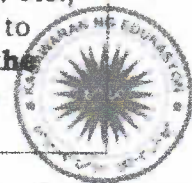
19 October 2020

To: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads**

Subject: **ADVISORY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
MEDICAL-NURSING SERVICES AND THE ADOLESCENT
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM FOR SY 2020-2021**

Due to the current situation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, during which face-to-face classes have been suspended, the implementation of the following School Health Programs for SY 2020-2021 shall be **community-based**, to be **conducted by the Department of Health (DOH)**. Concerned personnel at the regional and division offices and schools are **requested to provide necessary support** in the following activities, expected to be completed on or before December 31, 2020:

School Health Program	Expected Roles of the Regional and Division Offices, and Schools in the Community-Based Implementation of the Programs
<p>1. Medical and Nursing Services</p> <p>a. School-Based Immunization Program (SBI) – Measles-Rubella (MR), Tetanus diphtheria (Td) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV)</p> <p>b. Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the SDOs to provide the needed Master List of Learners for SY 2020-2021 to their respective counterpart Local Health Units. The master list shall also serve as the basis for the accomplishment report of the school, and shall be a communal property of both the Local Health Unit and the school • For the Regional and Division Focal Persons to attend program-related activities organized by the DOH (e.g., virtual coordination, consultative meetings, orientation, awareness campaigns, etc.) • For the Regional and Division Focal Persons to conduct health promotion advocacies on the programs to teachers, parents, and learners utilizing various platforms



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(Administrative Service (AS), Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), Division of Security Support Services (DSSS), Filipino Teachers' Camp (FTC), Central Security & Safety Office (CSSO))

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<p>c. Integrated Helminth Control Program (IHCP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the Regional and Division Focal Persons Focal Persons to help/facilitate the transfer of commodities for IHCP and WIFA supplementation (deworming and iron folic acid tablets) from the schools to local health units
<p>2. Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH)- Rapid Psychosocial Assessment for Adolescents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the SDOs to provide the needed Master List of Learners for SY 2020-2021 to their respective counterpart Local Health Units • For the Regional and Division Health Personnel, ARH Coordinators, and teachers to attend self-paced online trainings on Adolescent Health Education and Practical Training (ADEPT) and the use of Rapid Psychosocial Assessment Tool accessible at the DepEd Professional Development-Learning Management System (DepEd PD-LMS) • For the Regional and Division Health Personnel, ARH Coordinators, and teachers to attend program-related activities organized by the DOH (e.g., virtual coordination, consultative meetings, orientation, awareness campaigns) • For the Regional and Division Health Personnel, ARH Coordinators, and teachers to assist the Local Health Units in the distribution of self-administered forms, through the existing mechanisms/platforms set up by the schools for module distribution for Grades 5 to 12. Schools, in coordination with the Local Health Units, can opt to create an online form for their learners. • For ARH Coordinators, health personnel, and teachers to help facilitate the collection of the printed forms from the learners upon the return of their modules. The forms shall be a communal property of both the Local Health Unit and the school. • For personnel trained in the use of the Rapid Psychosocial Assessment Tool, ADEPT, and Psychological First Aid (PFA) to assist in the consolidation and analysis of data, conduct PFA to identified learners in need, if necessary, and refer to proper health care professionals • For ARH Coordinators and health personnel to conduct health promotion advocacies on the program to teachers, parents and learners utilizing various platforms

It is emphasized that the participation of DepEd personnel in the implementation of the abovementioned programs shall be on **personal and voluntary capacity**.



Furthermore, the implementation of the SBI, WIFA Supplementation, and IHCP shall be done under the **Fixed Site Administration approach**, stated in the DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0167. Should the health personnel be involved, the Local Health Unit must **ensure the safety and health of the DepEd personnel** by providing the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), alcohol, sanitizers, and other disinfectants, and implementing stringent physical distancing measures; and paying remuneration or allowances, as may be warranted by law.

The **Data Privacy Act and related policies** of the DOH and DepEd shall be followed in the handling and sharing of data.

The following memoranda issued by DOH to its field coordinators in the implementation of above-mentioned health programs are enclosed for ready reference:

1. **DOH Department Circular No. 2020-0167**- Continuous Provision of Essential Health Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic
2. **DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0237**- Interim Guidelines for the Delivery of Nutrition Services in the Context of COVID-19 Pandemic
3. **DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0341**- Interim Guidelines on Continuous Provision of Adolescent Health Services during COVID-19
4. **DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0351**- Interim Guidelines in the Implementation of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination amid COVID-19 Pandemic

For all future correspondence and queries on these School Health Programs, please contact **Ms. Girlie A. Azurin**, Senior Education Program Specialist, SBI Coordinator; **Ms. Ma. Lee L. Alpuerto**, Nurse II, WIFA and IHCP Coordinator; and **Ms. Lien Ivy C. Callado**, HEPO II, ARH Coordinator, Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division, at 02 (8632-9935) and email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate and appropriate action.


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