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**DIVISION OF AKLAN**

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S RESPONSE ON HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO  
CORONAVIRUS AND RE-EMERGENCE OF POLIO IN THE PHILIPPINES**

To: Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads of Public and Private Elementary, Secondary and  
Integrated Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Please find attached OUA MEMO-08-0120-0598 dated January 24, 2020, which is self-explanatory.
2. For your information, guidance and compliance.

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**MEMORANDUM**

24 January 2020

**For: Regional Directors**  
**Minister for Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**Principals / School Heads**  
**All Others Concerned**

**Subject: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S RESPONSE ON**  
**HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS AND**  
**RE-EMERGENCE OF POLIO IN THE PHILIPPINES**

In view of public health concerns brought about by the spread of novel coronavirus in China, parts of Asia, and the rest of the world, this Memorandum is issued to alert all school personnel and learners to take precautionary measures against the possible spread of the virus.

Coronavirus comes from a family of viruses that can cause various diseases characterized by cough and colds, fever, difficulty in breathing and shortness of breath that can lead to serious infections, pneumonia, acute respiratory syndrome, kidney problems and even death.

Accordingly, all are strictly advised to make handwashing a habit, to always cover one's mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, to avoid close contact with people who show signs of respiratory illness, to drink plenty of water and ensure food are cooked properly, and to consult a health facility if symptoms of cough and colds persist.

Moreover, with the re-emergence of polio in the country—as confirmed by the Department of Health (DOH)—all government agencies, including the Department of Education, are urgently called upon to respond and address the polio outbreak.

DepEd reiterates the support needed by DOH to attain the outbreak response goal of immunizing children under 5 years old and to leave no child behind.



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Towards this end, DepEd is expected to implement the following:

- Raise awareness about the outbreak, areas covered by mass immunization campaign and schedules;
- Promote correct information about polio and its lifelong and irreversible impact on children;
- Support health workers and volunteers in vaccinating ALL children especially those hard-to-reach;
- Create posts echoing the campaign's key messages.

In the interest of everyone's health and safety, all school officials are strictly enjoined to support measures, awareness, and initiatives against coronavirus and polio in the Philippines.

For dissemination and implementation.

  
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