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

TO: OIC, Office Of The Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Elementary And Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to OUA MEMO 00-1020- 0198 entitled Advisory on the Implementation of the Medical-Nursing Services and the Adolescent Reproductive Health Program for SY 2020 – 2021, the Department of Education released this advisory for the information and guidance of all concerned.

2. Due to the current situation brought about by COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of School Health Programs for SY 2020-2021 shall be **community based,** to be conducted by the Department of Health (DOH).

3. Attached is the OUA MEMO 00-1020-0198 for your perusal.

4. For inquiries and other concern, kindly contact Kathleen Claire C. Mercader, Nurse II, ARH Coordinator at 09778040574 | 09338741406 or email us at healthunit.tanauan@deped.gov.ph

5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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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
1. Medical and Nursing Services a. School-Based Immunization Program (SBI) – Measles-Rubella (MR), Tetanus diphtheria (Td) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) b. Weekly Iron Folic Acid (WIFA) Supplementation	• 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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c. Integrated Helminth Control Program (IHCP)	• 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
2. Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH)- Rapid Psychosocial Assessment for Adolescents	• 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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