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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**INTENSIFICATION OF DENGUE PREVENTION AND
CONTROL MEASURES IN SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors/ Principals-in-Charge
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Nurses and other School Health Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In view of the **documented dengue cases** in the province and the continuing risk of transmission within schools, the Office **strongly encourages all schools to intensify dengue prevention and control measures** within their respective school premises. These efforts are essential to protect our learners and school personnel from dengue and to ensure a **safe, healthy, and supportive school environment** for everyone.
2. All schools shall implement appropriate dengue prevention and control measures consistent with existing Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Health (DOH) policies and guidelines. In this regard, all concerned are directed to refer to and observe the Department of Education Memorandum dated February 18, 2025, entitled **"Advisory on Dengue Prevention and Control Measures in Schools,"** particularly the **DOH 5S Strategy**.
3. To strengthen dengue prevention and control in schools, School Heads shall ensure the consistent and coordinated implementation of the following measures within their respective school premises. **These measures are intended to reduce the risk of dengue transmission and protect learners and school personnel through a clean, safe, and health-conscious school environment.**
 - a. **Search and Destroy Mosquito Breeding Sites**
 - i. Conduct regular, preferably weekly, clean-up drives in classrooms, restrooms, school grounds, and other areas within the school premises;
 - ii. Remove stagnant water from plant saucers, discarded containers, old tires, roof gutters, and other water-collecting items;
 - iii. Properly cover water storage containers and ensure proper disposal of waste;
 - iv. Regularly inspect school premises for potential mosquito breeding sites and immediately address identified breeding areas; and
 - v. Conduct larval surveys as part of regular environmental sanitation and dengue prevention activities.

- b. **Self-Protection Measures**
 - i. Encourage learners and school personnel to wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks, preferably in light-colored clothing, to minimize exposure to mosquito bites;
 - ii. Encourage the application of DOH-approved mosquito repellents, when necessary; and
 - iii. Maintain well-ventilated classrooms and install screens on windows and doors, when feasible.
 - c. **Seek Early Consultation**
 - i. Ensure that learners and school personnel are able to recognize early signs and symptoms suggestive of dengue, including high-grade fever, severe headache, dizziness or unusual tiredness, pain behind the eyes, body aches, joint or muscle pain, skin rash, nausea, vomiting, or loss of appetite;
 - ii. Promptly refer learners or school personnel manifesting signs and symptoms suggestive of dengue for appropriate medical assessment and management;
 - iii. Immediately inform the parents or guardians of learners with suspected dengue and advise them to seek medical consultation; and
 - iv. Closely monitor for danger signs requiring urgent medical attention, including severe stomach pain, persistent vomiting, unusual bleeding such as nosebleeds or gum bleeding, bruising, extreme drowsiness, irritability, difficulty breathing, cold and clammy skin, or fainting. Learners manifesting these signs shall be brought to a hospital or appropriate health facility without delay.
 - d. **Support Fogging as a Last Resort or Only in Outbreak Situations**
 - i. Coordinate with the Barangay Health Workers, Rural Health Units (RHUs), Municipal Health Offices, Local Government Units (LGUs), and other appropriate health authorities to assess the necessity of fogging; and
 - ii. Ensure that fogging is conducted only upon the recommendation of and in coordination with the appropriate health authorities, particularly in areas where a dengue outbreak has been officially declared, and in accordance with existing guidelines.
 - e. **Sustain Hydration**
 - i. Provide safe and accessible drinking water through hydration stations and other appropriate means; and
 - ii. Encourage learners and school personnel to increase their fluid intake, particularly when experiencing fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, to help prevent dehydration.
- 4. School Heads shall lead and ensure the regular implementation of dengue prevention activities and shall properly schedule such activities to **avoid disruption of regular teaching and learning**. Existing school health and environmental sanitation activities shall be maximized for this purpose.
 - 5. Schools shall coordinate with the **Municipal Health Office/RHU, Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Officials, LGUs, and other concerned health authorities** for dengue surveillance, case reporting, environmental risk assessment, and appropriate response. Suspected clustering or unusual increases in cases shall be promptly reported to the appropriate Local Health Office.
 - 6. The **School Health Section** shall provide technical assistance; conduct monitoring, school visits, larval surveys, and dengue surveillance; and provide recommendations

and follow-up actions based on identified risks and findings. Dengue surveillance may be integrated into **Learners' Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS)**, as applicable.

7. **Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals-in-Charge** shall monitor compliance within their respective districts and ensure that identified gaps and concerns are addressed.
8. Dengue prevention and control measures shall be integrated into existing school health and environmental sanitation initiatives, particularly **Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OK sa DepEd), Learners' Health Assessment and Screening (LHAS), Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WinS), School Health Services**, and other relevant school-based health programs and activities.
9. Schools shall maintain appropriate **Means of Verification (MOVs)**, including activity reports, photographs, monitoring forms, and other relevant documentation, to support monitoring and reporting.
10. The prevention and control of dengue is a **shared responsibility**. All School Heads, teaching and non-teaching personnel, learners, parents, and community stakeholders are enjoined to actively participate in maintaining a clean, safe, and healthy school environment.
11. For detailed technical guidance on dengue prevention and control measures in schools, all concerned are directed to refer to the **Department of Education Memorandum dated February 18, 2025, "Advisory on Dengue Prevention and Control Measures in Schools,"** in conjunction with existing DepEd and DOH policies and guidelines.
12. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.



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