



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XII
Schools Division Office of Tacurong City

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

- TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, Curriculum Implementation and
Schools Governance and Operations Division
Cluster Heads
School Heads
Elementary and Secondary Schools (Private & Public)
This Division
1. Dengue fever is a serious mosquito-borne disease that can cause significant illness and even death. As the dengue season approaches/is ongoing, it is crucial that we take all necessary precautions to prevent its spread and protect our learners, ourselves and our community.
 2. To ensure the learners and school personnel's health and safety, the **5S Strategy** of the Department of Health (DOH) must be observed and followed:

I. DENGUE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

A. Search and Destroy Mosquito Breeding Sites

- a. Conduct weekly clean-up drives in classrooms, restrooms, and school grounds;
- b. Remove stagnant water from plant saucers, old tires, roof, gutter and other water-collecting items;
- c. Properly cover waste storage containers and dispose of waste properly;
- d. Regularly inspect school premises for potential mosquito breeding sites.

B. Self-Protection Measures

- a. Encourage learners and school personnel/staff to:
 - i. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to minimize mosquito bites;
 - ii. Apply DOH-approved mosquito repellants, when necessary;
 - iii. Maintain well-ventilated classrooms and install screens on windows and doors if possible.

C. Seek Early Consultation

- a. Parents and teachers should be vigilant in recognizing/ identifying early signs and symptoms of dengue, which include, amongst others:
 - i. High grade fever (39 degree Celsius or higher) lasting at least 2 days, or possibly recurring over a 7-day period;
 - ii. Severe headache, dizziness, or unusual tiredness;



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- iii. Pain behind the eyes;
- iv. Body aches, joint or muscle pain;
- v. Skin rash;
- vi. Nausea, vomiting or loss of appetite

If a learner has a high fever and any of these symptoms, they should be referred to a health facility immediately.

- b. Watch for danger signs requiring urgent medical attention:
 - i. Severe stomach pain;
 - ii. Persistent vomiting;
 - iii. Unusual bleeding (nosebleeds, gum bleeding, bruising)
 - iv. Extreme drowsiness, irritability, or difficulty breathing;
 - v. Cold clammy skin or fainting.

If any of these signs appear, the learner must be rushed to a hospital without delay.

D. Support Fogging as a Last Resort or Only in Outbreak Situations

- a. Schools should coordinate with their Brgy. Health Workers and Local Health Offices to assess the necessity of fogging.
- b. Fogging should only be conducted in areas where a dengue outbreak has been officially declared.

E. Sustain Hydration

- a. Schools are encouraged to provide safe and accessible drinking water via hydration stations and other appropriate means;
- b. Learners and school personnel are encouraged to increase their fluid intake, particularly if experiencing symptoms such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, to prevent dehydration.

II. COORDINATION WITH LGUs AND HEALTH AGENCIES

- A. Schools are urged to closely coordinate with their respective Brgy. Health Workers, Rural Health Units, and Local Government Units in monitoring and/ or reporting dengue cases to ensure timely response at the community level.
- B. Schools must stay informed of any issuances, advisories, and guidelines provided by the Department of Health, updating protocols and practices as necessary to align with the latest public health recommendations.
- C. Schools must coordinate with DOH-Accredited Dengue Centers of Excellence, as mandated by DOH Administrative Order No. 2021-0009, to ensure proper referral and treatment of severe dengue cases.
- D. Schools are strongly encouraged to partner with their respective LGUs in implementing community-based dengue prevention initiatives.





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III. MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

1. School Division Office-School Health & Nutrition Unit shall ensure strict and consistent implementation of dengue prevention measures across all schools;
2. School Principals/Heads are required to:
 - a. Organize and conduct regular dengue prevention activities and submit reports to the Schools Division Office, following existing guidelines;
 - b. Monitor absenteeism trends as early indicators of potential dengue outbreaks;
 - c. Immediately report suspected dengue cases to the nearest health facility.
3. Attached is the case surveillance reporting template to be used and submitted every 1st week of the month.
4. For queries and concerns you may contact **Ms. Jonalee Y. Arquiza, RN**, Nurse In Charge, through this number **09190656425** and email address **jonalee.yturalde@deped.gov.ph**.
5. For wide dissemination and strict compliance.


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Schools Division Superintendent



Enclosure: *Dengue Cases Reporting Template*

References: *DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES IN SCHOOLS*

Allotment: *None*

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following Subjects:

DENGUE PREVENTION HEALTH

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DENGUE SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Division:

School:

School ID:

A.

Name (learner/personnel)	Grade Level/Position	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	CASE SURVEILLANCE (involve identifying, reporting of Dengue Disease Spread)	Case Diagnosis	Dengue Promotion Activities/Measures Undertaken	Health Promotion and Advocacy Efforts

B. Photo Documentation of Activities/Health Promotion and Advocacies:

Prepared and submitted by:

Noted by:

School Clinic In Charge

School Head/ Principal



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