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REGION IX, ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAPITAN CITY

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To: OIC, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID & SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

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Subject: **GUIDELINES ON THE PREVENTION OF COVID-19 AND OTHER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN SCHOOLS**

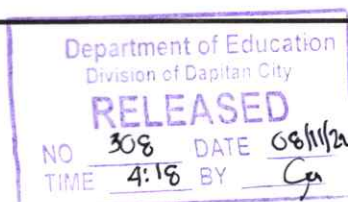
Date: **August 11, 2022**

Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 034, s. 2022 – School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023, the following guidelines on the prevention of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in schools shall be strictly observed in schools, to wit:

1. Face masks shall be mandatory in the re-opening of classes. A face shield may be used in lieu of a face mask for activities requiring the entire face of an individual to be visible.
2. Physical distancing shall be observed whenever possible.
3. Classroom doors and windows shall be opened for ventilation.
4. Students, teaching and non-teaching personnel are strictly prohibited from eating together while facing one another. If there is a lack of space in the classroom or school premises to allow distancing during meals, eating shall be done in a manner where all individuals face in one direction and do not talk while their masks off.
5. Schools shall coordinate with Dapitan City Health Office in the conduct of advocacy campaigns and School Advocacy Seminar on Vaccination of Learners and for counselling on the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination of the family of an unvaccinated learner.
6. In coordination with Dapitan City Health office, implement mobile vaccinations preferably in the schools for those who sign a written consent to be vaccinated.



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7. Schools shall seek the support of and partner with psychiatrists/psychologists and other health professionals to assist in ensuring the mental wellness of students, teachers, and non-teaching personnel during the transition period.
8. Learners who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 shall be immediately excused from in-person classes and shall shift to distance learning. This shall only be required of those who feel well enough to answer modules or participate in online classes but are in the home or facility isolation. This provision excludes learners who are admitted to hospitals. To prevent learners with symptoms similar to COVID-19 from going to school, parents are highly encouraged to monitor and report the health status of their children to the school, through the class adviser, and appropriate authorities.
9. Schools shall have a COVID-19 Contingency Plan, Infection Control Plan (ICP) and containment strategy that is ready to be implemented in the event of the spread of COVID-19 or other infectious diseases within their premises.
10. Schools shall not be liable should any learner or personnel turn COVID-19 positive. There is no need for parents or guardians to sign a waiver for this item. Likewise, no parent's or guardian's consent shall be required for a learner to resume 5 days in-person classes.

Expenses that will be incurred during the conduct of activities relative to the implementation of in-person classes shall be charged against the school MOOE appropriation subject to its availability, existing policies, budgeting, accounting, auditing and procurements rules and regulations.

Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

