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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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DEPED ABRA SCHOOLS' RESPONSE ON HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO CORONA VIRUS, RE-EMERGENCE OF POLIO AND DENGUE IN SCHOOLS

TO: CID and SGOD Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
All Schools Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools
All School Health Coordinators
All School Health Section Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. 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, all schools are enjoined to conduct activities to ensure proper information education campaigns on precautionary measures against the possible spread of the virus.
2. Corona virus 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 like pneumonia, acute respiratory syndrome, kidney problems and even death.
3. The following are suggested activities for implementation:
 - a) Reiteration or putting emphasis on sanitation and proper hygiene practices in health and other related subjects;
 - b) Orientation of learners and parents by health authorities or expert or teachers during homeroom meetings and flag ceremonies;
 - c) Posting of advocacy materials in conspicuous areas in the school;
 - d) Placement of free-flowing drinking water in canteens to encourage the habit of ideal water consumption;
 - e) Close monitoring of learners by school health personnel;
 - f) Report cases of corona virus, polio and dengue cases to the nearest Health Center and the Schools Division Office;
 - g) Referral of pupils/students/personnel with symptoms of corona virus, polio and dengue cases.
4. The Department of Health (DOH) confirms that Polio is re-emerging in the country, nineteen years after the country declared polio-free by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2000. Polio is an infectious disease which spreads rapidly. It can cause paralysis and, on rare occasions can be fatal. There is no cure for polio- it can only be prevented with multiple doses of polio vaccines that have long been proven safe and effective.

5. Dengue, a mosquito-borne viral infection found in tropical countries worldwide, can lead to haemorrhaging and organ failure in severe cases and there is no specific treatment for the illness. Dengue is now a year-round disease. It is an acute viral infection that affects mostly young children and infants. Children are particularly susceptible to Dengue because of they have weaker immune systems compared to adults.
6. In the interest of everyone's health and safety, all school officials and school health personnel are strictly enjoined to support measures, awareness and initiatives against 2019 Novel Coronavirus, support health workers and volunteers in the vaccination of all children and promote correct information about Polio and its lifelong and irreversible impact on children and actively observe the intensive drive against Dengue in their respective schools.
7. A documentation report (with photos) of these activities must be submitted to the School Governance and Operations Division – School Health Section on March 6, 2020.
8. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.


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