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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ABRA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CELEBRATION OF THE 18TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary School Heads
Public Secondary School Heads
School Health Personnel
All Other Concerned

1. With reference to the QUA MEMO 00-0122-0122 dated January 20, 2022 entitled Celebration of the 18th National Dental Health Month, the Schools Division of Abra through the School Governance and Operations Division-School Health Section encourage all personnel and schools to participate in the activities related to the celebration of the Dental Health Month from January 30 to February 27, 2022. This pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No.559, s. 2004, Declaring the month of February of Every Year as National Dental Health Month.

2. The theme for this year's celebration is "**Brushing is a Must, kahit naka Mask,**" to strengthen awareness and reiterate the importance of good oral hygiene habits by reaching out to all Filipinos to keep their teeth, gums and entire mouth healthy.

3. The Dentists and other School Health Personnel in the SDO shall take the lead in the following activities related to the National Celebration:

a.) Utilization of the tele-dentistry and telehealth for home-based consultation and oral health promotion.

b.) Preventive Oral Health Services and Interventions through the following:

b.1. Distribution of hygiene supplies to learners and teachers;

b.2. Strengthen awareness and reiterate the importance of good oral hygiene through health education using various social media platform;

b.3. Topical application of fluoride varnish by the Dentists to Kinder-Grade 3 learners in low risk areas and where F2F classes are allowed.

c.) Promotion of Oral Health at home including Oral Health Education and Instructions.





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d.) Coordinate and collaborate with other government agencies and local PDA Chapters and Affiliates in support of the activities of the month-long celebration.

4. It is reiterated that the provision of the dental services if applicable shall observe the required health standards as per DepEd Order No. 14, s. 2020 entitled "Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools."


5. In relation to this, all are requested to support the upcoming virtual activities of the Philippine Dental association (PDA). Details for the mentioned activities below to be coordinated with the PDA-Abra Chapter.

Activity	Date
Opening Ceremonies simultaneous with Virtual Inter-Religious Eucharistic Celebration and Billboard Unveiling to be streamed via Zoom	January 30, 2022
World Oral Health Day Social Media Campaign	Jan. 10- Feb. 10, 2022
Visayas Kick-off to be hosted by Bacolod Dental Chapter	February 6, 2022
Feast of St. Apolonia hosted by Manila Dental Chapter & Fil-Chi	February 9, 2022
Mindanao Kick-off to be hosted by Davao del Sur Dental Chapter	February 10, 2022
PDA Blood-letting	February 20, 2022
Indigency Clinic	TBA

6. A narrative report and documentation on the activities done by the schools shall be submitted to the School Health Section on or before March 10, 2022.

7. For further details and inquiries please contact Maricar V. Taberdo-Dentist through email at maricar.taberdo@deped.gov.ph or at cellphone number 09778057284.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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