
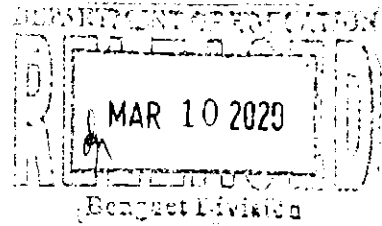
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To: Division Office Personnel
 Schools District Supervisors, School Heads
 School Health Personnel, DRRM Coordinators
 All others concerned



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Subject: **REITERATION ON THE FIFTH SET OF POLICY DIRECTIVES OF THE DEPED TASK FORCE COVID-19**

Date: March 9, 2020



1. The DOH has raised the COVID-19 Alert system to Code Red sublevel 1, following the confirmation of local transmission in the country and in anticipation of possible community transmission. Under Code Red sublevel 1, responses being implemented to increase capacity to diagnose.
2. To ensure heightened precautions in the light of the developments in the overall national situation, the Schools Division of Benguet reaffirms informed, coordinated and proportionate response from schools, districts and to the Division Office up to the appropriate authorities – amongst are, local health authorities and local government unit.
3. **The following policy directives and measures stated in DepEd MEMORANDUM No. O34 S.2020 are reiterated.**
 - a. *“...DepEd personnel and learners who are also known to have had close contacts with those categorized by the DOH as PUI/persons under investigation shall undergo home quarantine, strictly following prescribed guidelines by the health authorities, including the necessary medical check-ups and also be closely monitored by their respective supervisors, advisers, or school heads”.*
 - b. **Guidelines on suspension of classes for the guidance of the School Heads:**
 - i. If one school has confirmed one positive case of COVID-19, the school head can declare the suspension of classes.
 - ii. If two or more schools in one municipality have confirmed a positive case of COVID-19, the SDS can declare the suspension of classes in the affected schools and adjacent areas or, depending on the local situation, in the entire municipality.
 - iii. If there is community-level transmission in a municipality or several municipalities, the SDS can declare the suspension of classes in the affected schools and adjacent areas or, depending on the local situation, in the entire province.
 - iv. CONFIRMATION of cases, as well as community-level transmission, shall only come from the DOH.
 - c. **Conduct of activities for the month of March shall be guided by the following:**
 - i. *“All regional activities involving learners and/or teachers requiring travel and congregations of various schools and/or division, including regional Athletic Meets, are suspended until*

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further notice". Hence, the training for CARAA 2020 issued through the Division Memorandum No. 041 s. 2020 is hereby suspended.

- ii. All following division and district activities that involve the gathering/congregation of various schools in municipalities are highly discouraged. Organizers are advised to seek the recommendation of local health authorities should the activities push through.
 - iii. All off-campus activities as defined in DepEd Order No. 66, s.2017 are suspended.
 - iv. Activities that involve congregation of learners within the school may proceed, provided that **all personnel and learners exhibiting respiratory infections must not attend**. Personnel and learners exhibiting respiratory infections shall be referred to appropriate health personnel for proper evaluation and/or referral to a hospital if needed.
- d. *"All guidelines related to travel of DepEd personnel and learners, and corresponding quarantine requirement, as enumerated in DM 031, s.2020 remain"*.
 - e. *"All DepEd personnel and learners are reminded to use and share only verified and up-to-date information from reliable and official sources such as WHO, DOH, DepEd, and other concerned government agencies. All DepEd Schools and offices are instructed to share only from these sources when disseminating information on social media and other platforms"*.
 - f. All district offices and schools shall ensure adequate access and supply of water and soap, hand sanitizers and/or rubbing alcohol and shall maintain cleanliness including disinfection of doorknobs and handles. With this, schools are specifically instructed to
 - i. dedicate weekends for school-wide general cleaning and intensified disinfection efforts, on top of regular efforts during school days; and
 - ii. utilize the schools' maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) for the emergency purchase of critical logistics and supplies for offices and schools such as, among others, thermal scanners, hand sanitizers, alcohol, hand soap, disinfectants, and facial masks.
 - g. School heads with close participation of school health personnel shall continue to **submit every Thursday of the week to the SDO – School Health Section a Health Situation report on COVID-19** of the schools/districts using the template – Enclosure No. 9 of DM 15, s.2020.
 - h. All schools through the School DRRM contingency plan **shall ensure in the operationalizing of the Preventive Alert System in Schools (PASS)**.
4. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.