

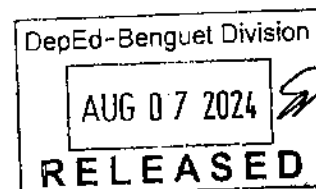


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Department of Education
 Schools Division of Benguet

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To: Chief Education Supervisor, CID and SGOD
 Public Schools District Supervisors, Coordinating Principals
 Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 All Others Concerned

PREVENTION OF FURTHER RISE OF DENGUE CASES

1. This is in relation to increasing number of reported dengue cases. The Province of Benguet through the Provincial Health Office recorded 5 deaths of the 3,125 dengue cases from January 1 to July 27, 2024. Based on the data, there is an increase of 244 percent comparing our cases last year of the same period. The most affected age group are ranging from children aged 5 years to those aged 20 years old.
2. Relative thereto, **temporary suspension of wearing of uniform** is advised to all students from elementary to high school until further notice. Instead, they are encouraged to wear long sleeves and pants including TP/NTP.
3. Dengue (break-bone fever) is a viral infection that spreads from mosquitoes to people. Thus, the primary preventative measure to reduce dengue infections is the control of mosquito populations.
4. All personnel and learners shall be regularly reminded to strictly monitor themselves for symptoms before reporting to work or school. Those with common dengue symptoms of high fever, headaches, body aches, nausea and rash will not be allowed to report onsite, unless cleared by a physician, but will be advised to stay at home, switch to distance learning (for learners) or avail of their sick leave credits (for personnel), as may be applicable.
5. Schools shall strengthen community monitoring measures and referral systems with LGUs and health centers and encourage participation and cooperation of parents and communities for safe transportation and home care of learners when sick.
6. Observance of the "5S" Strategy to combat dengue is encouraged. This strategy is anchored with the goal to eliminate the vector of the virus and to alleviate or possibly eradicate the dengue and other mosquito-borne infections in the country.



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The "5S" against dengue infection, namely:

- A. **S**earch and destroy breeding sites.
 - B. **S**elf-protection from mosquito bites;
 - C. **S**eek early medical consultation.
 - D. **S**upport fogging in areas with clustering of cases.a
 - E. **S**ustain hydration.
7. Moreover, implementation of "Deng-Get Out" activities such as the "Sabayang 4-O'clock Habit", schools are enjoined to conduct regular clean-up drive within and outside school premises to eliminate mosquito breeding sites and including use of insect-repellent lotions are encouraged.
8. Immediate dissemination to all concerned is desired.


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