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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1453 s. 2026

CONDUCT OF SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNIZATION (SBI) FOR SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2026-2027

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Chief, School Governance and Operations Division
Medical Officers
All Others Concerned

1. With reference to DepEd Memorandum No. 059, s. 2026 and the National Immunization Program: Regional Guidelines on the 2026 School-Based Immunization Program from the Department of Health – Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH-EVCHD), this Office, through the Education Support Services Division - School Health and Nutrition Unit (ESSD-SHNU), in close coordination with the DOH-EVCHD, Provincial Health Offices (PHOs), City Health Offices (CHOs), and Rural Health Units (RHUs), announces the conduct of the **Annual School-Based Immunization (SBI) Program for School Year 2026-2027**.

2. The implementation shall commence on **October 15, 2026** and end on **December 2026** across all public elementary and secondary schools and interested private elementary and secondary schools in the region, subject to coordination and readiness.

3. The School-Based Immunization Program aims to:

a. Protect school-aged children and adolescents from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) through the delivery of safe, free, and effective routine vaccines directly within the school environment;

b. Reach a large number of children and adolescents, including those in hard-to-reach and underserved areas, ensuring high immunization coverage;

c. Reduce school absenteeism and improve learning outcomes by preventing diseases such as measles, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, and Human Papillomavirus (HPV)-related conditions;

d. Strengthen collaboration between DepEd, DOH, LGUs, and parents in promoting a healthy school population in line with Healthy Learning Institution (HLI) initiative; and

e. Increase public confidence in immunization through intensified advocacy, education, and informed parental consent.

4. Target learners and vaccines to be administered are as follows:

Grade Level	Vaccine	Target Disease
Grade 1 & Grade 7	Measles-Rubella (MR) & Tetanus Diphtheria (Td)	Measles, Rubella, Tetanus, Diphtheria
Grade 4 Female learners	Human Papillomavirus (HPV Vaccine)	Cervical Cancer

5. To ensure smooth implementation, all Schools Division Offices and schools are enjoined to undertake the following:

a. Designate a School SBI Focal Person/Coordinator and prepare a master list of eligible learners by grade level;

b. Conduct intensive advocacy and information dissemination among parents, learners, and stakeholders, including distribution and retrieval of Parent Informed Consent Forms. No learner shall be vaccinated without signed parental consent;

c. Coordinate closely with respective RHUs/CHOs for scheduling, logistics, and deployment of health teams;

d. Ensure provision of a conducive, safe, and private area for vaccination and post-vaccination observation;

e. Document and report any Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) immediately to the health team and ESSD-SHNU; and

f. Submit accomplishment reports to the Division Health and Nutrition Unit for consolidation.

6. All learners must be properly screened by the health team prior to vaccination. Parents/guardians are encouraged to be present during the scheduled immunization day.

7. Expenses relative to the conduct of advocacy, orientation, and monitoring activities may be charged against local funds/Division MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Vaccines and immunization paraphernalia shall be provided by DOH.

8. For clarifications and technical assistance, please contact **Dr. Angelica C. Rodriguez**, Medical Officer IV, through **angelica.rodriguez001@deped.gov.ph** or the ESSD-SHNU through **schoolhealth.region8@deped.gov.ph**.

9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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