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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 History	Target Disease
Grade 1 & Grade 7 Learners		
MR	Regardless of previous doses, provided at least 28 days have passed since the last MCV dose, if any	Measles, Rubella
TD	Regardless of previous history	Tetanus, Diphtheria
Grade 4 Female learners		
HPV	No previous HPV vaccine dose	Cervical Cancer
	Previously received two (1) dose	
	Previously received two (2) doses	
Grade 5 Female learners		
	No previous HPV vaccine dose	Cervical Cancer
	Previously received two (1) dose	
	Previously received two (2) doses	

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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