



DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPED GUIDELINES ON THE REQUIRED HEALTH STANDARD IN BASIC EDUCATION OFFICES AND SCHOOLS ON DEPED ORDER No. 014, s. 2020

To : **Schools Division Superintendent**
Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief, School Governance Operating Division (SGOD)
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent (OSDS)
Elementary & Secondary School Heads
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1. The Department of Education (DepEd) is committed to ensure safe educational continuity amidst the challenges of COVID-19. Learning opportunities must be provided to give hope and stability, contribute to the normalization of activities in the country, and facilitate development of our learners and bring normality to their lives. The health and safety of the learners, and teaching and non-teaching personnel are the utmost importance and must be protected at all times.
2. In this connection, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued Department Order (DO) No.14, s. 2020 "**Guidelines on the Required Health Standard in Basic Education Offices and Schools**" for the guidance of all learners, teachers and non-teaching personnel.
3. The Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and Schools are directed to ensure the full implementation of the Guidelines on the Required Health Standards.
4. All public and private elementary and secondary schools are mandated to adopt the guidelines and implement fully the specific COVID-19 mitigation for the health and safety of the learners, teaching and non-teaching personnel. For details please refer to https://www.deped.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/DO_s2020_014.pdf.
5. The guidelines and specific interventions detailed in Enclosure No. 1-5 are primary based on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) and the DOH Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation (DOH AO 2020-0015) which will form the backbone of preparedness and response to COVID-19 in all public and private schools and DepEd Offices in accordance with the DOH four COVID-19 Mitigation Objectives as follows: increase physical and mental resilience, reduce transmission, reduce contact, and reduce duration of infection.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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