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PREVENTION OF INFLUENZA A(H1N1) UPSURGE IN SCHOOLS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. In support to the Department of Health (DOH) intensified campaign against Influenza A(H1N1), this Department reiterates this Memorandum to ensure the safety of the school officials, personnel, teachers, and pupils/students.

2. Regional directors, schools division/city superintendents and school heads are enjoined to work in close collaboration with the officials of the Local Government Units (LGUs), Municipal Health Offices (MHOs) and Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs), on intensifying the advocacy on the prevention and control of Influenza A(H1N1).

3. School officials are hereby instructed to take the lead in maintaining sanitation in their school environs and in observing hygienic practices among the children such as proper hand washing activities as often as needed. School health personnel and staff are expected to disseminate information on the prevention and control of Influenza A(H1N1) and to closely coordinate with the Regional/Provincial Health Offices for school children's vaccination against this disease.

4. The Guidelines on the Operationalization of the Preventive Alert System in Schools (PASS) and the DOH advisory on the A(H1N1) vaccination in the community is enclosed for ready reference.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

Encl.: As stated
Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 238, s. 2009
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Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 315, s. 2010

GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE PREVENTIVE ALERT SYSTEM IN SCHOOLS (PASS)

1. The Preventive Alert System in Schools (PASS) is a systematic relay of information on the a child's or teacher's state of health to appropriate personnel and/or agencies in the locality.

2. All school heads shall operationalize the PASS in their respective schools.

3. Teachers-in-charge shall explain in class how the PASS works:
   - Pupils/students will observe the well-being of their own classmates and if someone among them is not feeling well or has colds/cough and feverish, the sick pupil/student will be reported to the teacher for validation.
   - The early morning health inspection shall be conducted routinely by the teacher to detect the presence of fever and the other signs and symptoms of infection. The teacher shall keenly observe the health status of each pupil in the classroom. If he/she finds out that a child is sick, this case shall be reported immediately to the principal.
   - The principal shall notify the family/guardian of the sick child. If the school does not have a physician, the nearest health center physician/municipal health officer or rural health midwife shall be consulted.
   - The illness of the student, teacher or another school employee should be closely monitored by the health personnel.

4. The school heads shall closely coordinate with the barangay health workers and with the municipal health offices relative to updates in the occurrence of infectious diseases in the community.

5. School heads shall conduct daily monitoring of health status of children and personnel, and maintain a record of it.

6. School principals are expected to take the lead in operationalizing the PASS and to relay relevant/urgent information to the Schools Division Superintendent and such information be likewise relayed to the Office of the Secretary, Attention: Health and Nutrition Center.