



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL-BASED ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Immunization is essential for health of both adults and children. This procedure protects individuals against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough). In Calendar Years 2010 and 2011, the National Epidemiology Center (NEC) reported confirmed measles (1,157 and 1,562), probable diphtheria (24 and 31) and suspected pertussis cases among adolescents.
2. In this connection, the Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), will conduct the **School-Based Adolescent Immunization** among Grades 7 to 10 students in public secondary schools under DOH-selected priority cities and provinces nationwide starting August 2013. These priority areas are chosen due to poor immunization coverage and high reported incidence of measles, diphtheria, neonatal tetanus and pertussis cases.
3. Regional directors, schools division/city superintendents and other school officials are enjoined to provide full support in the conduct of the said activity. Likewise, health and nutrition personnel are expected to coordinate with DOH regional and provincial health officers for the implementation and for the conduct of vaccination activities. Parental consent must be secured prior to the conduct of the vaccination. This will be monitored by the DOH and the DepEd, central, regional and division offices.
4. For more information, all concerned may contact **Dr. Minerva Vinluan**, Medical Specialist IV, National Adolescent Health and Development Coordinator, Department of Health at telephone no.: (02) 651-7800 local 1728 or at mobile phone no.: 0917-515-6927.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference: None

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