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Department of Education

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2019 WORLD RABIES DAY CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), will observe the **2019 World Rabies Day Celebration** with the theme, Rabies: Educate to Eliminate, on September 30, 2019 (Monday) because the 28th of the month falls on a Saturday. The observance is pursuant to Republic Act No. 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 dated February 19, 2007 and aimed at creating greater awareness on the prevention and control of rabies in schools and communities.

2. All public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to organize educational and social activities to strengthen rabies prevention education and to disseminate information on responsible pet ownership, dog/cat vaccination, animal bite prevention and management. Some suggested activities include the following:


- a. Utilize the rabies lesson plans uploaded in the DepEd Learning Resource (LR) portal and google link: <http://bit.do/DLLrabiesEd>;
- b. Conduct school-based activities on rabies such as quiz bee competition;
- c. Mobilize school health personnel and MAPEH supervisors for advocacy and rabies prevention education;
- d. Coordinate with other government agencies and other private sectors in the conduct of advocacy activities within the schools and communities; and
- e. Capacitate teaching and nonteaching personnel as rabies educators by encouraging them to take the free online course of the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) on rabies, the Rabies Educator Certificate (REC) through this link: <https://rabiesalliance.org/capacity-building/gep>.

3. As basis of conduct of activities, register World Rabies Day Celebration events on GARC's website: <https://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day>.

4. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, including schools district offices, schools division offices (SDOs) and regional offices (ROs) are encouraged to support rabies prevention and education. The health personnel and/or MAPEH Supervisors, in coordination with other government organizations (GO) and nongovernment organizations (NGO), shall take the lead in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the activities in their respective offices.

5. For more information, please contact **Mr. Ferdinand M. Nuñez**, Technical Assistant II, Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division, 3rd Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at gian.adao@deped.gov.ph (using the subject title: GYTS/GSHS 2019) or telephone no. (02) 632-9935.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Officer-in-Charge

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