



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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2021 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

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

1. DepEd Order (DO) No. 10, s. 2016 titled **Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program** is designed to achieve learning and health outcomes and improve school attendance of students through a comprehensive, sustainable, and scalable school-based water, hygiene, sanitation, and deworming program. This follows the State's mandate under the 1987 Constitution to defend the right of children to assistance including proper care and nutrition and special protection from conditions prejudicial to their development as well as to protect and promote the people's right to health and instill health consciousness among them.

2. DepEd WinS program sets the basic requirements and standards on the **five key elements**, namely **Water, Sanitation, Hygiene, Deworming, and Health Education**. The program aims to

- a. ensure correct knowledge and understanding among learners of effective hygiene and sanitation projects;
- b. improve equitable access to safe water, adequate toilets, and handwashing facilities;
- c. improve hygiene and sanitation practices among the learners to enable them to develop life-long positive hygiene and sanitation behaviors;
- d. ensure that schools are kept clean and safe through school-based solid waste management, proper drainage, the elimination of breeding grounds for mosquitoes to prevent vector-borne diseases, and food sanitation; and
- e. engage public and private partners in program implementation and sustainability.

3. DepEd, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH), World Health Organization (WHO), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), shall organize this year's celebration of the **Global Handwashing Day** with the theme, **Our Future is at Hand-Let's Move Forward Together**. This global advocacy day is celebrated every 15th of October and is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding on the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

4. In line with the said celebration, a one-day symposium titled *Malinis na Kamay para sa Kinabukasan ng Bayan* will be conducted on **October 15, 2021, Friday, 1:00-**

3:30 p.m. via **DepEd Philippines Facebook Page**. Please see the enclosed program for more details.

5. This activity aims to motivate key stakeholders to promote a culture of hand hygiene by featuring best practices on encouraging handwashing behavior across different settings. To adapt to current learning modalities, the event shall feature **selected videos submitted by the regions**. These will highlight various initiatives in the implementation of WinS Program at the school level. Further, this event shall launch the WASH O'clock campaign as a platform for public awareness, advocacy and social mobilization in selected areas.

6. In this regard, all DepEd offices and schools are enjoined to actively participate in the activity.

7. All Regional and Division WinS Coordinators are requested to pre-register and be in the Zoom platform 15 minutes before the start of the activity. The same request applies to other representatives from DOH, WHO and UNICEF. The registration link for the said platform shall be provided to the Regional WinS Coordinators a week before the event.

8. The regional directors, and schools division superintendents are enjoined to ensure and monitor the participation of personnel and learners to the activity.

9. For more information, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief and **Mr. Vonerich B. Berba**, Education Program Specialist II of the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), 3rd Floor Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8632 9935.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
DepEd Memorandum (No. 10, s. 2016)

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Malinis na Kamay para sa Kinabukasan ng Bayan

15 October 2021 at 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Program

Time	Duration	Topic/Activity	Speaker/Office in Charge
1:00 - 1:10 p.m.	10 mins.	Opening Remarks	Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Francisco Duque III Department of Health (DOH)
Introduction: Handwashing in the time of COVID-19			
1:10 - 1:20 p.m.	10 mins.	COVID-19 Variants of Concern: What Should We Know? Handwashing as one of the public health measures to reduce transmission in schools, workplaces and communities	World Health Organization (WHO)*
1:20 - 1:30 p.m.	10 mins.	COVID-19 clustering across different settings	DOH-Epidemiology Bureau*
Session 1: Best practices in promoting handwashing in schools			
1:30 - 1:40 p.m.	10 mins.	DepEd initiatives on handwashing in schools during the pandemic and in preparation for safe school reopening	Dr. Maria Corazon Dumlaog Chief DepEd BLSS-SHD
1:40 - 1:55 p.m.	15 mins.	Best practices in promoting handwashing during the pandemic	Selected DepEd Regional Offices*
1:55 - 2:00 p.m.	5 mins.	Question and answer	Dr. Maria Corazon Dumlaog Chief DepEd BLSS-SHD
2:00 - 2:05 p.m.	5 mins.	WASH o'clock break	
Session 2: Best practices in promoting handwashing in communities			

Time	Duration	Topic/Activity	Speaker/Office in Charge
2:05- 2:15 p.m.	10 mins.	Best practices in handwashing in communities	LGU speakers*
2:15 - 2:20 p.m.	5 mins.	Question and answer	
Session 3: Best practices in promoting handwashing in workplaces			
2:20 – 2:30 p.m.	10 mins.	Policy and guidelines on handwashing in workplaces	DTI/DOLE Representative*
2:30 – 2:40 p.m.	10 mins.	Best practices in promoting handwashing in workplaces	Representatives of public/private workplaces with best practices in handwashing*
2:40 - 2:45 p.m.	5 mins.	Question and answer	
Session 4: WASH o'clock campaign and expression of commitments			
2:45 - 3:10 p.m.	25 mins.	DOH initiatives on behavior change in handwashing: WASH o'clock campaign	Dr. Beverly Ho Director DOH-Health Promotion Bureau
3:10 – 3:20 p.m.	10 mins.	Expression of commitments and support on the campaign from partners	
3:20 - 3:30 p.m.	10 mins.	Closing Remarks	Ms. Oyunsaikhan Dendevnorov Representative UNICEF Philippines

*Note: The designated representative or speaker shall be confirmed before the event.