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**Department of Education**  
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**STATUS REPORT ON THE CONVERSION OF CLASSROOMS TO SCHOOL CLINICS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
 All Others Concerned

- In connection with the provision of dental equipment and supplies for various schools in the region, Schools Division Superintendents are advised to submit a validated Status Report on the Conversion of Classrooms to School Clinics on or before March 24, 2021.
- The said report shall be duly signed by the Schools Division Superintendent or his/her Assistant and send through the Office of the ESSD, DepEd Regional Office No. VIII through [essd.region8@deped.gov.ph](mailto:essd.region8@deped.gov.ph) using the format below:

STATUS REPORT ON THE CONVERSION OF CLASSROOMS TO SCHOOL CLINICS  
 (as of March 15, 2021)

DIVISION: \_\_\_\_\_

District	Name of School	Percentage of Physical Accomplishment	Remarks

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

SDS/ASDS

- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum are desired.

**MA. GEMMA MERCADO LEDESMA**  
 Regional Director

Enclosures: None  
 References: None  
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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Subject: **POSITION ON THE USE OF SCHOOL CLINICS AND  
OTHER AREAS IN THE SCHOOL AS  
VACCINATION CENTERS**

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) relays the following position regarding the request of Vigan City Mayor Juan Carlo Medina to utilize schools within their jurisdiction as vaccination points of COVID-19 AZD1222 for their age-qualified population.

Quoting from the attached **Aide Memoire on the role of DepEd in the implementation of the Philippine National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 vaccines**, specifically:

**Coordination for the Use of School Clinics and Other Identified Areas in the School Premises:**

On the use of school clinics and/or other identified areas in the school (e.g., covered courts, makeshift tents set up in open areas, multipurpose halls/rooms, large offices in the school) as vaccination centers or implementing units based on the Plan, **the same process that applies on the use of schools as quarantine or isolation facilities shall be retained.**



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- a. With existing policy delegating the assessment, approval, and coordination on the use of schools as quarantine or isolation facilities to Regional Directors, the same shall be maintained especially as the existing system highlights close coordination between DepEd, the LGU, and health authorities. The same Terms and Conditions (TAC) to be entered into by DepEd and LGUs, as attached to OM-Osec-2020-004 (Guidance to Regional Directors for Action on Requests by Local Government Units to Use DepEd Schools and Engage DepEd Personnel in Activities Related to COVID-19) shall be adopted by field offices for the use of schools for vaccination purposes. For local governments with whom there are already existing TAC or memoranda of agreement (MOA), the use of schools as vaccination sites may be treated as an addendum to the TAC/MOA.
- b. This high level of coordination would facilitate the selection of schools in strategic locations and with sufficient capacity and human resources especially in referring Adverse Event Following Immunization, Adverse Event of Special Interest cases. This is consistent with the NDVP which stipulates that LGUs shall ensure that all implementing units adhere to the protocols required for an implementing unit/vaccination post/site.
- c. With the reality that a number of schools already serve as quarantine or isolation facilities, health and LGU authorities must select between using schools for quarantine/isolation or for vaccination purposes. The simultaneous use of schools for both purposes is not recommended.
- d. Consistent with the pronouncement of the President, the use of schools for vaccination activities shall be the last resort. This is also consistent with the spirit of RA 10821 which instructs that schools can only be used as an evacuation center as a last resort to allow for learning continuity and the displacement of learners and personnel from schools in times of emergencies, and which likewise guided the use of schools for quarantine/isolation facilities.
- e. DepEd's position on the limited use of schools for vaccination is also informed by plans for the resumption of face-to-face and school-based engagements. Schools in areas which are candidates for the resumption of feasible limited face-to-face learning shall explicitly be excluded as possible vaccination sites.
- f. The safety of the school personnel reporting onsite in schools and the uninterrupted operations of the school for learning continuity shall be the top most consideration.

For the Secretary's information.

  
**ALAIN DEL B. PASCUA**  
Undersecretary



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