



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

October 22, 2021

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **00-1021-0118**, s. 2021

**RECOMMENDATIONS ON REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF DEPED SCHOOLS FOR
COMMUNITY-BASED IMMUNIZATION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached herewith is OUA Memo 00-1021-0118 entitled *Recommendations on Requests for the Use of DepEd Schools for Community-Based Immunization* for the guidance of all concerned.
2. The Memorandum from the Secretary of Education on the *Use of DepEd Classrooms and Other Facilities as Vaccination Centers*, dated 13 March 2021 is also attached hereto for further reference.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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Regional Director 

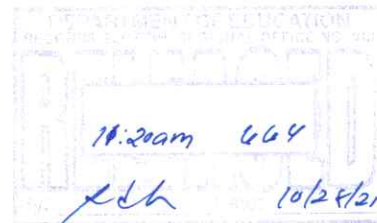
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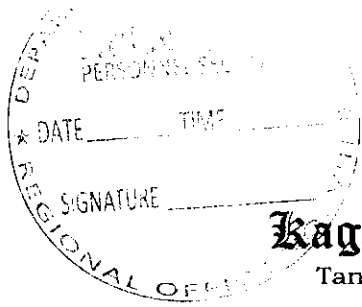
References: DM #71, s.2021 (October 18, 2021) and OUA Memo 00-1021-0118 (October 13, 2021)

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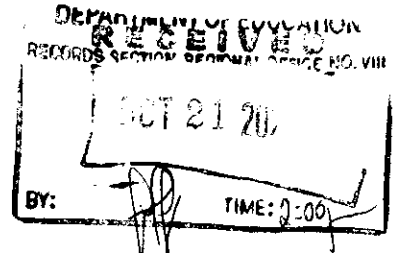
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OUA MEMO 00-1021-0118
MEMORANDUM
13 October 2021

For: **Leonor Magtolis Briones**
Secretary

Subject: **RECOMMENDATIONS ON REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF
DEPED SCHOOLS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED IMMUNIZATION**

This refers to the requests of various Local Government Units (LGUs) for the use of DepEd schools for Community-Based Immunization (CBI), with learners as primary beneficiaries. Since the beginning of the pandemic, LGUs have requested the use of schools for activities related to the government's COVID-19 response and management.

In this regard, the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) issued the following Office Memoranda to guide Regional Directors (RDs):

1. **OM-Osec-2020-002** titled *Guidance to Regional Directors for Action on Requests by the Local Government Units to Use DepEd Schools as Quarantine or Isolation Areas for COVID-19*;
2. **OM-Osec-2020-004** titled *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*; and
3. **OM-Osec-2021-03-003** titled *Use of DepEd Classrooms and Other Facilities as Vaccination Centers*.

The same memoranda have been cited in DepEd Memorandum No. 28, s. 2021 titled *Comprehensive Guidance on the Participation of the Department of Education in the Implementation of the Philippine National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines*, which aims to provide guidance on the use of schools for COVID-19 vaccination.

To remain consistent with these memoranda, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS -SHD) requests the **Secretary to approve the adoption of the same guidelines and procedures in handling LGUs' requests for the use of DepEd schools for CBI.**

Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA)

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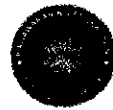
With this, RDs shall have the responsibility to approve or deny such requests based on the recommendation of Schools Division Superintendents (SDSes) in consultation with the School Heads concerned, following the applicable requirements specified in the aforementioned memoranda.

For more information, question or concerns on this subject, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao (Chief Health Program Officer) and Ms. Girlie G. Azurin (Senior Education Program Specialist) of the BLSS-SHD through (+632) 8632 9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

For the Secretary's approval. Thank you.



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Undersecretary




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MEMORANDUM

TO : Undersecretaries
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Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

SUBJECT : **USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS
VACCINATION CENTERS**

DATE : 13 March 2021



The use of DepEd classrooms and other facilities in times of emergencies has long been the subject of debate and controversy. This is because for decades, it has been a common practice for schools to be utilized for emergencies – whether for storms, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters, civic endeavors like elections, disruption of peace and order in conditions of ideological conflict, health emergencies and the like.

Under the present administration, the President himself reiterated that classrooms can only be used as a last resort. He himself encouraged local government units to construct their own multi-purpose schools so that learners will not be displaced in times of emergencies.

This policy was also confirmed by other departments like the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). With the onset of COVID 19, the demand for the use of school facilities further accelerated. Thus, schools are now used as quarantine and isolation centers in addition to serving as evacuation and *bakwit* refugee centers, as well as community shelters during natural calamities and so on.

Once more, DepEd is inundated with requests to use school facilities as vaccination centers. During the Joint EXECOM/MANCOM Meeting last March 10, I stated the following as the DepEd position. This same position was presented to IATF last March 11, 2021.

1. Existing policies with regards to the use of DepEd facilities still apply to vaccination centers.
2. Not all DepEd facilities can comply with the DOH and IATF requirements for a vaccination center. Thus, the opinion and the assessment of DOH must first be sought on the suitability of a facility as vaccination center.
3. In cases where there are already other health-related projects in a school, a vaccination center need not be put up anymore because of the risks involved. In other words, health-related activities should not be mixed with other activities in the same school facility.

For guidance and compliance.