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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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STATUS OF VACCINATION IN DEPED AND RECENT UPDATES

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

1. Attached is an Aide Memoir from Usec. Alain Del B. Pascua, Undersecretary for Administration, reporting the Status of and some Recent Updates on Vaccination in the Department of Education as of October 2021.
2. It is underscored in **Paragraph 6** under **C. Updates and Ways Forward** which emphasizes that, under IATF Resolution No. 148-B, s. 2021, which will take effect on December 1, 2021, in areas where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines as determined by the NVOC, **all establishments and employers in the public and private sector shall require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Employees who remain to be unvaccinated shall be required to undergo regular RT-PCR tests, or antigen tests, if the RT-PCR test is insufficient, at their own expense for purposes of on-site work.**
3. Relative thereto, all unvaccinated DepEd Region VIII employees are encouraged to undergo vaccination during the scheduled National Vaccination Day from November 29 to December 1, 2021, in the nearest vaccination facility and a vaccine of their choice.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

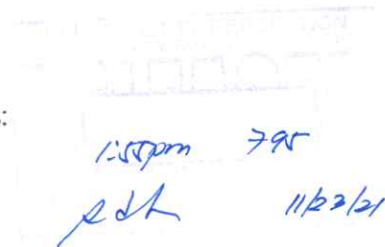

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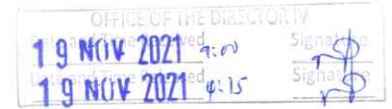
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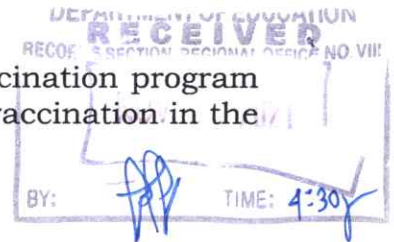
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STATUS OF VACCINATION IN DEPED (OCTOBER 2021) AND MOST RECENT UPDATES

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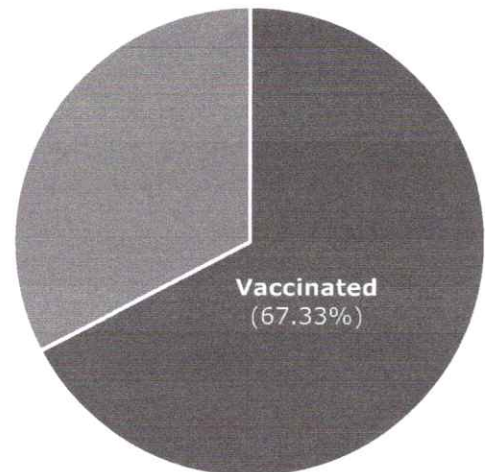
The DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (DTFC), through its vaccination program representatives, provides the following updates on the status of vaccination in the Department.



A. Vaccination Data Submitted by Regional Focals¹

1. Vaccination Status of Personnel

- The data, covering **932,396** personnel from field offices and schools, are based on the submissions of Regional COVID-19 Response/Vaccination Focals to the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) as of **19 October 2021**.²
- As reported, majority (**67.33%**) of the eligible population or **627,778** field personnel are vaccinated either with the 1st dose or complete up to the 2nd dose.
- **318,205** or **34.14%** of the total number of personnel or an average of about 7 personnel per school³ have not been vaccinated, although more than two thirds of this number said they have already registered in their respective LGUs and were waiting for the schedule of their vaccination, at the time of reporting.



¹ The Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Employee Welfare Division (BHROD-EWD) is still updating its data on the vaccination of Central Office personnel. The latest data available from the August 2021 Aide Memoire on the Status of Vaccination in DepEd show that 85% of the eligible population (1,535 of 1,808) have already been vaccinated with either at least the first dose or up to the second dose. Only 273 (15%) have not been vaccinated, but almost half of them have at least already registered for their vaccination.

² Data submission dates vary across the regions, ranging from as early as 15 to 19 October 2021.

³ Regional submissions are from 44,452 schools as reported.



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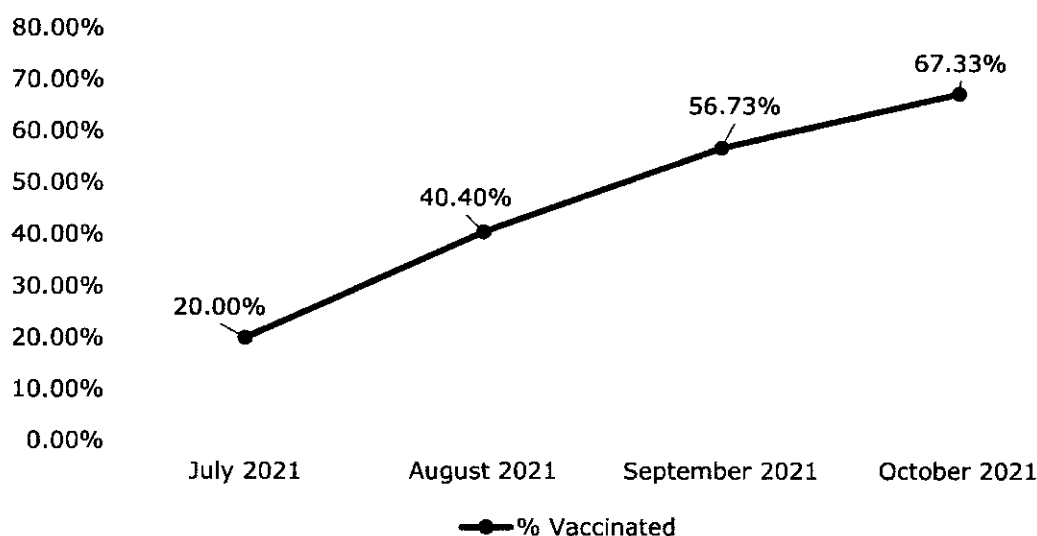
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National Summary (as submitted up to 19 October 2021)

Vaccination Status		No. of Personnel		% ⁴	
Vaccinated	Incomplete/First dose only	158,504	627,778	17.00	67.33
	Complete/Up to second dose	469,274		50.33	
Unvaccinated	Registered	215,966	318,205	23.16	34.13
	Unregistered	102,239		10.97	
Unknown		3,432		0.37	
Total (Eligible Population: 932,396)				101.83⁵	

- Attached is the regional breakdown of submitted data (**Annex A**) for ready reference. Discrepancies in the percentage totals (more or less than 100%) have been noted in most regions and have affected the percentage total for the national summary. These are being validated and will be corrected in the vaccination status report for November.
- Taking the data as is, the percentage of vaccinated personnel has increased by more than 200% from only 20% in July to almost 70% in October.

Percentage of Vaccinated Field Personnel (with at least first dose)



- Among those who said they did not register for vaccination, the number of personnel were waiting for their preferred brand is higher than those who lacked trust in the COVID-19 vaccine.



⁴ % over total number of personnel

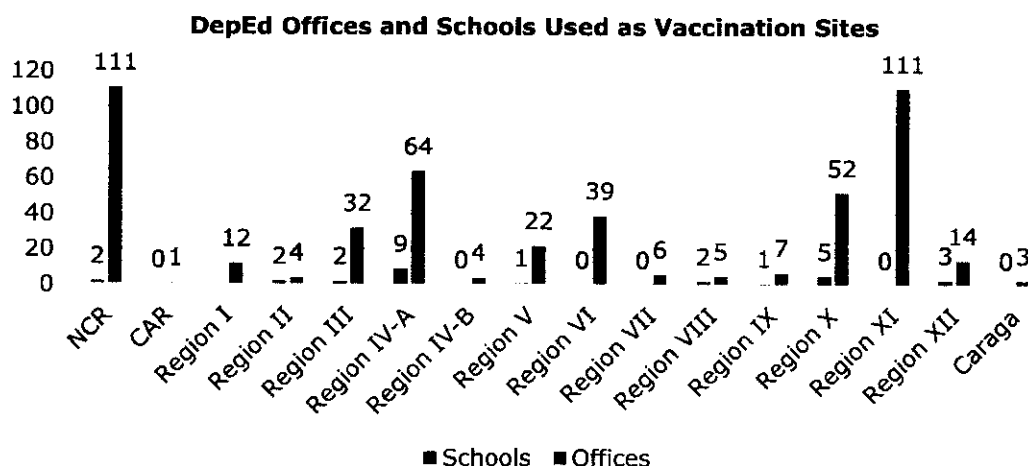
⁵ Total % is 101.83%. Regional submissions are currently being validated for discrepancies observed in reported data; (Possible reasons: the total eligible population has not been updated based on actual number of personnel who have reported their vaccination status; possible double-reporting [e.g., personnel reported as both having received first dose, and having received second dose])

Number of Personnel Who Reported Reasons for Not Registering

Disqualified by Attending Physician	Lack of Trust in the COVID-19 Vaccine	Waiting for Preferred Brand	Other Reasons	No Cited Reason
1,547	10,391	11,782	23,396	21,350

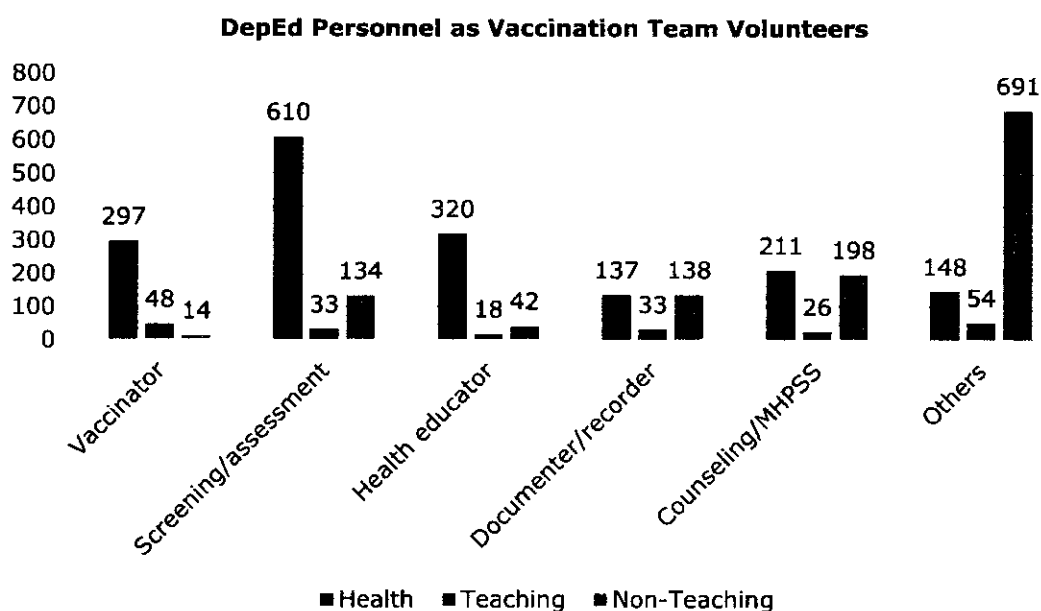
2. Schools Used as Vaccination Sites

As reported by the regional focals, **487 schools and 27 offices** have been used as vaccination sites.



3. School Personnel Who Have Volunteered as Vaccination Team Members

As reported by the regional focals, a total of **3,152 DepEd personnel** have volunteered as members of their local vaccination teams.



The summary of the data submitted by the regional focals may be accessed at <https://bit.ly/octoberdatasummary> (Summary of Regional Data).

B. Data from the Self-Reporting for COVID-19 Vaccination Tracker⁶

The following is a national summary of the data collected through the tracker, as accessed on 16 November 2021:

Category	Number of Personnel	Breakdown	
Unvaccinated	99,014	Unregistered	67,848
		Awaiting schedule	31,166
Vaccinated	363,274	First dose	213,314
		Second dose	149,960
Total Number of Respondents	313,985	Teaching personnel	289,720
		Non-teaching	24,265

Kindly refer to the following breakdown of vaccinees per vaccine brand that they received:

Vaccine Received	Number of Personnel
Sinovac CoronaVac	113,099
Janssen	42,869
Oxford AstraZeneca	30,422
Pfizer-BioNTech	21,105
Moderna	6,565
Gamaleya Sputnik V	2,892
Sinopharm	530

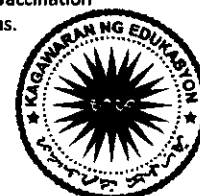
The regional breakdown and latest data may be accessed at <https://mobile.app.deped.gov.ph/reports/dashboard>. DTFC continues to enjoin all to use and promote the tracker.

C. Updates and Ways Forward

1. On 01 October 2021, BLSS-SHD met with the regional focals to discuss issues, concerns, and ways forward in the regular reporting of vaccination data.

Discussing the provisions of DTFC Memorandum No. 513 (*Regular Reporting of Vaccination Data by Regional Focals*) co-signed by the DTFC and the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations (OUFO), the reporting template was further enhanced to ensure that the data requirements of regions are also reflected in the template. The template which emanated from the said meeting has been used by the regional focals for their data reporting for October.

⁶ The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) through the Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), issued OUA Memorandum No. 00-721-0093 (*Mass Dissemination on Self-Reporting for COVID-19 Vaccination Tracker*) to officially disseminate the vaccination tracker, accessible through the DepEd Mobile App, and enjoin personnel nationwide to use the tracker in reporting their vaccination status.



The changes to the template will be made official through a separate issuance, which is also likely to provide guidance on the inclusion of data on the vaccination of learners, where already applicable.

2. In support of Memorandum No. DM-OURO-21-0327 issued by the OUFO in September, which requested the field for the breakdown of vaccination data, particularly from the 638 schools participating in the pilot implementation of face-to-face classes, the DTFC and OUFO co-issued **DTFC Memorandum No. 533** (*Master Listing for COVID-19 Vaccination of School Personnel who will Pilot Face-to-Face Classes*) which provided the template for the master listing of participating personnel, as vetted by the National COVID-19 Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC).

The said Memorandum was drafted in close coordination with the national Composite Team leading the preparations for the pilot implementation.

The DTFC issued **DTFC Memorandum No. 539** (*Endorsement of the Initial Set of Master Lists Received by the DTFC from Regional Focals for the Pilot Implementation of Face-to-Face Classes*) (**Annex B**) which officially endorsed the master lists received by BLSS-SHD to the Composite Team.

Enumerating the reasons cited by the personnel as to why they were not willing to be vaccinated, the DTFC through the said Memorandum has enjoined the school heads and school health personnel concerned to provide necessary explanation to teachers and address any possible hesitation to be vaccinated.

Attached is the latest summary of the vaccination status of personnel in the pilot schools (**Annex C**).

3. As a result of the DTFC's ongoing coordination with the NVOC, the Department of Health (DOH) issued a memorandum to its regional offices (Centers for Health Development) requesting the inoculation of unvaccinated personnel in schools participating in the pilot implementation of face-to-face classes (**Annex D**).

The DTFC takes note of the ongoing coordination by the Composite Team with the DOH and DILG to further strengthen vaccination in all schools, and will support as needed.

The DTFC strongly recommends the alignment of such coordination with the previous efforts of NVOC, in coordination with the DTFC, as regularly reported in the previous aide memoires.

4. The DTFC also reports that Moderna vaccines have been donated by the Office of Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda to DepEd, through the Office of the Undersecretary for Finance (OUA), for possible inoculation to DepEd personnel and family members based in NCR. The turnover ceremonies were



held last 12 November 2021 at the Central Office. The matter has been coordinated with concerned offices including the BHROD, and the Regional Office of DepEd NCR.

5. DepEd is expected to continue to actively support the government's COVID-19 vaccination program, especially through participation in the following:
 - a. **Pediatric vaccination** (vaccination of 12-17-year-olds) – field offices have already been participating in this initiative, maximizing existing arrangements with their respective LGUs, as guided by issuances on vaccination; at the national level, the DOH has reached out to DepEd through the Public Affairs Service (PAS) in intensifying demand generation activities
 - b. Upcoming **National Vaccination Days** set on 30 November–1 December 2021 – DepEd is part of the operations and the demand generation committees represented by BLSS/BLSS-SHD and PAS, respectively; for operations, DepEd is expected to support in allowing the use of schools as vaccination sites, and in enjoining health personnel in volunteering as members of vaccination teams

The details of DepEd's participation in the said activities will be discussed in separate DTFC issuances. Existing policies as issued will be reiterated or strengthened as needed to ensure DepEd's active participation in the said activities.

6. On 11 November 2021, the IATF issued Resolution No. 148-B, s. 2021, which provides that "in areas where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines as determined by the NVOG, **all establishments and employers in the public and private sector shall require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19.** Eligible employees who remain to be unvaccinated may not be terminated solely by reason thereof. However, they shall be required to undergo RT-PCR tests regularly at their own expense for purposes of on-site work. Provided that, antigen tests may be resorted to when RT-PCR capacity is insufficient or not immediately available."

The said resolution shall take effect on 01 December 2021 after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and/or the Official Gazette. A separate DTFC memorandum will be issued on this matter.

For queries regarding this concern, please contact the DTFC Secretariat, BLSS-SHD, through (02) 8632 9935 or email at medical.nursing@deped.gov.ph .

For information and guidance.


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Annex A – Regional Breakdown

Region	Total Eligible Population		Vaccinated				Not Yet Vaccinated				Unknown Status		Data Cutoff				
	N	100%*	With Only First Dose/ Incomplete	%	With up to Second Dose/ Complete**	%	Subtotal	%	Registered/ Awaiting Schedule	%	Not Yet Registered	%		Subtotal	%	n	%
MCR	80,831	100.00	9,805	12.13	62,572	77.41	72,377	89.54	5,895	7.29	2,352	3.16	8,447	10.45	51	0.06	October 15, 2021
CAR	20,723	100.00	2,820	13.61	10,235	49.39	13,055	63.00	7,172	34.61	496	2.39	7,668	37.00	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
I	50,431	100.00	27,911	55.34	15,460	30.66	43,371	86.00	16,946	33.60	6,174	12.24	23,120	45.84	-	-	October 15, 2021
II	38,476	100.00	6,821	17.73	12,409	32.25	19,230	49.98	15,091	39.22	3,866	10.05	18,957	49.27	289	0.75	October 15, 2021
III	103,700	100.00	17,788	17.15	65,353	63.02	83,141	80.17	17,347	16.73	2,500	2.41	19,847	19.14	158	0.15	October 15, 2021
IV-A	111,688	100.00	16,996	15.22	51,961	46.52	68,957	61.74	20,254	18.13	29,517	26.43	49,771	44.56	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
IV-B	33,526	100.00	3,607	10.76	16,059	47.90	19,666	58.66	9,480	28.28	4,307	12.85	13,787	41.12	0	0.00	October 19, 2021
V	41,105	100.00	4,324	10.52	21,190	51.55	25,514	62.07	8,066	19.62	5,097	12.40	13,163	32.02	750	1.82	October 19, 2021
VI	82,806	100.00	15,278	18.45	35,144	42.44	50,422	60.89	26,358	31.83	5,984	7.23	32,342	39.06	29	0.04	October 15, 2021
VII	74,004	100.00	7,547	10.20	33,260	44.94	40,807	55.14	18,226	24.63	14,973	20.23	33,199	44.86	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
VIII	48,672	100.00	6,773	13.92	21,395	43.96	28,168	57.87	14,214	29.20	4,662	9.58	18,876	38.78	1,258	2.58	October 18, 2021
IX	43,065	100.00	9,779	22.71	18,999	44.12	28,778	66.82	10,532	24.46	4,038	9.38	14,570	33.83	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
X	48,293	100.00	8,112	16.80	24,613	50.97	32,725	67.76	12,776	26.46	3,652	7.56	16,428	34.02	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
XI	50,098	100.00	3,987	7.96	37,584	75.02	41,571	82.98	5,333	10.65	3,086	6.16	8,419	16.81	115	0.23	October 15, 2021
XII	43,009	100.00	10,907	25.36	14,259	33.15	25,166	58.51	11,551	26.86	647	1.50	12,198	28.36	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
Ceraga	34,727	100.00	4,079	11.75	16,873	48.59	20,952	60.33	10,026	28.87	3,749	10.80	13,775	39.67	0	0.00	October 15, 2021
SARMM	27,242	100.00	1,970	7.23	11,908	43.71	13,878	50.94	6,699	24.59	6,939	25.47	13,638	50.06	782	2.87	October 15, 2021
TOTAL	932,396	100.00	158,504	17.00	469,274	50.33	627,778	67.33	215,966	23.16	102,239	10.97	318,205	34.13	3,432	0.37	October 19, 2021

*Discrepancies are observed in most regional submissions with total percentages either less than or exceeding 100%; (Possible reasons: the target population has not been updated based on actual number of personnel who have reported their status; possible double-reporting [e.g., personnel reported as both having received first dose only, and having received up to second dose])

**Includes those vaccinated with single-dose vaccines

