



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION STRAND



**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-CI-2022-009**

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**SCHOOL HEADS/ADMINISTRATORS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

FROM : **DIOSDADO M. SAN ANTONIO**  
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : **REITERATING THE POLICY ON ACADEMIC EASE AND ALLOWING**  
**THE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND OTHER TEACHING-RELATED**  
**ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDST OF THE SURGE IN COVID-19 CASES**

DATE : 12 January 2022

1. As the country experiences an alarming surge in COVID-19 cases and in consideration of teachers' and learners' health and well-being, the Department of Education (DepEd) urges the Regional Offices (RO) and/or Schools Division Offices (SDO) to exercise discretion in suspending classes and other teaching-related activities.

2. Given the varying health situations in different areas, the ROs/SDOs are given the option, based on their reliable assessment of the health status of their teachers and learners and the IATF risk classification, to declare suspension of classes within the month of January 2022. The ROs/SDOs shall decide on the specific dates and number of days for the suspension of classes as long as the period of class suspension does not exceed two (2) weeks in order to avoid a prolonged disruption in the current school calendar.

3. In turn, the ROs/SDOs declaring suspension of classes shall make the necessary adjustments in the school calendar to ensure that the number of school days in the current school year remains in accordance with RA 11480 (*An Act Amending Section 3 of RA No. 7797, Otherwise Known As "An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More Than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days"*).

4. During the suspension of classes, all synchronous and asynchronous classes shall be put on hold while submission of academic requirements and conduct of other teaching-related activities must be moved to a later date. For late submission of requirements, accommodations must be afforded for those with valid reasons.

5. Further, the Department requires schools to continuously implement the *Suggested Measures to Foster Academic Ease During the COVID-19 Pandemic* as stated in DM-CI-2020-307 in order to ensure flexibility in the teaching-learning process amid the pandemic by recalibrating the strategy of assigning teaching responsibilities and learning activities in order to safeguard the well-being of both teachers and learners. Enclosed is a copy of DM-CI-2020-307 for ready reference.



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6. Private schools, in consultation with their respective parents' associations, may exercise their own discretion relative to the suspension of classes and K to 12 learning activities when COVID-19 risks in their respective areas are high.
7. All DepEd personnel, teachers, and learners are highly encouraged to remain vigilant, observe health and safety protocols, and follow IATF guidelines. Everyone is also encouraged to pray for the immediate and complete recovery of those who have contracted COVID-19 and other similar illnesses.
8. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.