



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

June 6, 2022

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **542**, s. 2022

**DOH EVCHD TOWN HALL SESSIONS RE: PEDIATRIC VACCINATION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

- Attached is a communication from the Regional Director of the Department of Health (DOH) Eastern Visayas, Dr. Exuperia B. Sabalberino requesting all Elementary School Teachers and the Officers and Members of the Parent-Teacher Associations (90TA) to attend the virtual Town Hall Sessions on Pediatric Vaccinations.
- The activity is intended to heighten the awareness of the teachers and the parents on the critical importance of pediatric vaccination against COVID 19, now that the face-to-face classes have already resumed.
- The schedule per Schools Division Office and the meeting link are indicated in the attached communication.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:  
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May 26, 2022

**EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
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**ATTN: EDEN A. DADAP**  
Partnership Focal Person  
Department of Education Regional Office VIII

Dear Director Fetalvero:

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR IV  
Date and Time Received: 31 MAY 2022  
Date and Time Released: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: [Signature]

Good day!

The Department of Health has been proactive with the implementation of various efforts for COVID-19 vaccination. As new evidence emerges and various decisions are made, there is a need to align policy directions toward ensuring a timely, effective, and coordinated response to COVID-19.

In the context of the prior issuance of Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) dated December 22, 2021, and based on issuances from the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the DOH has already started the COVID-19 vaccination program in the pediatric population aged 5 – 11 years old.

Recent data have shown that in the province of Eastern Visayas, only 12% of the pediatric population aged 5 – 11 years old have been vaccinated. This is extremely low compared to the 70% vaccination target of the region. With the resumption of the face-to-face classes, we cannot afford to have these children go unvaccinated especially since there are COVID-19 variants of concern that are more transmissible than the other variants.

In this regard, the DOH EVCHD will be conducting a Town Hall Session on the following dates:

- June 6, 2022 at 2:00 pm – Leyte Division Office and Southern Leyte Division Office**  
(Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/THPediaVaxLSLDO>)
- June 7, 2022 at 2:00 pm – Biliran Division Office and Samar Division Office**  
(Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/THPediaVaxBSDO>)
- June 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm – Eastern Samar Division Office and Northern Samar Division Office**  
(Meeting link <https://bit.ly/THPediaVaxESNSDO>)
- June 9, 2022 at 2:00 pm – Tacloban City, Baybay City, Maasin City, Ormoc City, Catbalogan City, Calbayog City, and Borongan City Division Offices**  
(Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/THPediaVaxCDO>)

We would like to invite on the dates mentioned above all **Elementary School Teachers** and the **Officers and Members of the Parent-Teacher Associations** under the division office you belong to. In this activity, we hope to have an exchange of understanding and perspective on vaccines among the pupils/children, teachers, parents, and those belonging to the health sector.

For more information about the said town hall session, please contact Ms. Douna Mae M. Salazar, HPO II, at 09457521524.

Hoping for your favorable response. Thank you and stay safe!

Sincerely,

**EXUPERIA B. SABALBERINO, MD, MPH, CEsE**  
Director IV  
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