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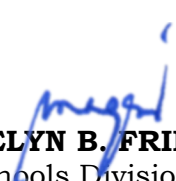
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 061 , s. 2025

DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ESSD-2025-081
(RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN SCHOOLS)

To: Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. For the information, guidance, and appropriate action of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the Regional Memorandum ESSD-2025-081 dated 10 April 2025, titled **Rabies Prevention and Control in Schools**.
2. For inquiries, contact Dr. Lyn Frances Dominique P. Gumban at 0918-227-6157.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2025-081

RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN SCHOOLS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Principals/School Heads/Teachers-In Charge
All Others Concerned

1. This is with reference to DepEd Memorandum OM-OUOPS-2025-08-01873, or Advisory on Rabies Prevention and Control in Schools with the aim to strengthen efforts in protecting learners, school personnel, and the community from dangers of rabies.

2. Rabies is a deadly virus primarily transmitted through bites or scratch from infected animals most notably from dogs. Rabies infection is 100 percent preventable with timely and proper management and vaccination.

3. Signs and Symptoms of Rabies Infection:
a. Fever and headache
b. Pain or numbness of bite site
c. Delirium and paralysis
d. Muscle spasms
e. Hydrophobia and aerophobia

4. Schools are encouraged to play a proactive role by implementing preventive measures and conducting awareness campaigns. The following measures are recommended for the prevention of transmission of rabies virus:

4.1 Education and Awareness Campaigns:

- a. Conduct comprehensive awareness campaigns focused on rabies prevention, transmission, methods of transmission and symptoms identification.
- b. Integrate rabies awareness topics into health education programs.
- c. Distribute materials, such as posters and leaflets, to educate learners and school personnel.
- d. Educate learners on recognizing rabies symptoms in animals, such as aggressive behavior, excessive drooling, fear of water and bright lights, and difficulty walking.
- e. Encourage learners and school personnel to avoid contact with unfamiliar animals, particularly those showing symptoms

4.2 Strict Pet Management Within School Premises:

- a. Prohibit stray animals from entering school grounds. If complete prevention is not feasible, ensure that these animals receive vaccinations.
- b. Advise learners and personnel to avoid contact with unfamiliar or unvaccinated animals.



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- c. Coordinate with local government units (LGUs) for animal control measures.

4.3 Vaccination And Responsible Pet Ownership

- a. Encourage pet owners, including school staff and learners, to ensure their pets receive annual rabies vaccinations.
- b. Promote responsible pet ownership through school and community partnerships.
- c. Encourage proper pet care, including regular hygiene, proper feeding, and safe sleeping areas.
- d. Emphasize that all pet dogs and cats should be vaccinated annually to prevent the spread of rabies.

4.4 Proper First Aid Measures For Animal Bites:

- a. If bitten or scratched by an animal, immediately wash the wound with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes.
- b. Seek immediate medical attention at the nearest Animal Bite and Treatment Center for proper wound management and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- c. Learners should be encouraged to report any bites or scratches to teachers, parents or school authorities immediately, without fear of reprimand.
- d. For urgent concerns, contact:
 - 1. 911 – National Hotline
 - 2. 1555 – DOH Hotline

4.5 Strengthening Collaboration With Health And Veterinary Authorities:

- a. Partner with Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agriculture (DA), and Local Governments Units/Rural Health Units/City Health Offices/Office of Municipal Agriculture for rabies vaccination drives.
- b. Participate in World Rabies Day and other related advocacy programs.
- c. Establish referral mechanisms for students and staff requiring rabies post-exposure management with the nearest Animal Bite Treatment Center/Health Facility.
- d. Cooperate/Coordinate with local health authority in case of exposure or close contact with person infected with rabies for proper management/vaccination.

5. For information and strict compliance of all concerned.

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