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SOCCSKSARGEN REGION SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SARANGANI

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DISSEMINATION OF REGION MEMORANDUM ESSD-2025-107 (ADVISORY ON MPOX PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROTOCOL IN SCHOOLS AND WORK SETTING)

To: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
SDO Section/Unit Heads and Staff
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

- 1. For the information, guidance, and appropriate action of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the Region Memorandum ESSD-2025-107, dated 5 May 2025, titled ADVISORY ON MPOX PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROTOCOL IN SCHOOLS AND WORK SETTING
- 2. For inquiries, contact Dr. Lyn Frances Dominique P. Gumban at 09182276157.
- 3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Encl.: As stated Reference: As stated

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LFDPG/SGOD-SHS/DM – dissemination of region memorandum essd-2025-107 (advisory on mpox prevention and control protocol in schools and work setting)

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ESSD-2025-107

ADVISORY ON MPOX PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROTOCOL IN SCHOOLS AND WORK SETTING

To: Schools Division Superintendents All Others Concerned

- MPOX, previously called monkeypox, is an infection that causes fever and a painful rash. There has been an increase in new cases starting 2022 and was declared as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) last Aug 14, 2024 by WHO (World Health Organization).
- For everyone's awareness, here are some important information about the

What are the symptoms of mpox?

- a.
- b. Skin rash or mucosal lesions that look like blisters or raised firm lesions which may last for 2 - 4 weeks, it may present on face, palms and soles of the feet
- Swollen lymph nodes or sore throat
- Muscle aches and back pain
- Headache and low energy

How does mpox spread?

- Person-to-person transmission through direct contact with skin or mucosal lesions (talking or breathing, kissing, touching, hugging, or sexual intercourse, and/or through respiratory secretions)
- Indirect contact with contaminated bedding, clothing, or linens or other
- Teaching and nonteaching personnel are enjoined to do the following in order to stop the possible transmission of mpox:
 - Adapt Distance Learning Delivery Modality for students who have manifested the symptoms of mpox.
 - Arrange work from home for personnel who have been possibly afflicted b. with the disease.
 - Adapt a skeletal workforce for office or section who had been in contact with personnel suspected/confirmed with mpox. Coordination and cooperation of the office and/or personnel with the local health authority for management and containment of the disease shall be followed.
 - Teaching and nonteaching personnel and students who have signs/symptoms or have the disease shall only resume face-to-face transactions after securing clearance from their doctor or from the local health authority.







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- e. Practice and teach the disease prevention in classes and offices:
 - Observe respiratory etiquette such as covering your mouth and noses when coughing or sneezing.
 - Use masks when going out in a crowded public space and when experiencing respiratory signs and symptoms such as coughing and sneezing and runny nose
 - iii. Ensure good airflow/ventilation in the office or classroom
 - iv. Wash hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - Refrain from contact with individuals who have signs and symptoms
- 4. For information and compliance.

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