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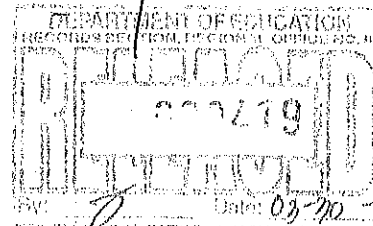
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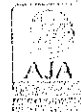
To: Schools Division Superintendents
All others Concerned

GUIDANCE ON REQUESTS FROM LGUs ON THE USE OF DEPED FACILITIES AS COVID-19 QUARANTINE, ISOLATION, OR VACCINATION CENTER

1. In view of the increasing number of COVID-19 cases spreading to various territories, this Office is inundated with requests from LGUs to use DepEd schools as quarantine, isolation or vaccination facilities.
2. All Schools Division Superintendents are reminded that under the DepEd's current policy, school buildings should only be used as a last resort if there is no other place available. This is to ensure that the health and safety of the DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel as well as of the parents/guardians who pick-up the SLMs for their children are properly safeguarded.
3. Likewise, DepEd employs distance learning for SY 2020-2021, school heads, teachers and non-teaching personnel regularly report to the schools and use the classrooms for their on-line teaching and /or as their work area in the reproduction and distribution of SLMs and in other related tasks assigned to them.
4. However, in extreme cases where there are NO longer available public/private facilities available for use as quarantine, isolation or vaccination facility, the Local Government Unit (LGU) may request the Department of Education to use its facilities subject to the approval of the Regional Director and compliance to OM-OSEC-2020-04.
5. Per OM-OSEC-2020-04, the following are the requirements for submission before approval of request to use DepEd facilities, to wit:
 - a) The LGU must state in its request the specific intended purpose or use for the school, and identify the particular facility in the school that will be used as well as the duration of their use;
 - b) Certification from the Regional Director of the Department of Interior and Local Government/ the Head of the Regional Task Force COVID-19/ the City DILG, that the school was assessed and is within the parameters of rules, regulations and directives issued by the National Government;



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


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- c) Certification from the LGU that there is no other public/private facility which can be used other than the requested school because schools are the last option to be considered as quarantine, isolation / vaccination center;
 - d) An assessment report by the Local Health Officer that the facility is suitable for the specific intended purpose;
 - e) Management Plan of the facility as vaccination center/quarantine/isolation facility;
 - f) Memorandum of undertaking for the safekeeping of all property and valuables in the said school and its premises during the operation of the facility; payment of utilities for the period; the conduct of the general cleaning and fumigation, and repair and/or replacement of damaged facilities as a result of its use, and payment of expenses related to the setting-up, operation and clearing of the areas used; and
 - g) Letter of indorsement from the Schools Division Superintendent
6. In cases where there are already other health-related projects in a school, a quarantine/isolation /vaccination center need not be put up anymore because of the risks involved. In other words, health-related activities should not be mixed with other activities in the same school facility.
 7. SDSs shall ensure that all documentary requirement are complete before submission to the Regional Office. Incomplete requirements will be automatically disapproved.
 8. For information, guidance and compliance.


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