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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM:**

No. 294, s. 2022

**PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR THE RAINY SEASON**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Division DRRM Coordinators  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. To promote preparedness and safety among our school children and personnel on the onset of rainy season. Field offices, elementary and secondary schools in the region are informed to observe and follow the Preparedness Measures for the Rainy Season.
2. SDOs and schools are advised to:
  - a. Prepare a Contingency Plan for tropical cyclone, storm surge, and flood.
  - b. Establish a hazard-specific Early Warning System and post in classrooms and conspicuous areas within the school.
  - c. Secure database of students and their family details; these are essential in tracking learners.
  - d. Craft and disseminate a Student-Family Reunification Plan.
  - e. Plan for resumption strategies, e.g. Alternative Delivery Modes and availability of learning resources.
  - f. Pre-identify possible sites for Temporary Learning Spaces.
  - g. Post emergency hotlines in classrooms and conspicuous areas within the school.
  - h. Forge a MOA with the LGU, if the school is to be used as an evacuation center.
  - i. Prepare an evacuation plan and identify evacuation areas and classrooms that can be used as temporary shelters during emergencies in accordance with RA 10821.
  - j. Coordinate with the LGU on the locations of evacuation centers outside the school, and other safe areas where learners and their families can go to in case of storm surge warning. Inform the learners and their parents.





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- k. Monitor tropical cyclone wind signals (TCWS), storm surge warning, rainfall warning from DOST-PAGASA.
  - l. Coordinate with local DRRM councils for suspension of classes.
  - m. Orient students, parents and teachers on the rules on suspension of classes (DO 14 s. 2021)
  - n. Advise learners and their families to secure their family disaster kit at home.
  - o. Have an adequate first aid kit, flashlights, megaphones, and other necessary supplies.
  - p. Assess school buildings. Repair minor damages.
  - q. Clean and clear all drainage system to prevent them from clogging. Cover open drainage canals with proper warning signs.
  - r. Prune trees that may cause harm to people and properties.
  - s. Switch off electricity before locking the school buildings.
  - t. Store all vital school documents, learning, and teaching materials, computers and equipment in safe buildings and storage.
3. All DRRM Coordinators should maintain an open communication with school officials for any needed assistance. Immediate coordination and reporting of any untoward incident should be observed to provide timely and necessary support.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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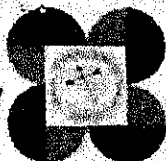
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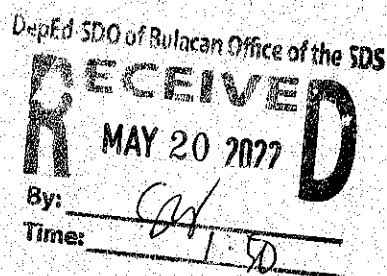


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**Press Statement**  
DOST-PAGASA  
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## ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON

The presence of frontal system and the occurrence of severe thunderstorms have brought widespread rains during the last five days in areas under Type I climate and other parts of the country. Moreover, southwesterly windflow was also observed during the past few days. This satisfies the criteria of the start of the rainy season over the western sections of Luzon and Visayas.

Intermittent rains, associated with the Southwest (SW) monsoon will start to affect Metro Manila and the western sections of the country. However, breaks in rainfall events (also known as monsoon breaks), which can last for several days or weeks may still occur.

Meanwhile, the ongoing La Niña may still affect some parts of the country, which may increase the likelihood of above normal rainfall conditions in the coming months.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, DOST-PAGASA will continue to monitor the day-to-day weather and long-term climate situation and provide updates when significant changes occur.

For more information, you may contact the Climatology and Agrometeorology Division (CAD) through the Climate Information & Prediction Section (CLIMPS) at Tel. Nos (02)8284-0800 loc. 906.

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