



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
Schools Division Office of Bulacan


February 13, 2023

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 045 s. 2023

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
School Health Section Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. Anent to **OASGFO-2022-102**, entitled **Department of Health's Recommendations to prevent Hand and Foot and Mouth Disease** dated January 25, 2023, there is an increasing number of cases of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD), thus this Office reiterates the DOH recommendations to prevent Hand Foot and Mouth Disease.
2. To prevent the spread of this highly transmissible disease among our school children, DOH encourages the following actions:
 1. Ensure that handwashing facilities in schools are utilized and always functional and that water and soap are always available;
 2. Coordinated with Local Chief Executive through Local Health Units for regular disinfection of classrooms and offices;
 3. Utilize all locally available information and campaign materials including playbooks for schools on hand, hygiene and sanitation;
 4. Intensify information dissemination on proper handwashing to students, teachers and all school personnel; and
 5. Inform parents of students to also monitor other family members for signs and symptoms and seek immediate medical advice when these are present.
3. Wide dissemination and strict compliance to this Memorandum is enjoined.


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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

02 December 2022

HONORABLE SARA Z. DUTERTE
Vice President, Republic of the Philippines
Secretary, Department of Education

Dear **Hon. Duterte**:

The Department of Health (DOH) is concerned with the recent health events and surveillance reports on the increasing number of cases of **Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)**.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), HFMD is a very contagious viral disease that is most common in children and it spreads quickly in schools and daycare centers. The disease can be easily transmitted through person-to-person contact (e.g. hugging, kissing, sharing cups/utensils); respiratory droplets (e.g. virus particles spread from sneezing, coughing) and contact with contaminated surfaces and objects (e.g. contaminated doorknobs, toys then touching the eyes, nose, mouth). Signs and symptoms include fever, sores in the mouth, hands, palms, fingers and soles.

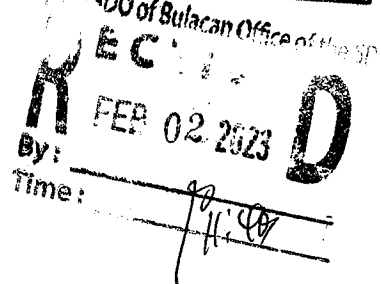
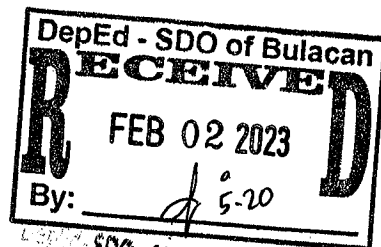
The DOH has already recorded 541 HFMD cases in Albay Province and most of which occurred only in a month-long period. Oas Municipality has the highest number of cases (162 cases as of December 2, 2022). The Albay Central School has already initiated preventive measures, like disinfection of classrooms and information dissemination.

Clustering of cases was also detected in other provinces like Cagayan and Isabela with 45 and 29 cases respectively. There were also reports in Mariveles, Bataan and in Trinidad and Mankayan of Benguet.

To prevent the spread of this highly transmissible disease amongst our school children, the DOH shares with you the following recommendations for DepEd's consideration:

- Ensure that handwashing facilities in all schools are utilized and always functional and that water and soap are always available.
- Coordinate with Local Chief Executives, through the Local Health Units for regular disinfection of classrooms and school offices.
- Utilize all locally available information and campaign materials, including the DOH Playbooks for Schools on Hand Hygiene and Sanitation.
- Intensify information dissemination on proper handwashing to students, teachers, and all school personnel.
- Inform parents of students to also monitor other family members for signs and symptoms and to seek immediate medical advice when these are present.

We hope that we have provided your Department with relevant information that can be disseminated to students, teachers and other school staff. DepEd is a crucial government agency that can support the DOH in controlling this infectious disease that is mostly affecting



our children. Rest assured that the DOH is more than grateful to provide assistance and support on any activities of DepEd that aims to address and prevent HFMD.

Thank you very much for your utmost cooperation on this public health issue.

Very truly yours,


MARIA ROSARIO S. VERGEIRE, MD, MPH, CESO II
Officer-in-Charge
Department of Health



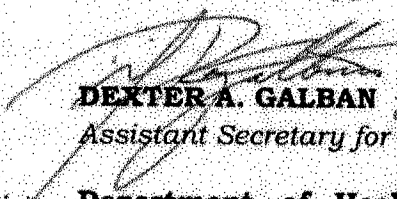
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OPERATIONS

OASGFO No. 2022-102
MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
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Undersecretary for Operations


FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS
Assistant Secretary for Operations


DEXTER A. GALBAN
Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : Department of Health's Recommendations to Prevent
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

DATE : January 25, 2023

This Office respectfully endorses the attached letter from Dr. Maria Rosario S. Vergeire, Officer-in-Charge, Department of Health (DOH), dated December 2, 2022, regarding the DOH's recommendations to prevent Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD).

To prevent the spread of HFMD, DOH encourages the following actions:

1. Ensure that handwashing facilities in all schools are utilized and always functional and that water and soap are always available;
2. Coordinate with Local Chief Executives through the Local Health Units for regular disinfection of classrooms and school offices;
3. Utilize all locally available information and campaign materials, including the DOH Playbooks for Schools on Hand Hygiene and Sanitation;
4. Intensify information dissemination on proper handwashing to students, teachers, and all school personnel; and

5. Inform parents of students to monitor other family members for signs and symptoms and to seek immediate medical advice when these are present.

For wide dissemination and appropriate action.

Fwd: [OASGFO-2022-102] Department of Health's Recommendations to Prevent Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

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Dear Regional Directors:

Good day!

This Office respectfully transmits the signed memorandum by Undersecretary Revsee Escobedo, Assistant Secretary Francis Cesar Bringas, and Assistant Secretary Dexter Galban relative to the Department of Health's recommendation to prevent Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD).

Please see attached file, for wide dissemination and appropriate action.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



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