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MEMORANDUM

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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS

FROM : 
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Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **MITIGATING MEASURES FOR EXTREME HEAT/EL NINO**

DATE : 01 April 2024

In response to the official declaration of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) regarding the increasing heat index in the Philippines and its associated dangers and hazards on March 22, 2024, the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations outlines the following mitigating measures for extreme heat/ El Nino:

Key Areas	Mitigating Measures
Learning Delivery-related	Implement shortened classes and conduct in-person classes preferably from 6-10AM (morning shift) and 2:00-6:00 PM (afternoon shift).
	Avoid outside classroom activities. Instruct learners to limit their outside activities to avoid direct exposure to heat.
	Implement applicable learning delivery modalities as necessary to ensure continuity of learning from suspension of in-person to other learning modalities
	Provide technical assistance to schools implementing appropriate learning delivery modalities
	Ensure there is sufficient instructional materials, self-learning modules, textbooks and activity sheets for appropriate learning delivery modalities
	Ensure that there are trained teachers on appropriate learning delivery modalities
Safety and Health-related	Ensure availability of first aid kit
	Ensure there is enough supply of water in the school.
	Drink plenty of water.
	Encourage learners to bring their personal tumblers or water containers in schools.
	Develop strategies on water management/conservation.
	Ensure electrical equipment and appliances are regularly checked to prevent faulty wirings.



	Explore ventilation upgrade of classrooms and other school facilities for conducive for learning.
	Dress appropriately by wearing light, breathable clothing.
Risk Assessment and Planning	Conduct comprehensive risk assessments including health risk to understand the potential impacts of El Niño in the schools. Develop a Contingency Plan for El Nino/Extreme Heat to address potential threats and hazards.
IEC and Advocacy-related	Conduct orientation to parents for the impacts of El Nino and the possible implementation of ADM Develop/Disseminate IEC materials on El Nino. Use of local dialect is recommended. -
	Conduct information dissemination e.g. health risk communication plan, announcement during flag ceremony, posting of IEC materials through social media and in schools
Monitoring	Regular updates on the daily heat index in your locality.
	Monitor the health status of learners and personnel daily

Moreover, school heads are reminded of their authority and responsibility, to suspend in-person classes and implement modular distance learning in cases of unfavorable weather environment such as, but not limited to, extreme heat which poses health risks hindering learning and productivity.

Furthermore, it is also reiterated that the teaching and non-teaching personnel shall not be required to report to work except those who are mandated to render security, safety, finance, engineering, sanitation, health, and disaster response duties. Schools, on the other hand, must always be ready to implement remote work with measured output as stipulated in DO 37, s. 2022.

In addition, Schools Division Offices, through the Schools Division Superintendents, shall monitor schools implementing the said modality and shall submit a report to their respective Regional Directors, copy furnished the DRRMS.

For queries, please coordinate with Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service via email at drmo@deped.gov.ph or contact through 8635-3764.

For your information and appropriate

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