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# Department of Education REGION III SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

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## DENGUE AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN SCHOOLS

- 1. In light of the increasing number of dengue cases reported, it is imperative that we remain vigilant and proactive in combating the spread of this mosquito-borne disease. The Department of Education (DepEd) supports the Department of Health (DOH) campaign on Dengue Awareness and Prevention campaign to ensure the safety of learners and other school population in the schools. This memorandum serves to raise awareness and provide guidelines on the prevention and control of dengue fever.
- 2. Dengue is a viral infection transmitted through the bite of an infected Aedes aegypti mosquito. Symptoms include high fever, severe headache, joint and muscle pain, skin rashes, and bleeding tendencies. In severe cases, it can lead to dengue hemorrhagic fever or dengue shock syndrome, which can be fatal if not treated immediately.
- 3. The following are the key measures for dengue prevention and control:

#### Eliminate Breeding Sites:

- o Dispose of old tires, bottles, and other containers that can collect rainwater.
- o Ensure proper waste disposal and drainage around the school premises
- o Regularly empty, clean, and cover water containers such as flower vases, drums and buckets.

#### o Protect Yourself from Mosquito Bites:

- o Wear long-sleeved clothing and pants, especially during early morning and late afternoon.
- o Use mosquito repellent on exposed skin.
- Install treated screens on windows and doors or use mosquito nets.

#### Support Fogging/Spraying to Prevent Impending Outbreak:

Coordinate with Barangay and Local Health Offices.







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- o Conduct fogging in declared outbreak areas.
- Join community efforts and clean-up activities to remove possible mosquito breeding grounds.

## Seek Early Medical Attention:

- o Recognize early signs and symptoms of dengue.
- o Refer suspected cases to the nearest health facility.

## Sustain Hydration:

- o Provide safe and clean drinking water at all times.
- Increase oral fluid intake.
- 4. The Schools Division Offices should ensure strict implementation of measures. All School Heads should organize dengue awareness and prevention activities in coordinating with School Health and Nutrition Unit and Local Health Offices.
- 5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.
- 6. For further information, refer to the following educational video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lGmwF3iveS\_z3U8TM3ZzzPvIaYSbh59x/view?usp=share\_link

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