



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE-SCIENCE CITY OF MUNOZ

July 28, 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 283, s. 2021

REITERATION ON STRICT ADHERENCE ON THE REQUIRED HEALTH STANDARDS IN BASIC EDUCATION OFFICES AND SCHOOLS, PROTOCOLS IN PROVIDING COVID-19 RESPONSE AND CODE RED ALERT LEVEL 4 STATUS IN RESPONSE TO THE DETECTION OF COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT CASES

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief ES CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Unit Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
Community Learning Centers (CLC)

1. Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the Philippines and the detection of sixteen (16) new Delta (B.1.617.2) variant cases including the first local cases, all are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the required minimum Public Health Standards as being stipulated in DepEd Order No.14, s.2020 titled Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools.
2. Furthermore, even with the ongoing National COVID-19 Vaccination Program in our country, strict implementation of the minimum Public Health Standards still remains the cornerstone in the prevention and mitigation against the COVID-19 Pandemic. Truthful declaration of health status and travel history, wearing of medically acceptable face mask and face shield and physical distancing of 2 meters apart shall be strictly observed at all times in all DepEd Offices and Schools including frequent handwashing and practice of cough etiquette and gathering in small groups as well as loitering inside DepEd Offices and Schools' premises were highly discouraged and the implementation of window transaction method were crucial to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all DepEd



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Officials and personnel, learners and stakeholders in Schools Division Office and in all Public Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Science City of Munoz.

3. Attached herewith is Regional Memorandum No.287, s.2021 entitled Department of Health on the Reiteration of the Minimum Public Health Standards and the Code Red Alert Level 4 Status in Response to the Detection of the COVID-19 Delta Variant cases in the Philippines for your reference.
4. Also Heads of Offices or Schools are highly advised to limit face to face meetings/interactions and conduct activities using virtual or online modes of communication and allow personnel to work from home who are experiencing Flu- like symptoms and submit medical certificate upon returning in the office or school as being stipulated in Regional Memorandum No.094 s.2021 titled Addendum to RM NO.92 s.2021 (Protocols in Providing COVID-19 Response and Disinfection Measures at the Regional Office, Schools Division Offices and Schools).
5. For queries, please feel free to contact MARIANNE C. CORONEL, MD, Medical Officer III thru DepEd Email: marianne.coronel@deped.gov.ph or cellphone number: 09285040801.
6. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this memorandum is desired.

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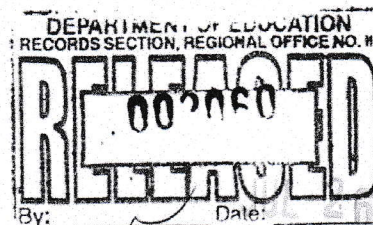
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. ²⁸⁷____, s. 2021

TO: Schools Division Superintendents
Medical Officer III

Department of Health(DOH) Memomrandum on the Reiteration of the Minimum Public Health Standards and the Code Red Alert Level 4 Status in Response to the Detection of the COVID-19"DELTA" Variant Cases in the Philippines

1. Attached is an Advance Copy Department of Health (DOH) Memorandum on the the Reiteration of the Minimum Public Health Standards and the Code Red Alert Level 4 Status in Response to the Detection of the COVID-19"DELTA" Variant Cases in the Philippines dated July 16, 2021 from Leopoldo S. Vega, MD, FPCS, FPPACSI, MBA-H, Undersecreatry of Health, Office of the Chief of Staff
2. The other document is the Department of Health Press Release on the Detection of the COVID-19 DELTA Variant in the country.
3. For information.

[Signature]
MAY B. ECLAR, PhD, CESO III
Regional Director

Incl.:As stated.

ESSD/GLAD
July 22, 2021





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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

July 16, 2021

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

No. 2021 - _____

TO: BARMM MINISTER OF HEALTH AND ALL DIRECTORS OF CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, DOH RETAINED HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS AND SANITARIA

SUBJECT: Reiteration of the Implementation of the Minimum Public Health Standards and the Code Red Alert Level 4 Status in Response to the Detection of the COVID-19 "DELTA" Variant Cases in the Philippines

The Department of Health (DOH), University of the Philippines- Philippine Genome Center and the University of the Philippines- National Institute of Health report the detection of sixteen (16) new Delta (B.1.617.2) variant cases, including the first local cases, based on the latest whole genome sequencing report.

In line with this, all Centers of Health Development, Ministry of Health and DOH Retained Hospitals are advised to reiterate the strict implementation of the Minimum Public Health Standards and the Code Red Alert Level 4 Status in response to the detection of the COVID-19 "DELTA" Variant in the country.

Enclosed is the DOH Press Release dated July 16, 2021 for your reference. For further inquiries, you may email the Health Emergency Management Bureau (HEMB) Operations Center through email to: hembopcen@doh.gov.ph. Also, HEMB Operation Center (OPCEN) can be reached at telephone numbers 8711-1001; 8711-1002; 8651-7800 local 2206 / 2207 and cellular phone number 0917-8059756.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health

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Office of the Chief of Staff



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DOH, UP-PGC, AND UP-NIH DETECT MORE COVID-19 DELTA VARIANT CASES
Press Release | 16 July 2021

The Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines - Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines - National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) report the detection of sixteen (16) new Delta (B.1.617.2) variant cases, including the first local cases, based on the latest whole genome sequencing report.

Five of the sixteen cases are Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROFs). One case arrived in the Philippines from the United Kingdom on 26 April 2021 and has been tagged as recovered after undergoing the 14-day quarantine period. Another two of these cases arrived in the Philippines from Qatar on 15 June 2021 and have also been tagged as recovered. The DOH is still verifying the arrival and quarantine status of the two other ROF cases.

Eleven cases are classified as local cases. Six cases have been detected in Region 10 and are part of a large cluster of cases, with dates of onset between 23 to 28 June. All have been tagged as recovered.

Two cases have also been detected in the National Capital Region. One case was tagged as dead after being rushed to the emergency room of a hospital on 28 June. The other case is an outpatient with an onset date of 23 June, who was tagged as recovered. One other case, an outpatient with an onset date of 27 June and was also tagged as recovered, was initially tested in the National Capital Region but has an indicative address in Region 3. All these cases have no known connection to each other.

The last two local cases were detected in Region 6, both with an onset date of 27 May. Both have also been tagged as recovered.

The DOH is in close coordination with the Centers for Health Development and Local Government Units to ensure that all cases have been or are appropriately traced and managed. The Bureau of Quarantine and the Department of Transportation are on high alert to implement strict border control measures.

The DOH underscores that with our 4-door strategy, we have delayed the entry of the Delta variant with the activation of Doors 1 and 2. Now that the country has detected local cases of the Delta variant, Doors 3 and 4 are being activated. Door 3 would involve strengthening the implementation of the PDITR strategies while Door 4 is ensuring that our healthcare capacity is ready for a possible surge.

The DOH also reminded the public that the spread of COVID-19 globally, while being controlled by vaccination, is still being driven by the emergence of variants of concern, increased social mobility, and inappropriate use of public health measures. Even while we are vaccinating the Filipino people, minimum public health measures such as physical distancing and masking should not be neglected.

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