

DEPED EYES BLENDED SETUP FOR SY 2022-2023

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The Department of Health (DOH) said that the country is prepared for full face-to-face classes for the academic year 2022-2023. The statement was made despite the rising COVID-19 cases in the Philippines.

The Department of Education allowed limited and expanded face-to-face classes in the latter part of the academic year after the decrease in the daily COVID-19 cases and positivity rate in the country. The move of the Department is also connected to the number of Filipinos already fully vaccinated. As of June 06, 2022, around 69.52 million people were already fully vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus in the Philippines. This includes those who received single-dose vaccines. In contrast, roughly 74.22 million people were still waiting for their second dose of the vaccine. The vaccination, which started on March 2021, already administered about 14.4 million booster shots.

Meanwhile, DepEd Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones encouraged all public and private schools to return to holding in-person classes for the upcoming School Year 2022-2023. In an Inquirer article, the DepEd chief said around 73 percent of public schools have already resumed face-to-face classes. The head of the largest bureaucracy in the country is expecting 100 percent face-to-face classes for 2022-2023.

Though face-to-face classes are already allowed, the DepEd is also eyeing a blended setup wherein there are days when students will physically be present and some days when they will be allowed to learn at home.

In the Province of Bataan, schools from Kindergarten to Senior High School are adhering to the mandate of the DepEd to conduct limited face-to-face classes. While the provincial government is still strictly administering vaccination in Bataan, on the official Facebook Page of Governor Abet Garcia, last June 9, there are only eight (8) registered active cases in the province – two (2) in Balanga, one (1) in Pilar, Mariveles, Dinalupihan, Hermosa, Orani, and Samal.

The data from the United Nations Children’s Fund (Unicef) disclosed that many children have dropped out as classrooms reopened for in-person classes. On the other hand, the DepEd survey revealed that 97 percent of Grades 1 to 3 learners were satisfied with their overall experience in participating in F2F classes. For Senior High School students, the satisfaction rating for in-person classes was 86 percent.

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