

Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education

REGION III SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DISSEMINATION OF THE FIFTH SET OF POLICY DIRECTIVES OF DEPED TASK FORCE COVID-19

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

Chiefs of Division (CID and SGOD)

Education Program Supervisors

Public Schools District Supervisor

Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads

Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Teachers

SDO Bataan Personnel

All Others Concerned

- 1. This Office disseminates DepEd Memorandum No. 34, s 2020 entitled "Fifth Set of Policy Directives of DepEd Task Force COVID-19" issued by the Secretary of Education Hon. Leonor Magtolis Briones reiterating and elaborating the previously issued measures for the guidance of all DepEd officials, teachers, school personnel and staff nationwide in view of the Department of Health's declaration raising the COVID-19 Alert System to Code Red sublevel 1 and ensure heighted precautionary measures to monitor the situation closely and ready to make informed and coordinated response.
- 2. Specifically, all concerned personnel are mandated to observe the provisions of the said Fifth Set of Policy Directives stipulated in paragraph 7, to wit:
 - a. All national activities involving learners and/or teachers requiring travel and congregation of various schools, divisions, and / or regions, except for the already ongoing National Schools Press Conference (NSPC) and the National Festival of Talents (NFOT), are suspended and will remain so until further notice through an issuance of another memorandum;
 - All regional activiteis involving learners and/or teachers requiring travel and congregation of various schools and/or division, including Regional Palaro (Regional Athletic Meets) are suspended until further notice;
 - c. All division and district activities that involve the gathering/congregation of various schools in cities and municipalities where there have been DOH-confirmed local cases of COVID-19 are suspended effective upon issuance of this Memorandum and until further notice. As of March 7,







2020 these are Taguig City and San Juan City in the National Capital Region;

- d. All division and district activities that involve the gathering/congregation of various schools in all other cities and municipalities are highly discouraged. Organizers are advised to seek the recommendation of local health authorities should the activities push through. The applicable guidelines stipulated in the Memorandum shall also be observed;
- e. All off-campus activities as defined in DepEd Order No. 66 s. 2017 are suspended, effective immediately upon issuance of this Memorandum;
- f. All official and personal travels previously approved by the Secretary for the month of March 2020 including request to travel abroad forwarded by this Office to the Regional Office and Central Offices to countries identified to have confirmed cases of persons under investigation for COVID-19, as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) are revoked. All DepEd personnel with approved personal travels to the same countries are highly advised not to proceed; and
- g. All personnel and learners who decide to proceed with their scheduled personal travels for the month of March to countries identified to have confirmed cases or persons under investigation for COVID-19 shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival in the Philippines, strictly following DepEd Memorandum No. 31 s. 2020.
- 3. Weekend school-wide general cleaning and intensified disinfection efforts, on top of regular cleaning efforts during school days, shall continue.
- 4. The Schools Division Office and schools, upon declaration of the President of state of public health emergency, are authorized to use existing maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) funds for the emergency purchase of critical logistics and supplies such as, among others, thermal scanners, hand sanitizers, alcohol, hand soap, disinfectants and facial masks.
- 5. All DepEd personnel and learners are reminded to use and share only verified and up-to-date information from reliable and official sources such as the WHO, the DOH, DepEd and other concerned government agencies. All schools and offices are instructed to share only from these sources when disseminating information on social media and other platforms.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly solicited.

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