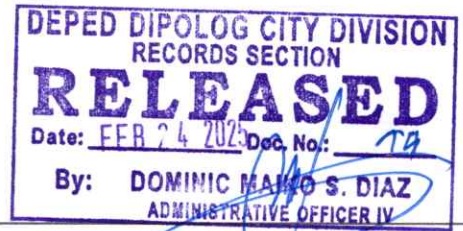




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIPOLOG CITY



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

To : All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Public Schools Division Supervisors
All Division Section Heads
This Division
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-08-01192 or the *Advisory on Dengue Prevention and Control Measures in Schools*, this division strengthens the *Source Reduction* or reducing the number of places where mosquitoes breed.
2. This way we can prevent the alarming rise of dengue cases in our locality as it may lead to significant health risks among our learners and personnel as well as to ensure their health and safety.
3. However, strict compliance on the practice of the **5S Strategy of the Department of Health** is urged to be followed.
4. This 5S literally stands for:
 - ***Search and Destroy Mosquito Breeding Sites***
 - ***Self-Protection Measures***
 - ***Seek Early Consultation***
 - ***Support Fogging as a Last Resort or Only in Outbreak Situations***
 - ***Sustain Hydration***
5. *Monitoring and Compliance* as well as with *Coordination with the LGUS and other Health Agencies* must be strictly observed.





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6. Please see attached DepEd Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-08-01192 for additional information and guidance.
7. For inquiries and clarifications, kindly contact Dr. Clees Paul Z. Tabiliran - Dentist II/OIC - SHNU at **0930-127-1707**.
8. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.


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MEMORANDUM
DM-OUOPS-2025-08-0192

FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
PRINCIPALS/SCHOOL HEADS/TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE
CONCERNED
ALL OTHER CONCERNED

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SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON DENGUE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

DATE : February 18, 2025

In light of the alarming rise in dengue cases and the declaration of local outbreaks by several local government units, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) hereby issues this Advisory on the Prevention of Dengue Fever.

Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne viral disease that poses a significant health risk. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected *Aedes* mosquitoes, primarily *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. Common symptoms include high fever, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, nausea, and rash. In severe cases, it can lead to life-threatening complications such as Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) and Dengue Shock Syndrome (DSS)¹.

To ensure the health and safety of our learners and school personnel, the following measures must be observed and followed:

DENGUE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

To effectively prevent and control cases of dengue fever, all schools are urged follow the *5S Strategy* of the Department of Health, outlined as follows:

1. World Health Organization (2024). Dengue and severe dengue.



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1. **Search and Destroy Mosquito Breeding Sites**

- a. Conduct weekly clean-up drives in classrooms, restrooms, and school grounds;
- b. Remove stagnant water from plant saucers, old tires, roof gutters, and other water-collecting items;
- c. Properly cover water storage containers and dispose of waste properly;
- d. Regularly inspect school premises for potential mosquito breeding sites.

2. **Self-Protection Measures**

- a. Encourage learners and school personnel/staff to
 - i. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and socks to minimize mosquito bites;
 - ii. Apply DOH-approved mosquito repellents, when necessary;
 - iii. Maintain well-ventilated classrooms and install screens on windows and doors if possible.

3. **Seek Early Consultation**

- a. Parents and teachers should be vigilant in recognizing/identifying early signs and symptoms of dengue, which include, amongst others:
 - i. High-grade fever (39 degrees Celsius or higher) lasting at least 2 days, or possibly recurring over a 7 day period;
 - ii. Severe headache, dizziness, or unusual tiredness;
 - iii. Pain behind the eyes;
 - iv. Body aches, joint or muscle pain;
 - v. Skin rash;
 - vi. Nausea, vomiting, or loss of appetite.

If a learner has a high fever and any of these symptoms, they should be referred to a health facility immediately.

- b. Watch for danger signs requiring urgent medical attention:
 - i. Severe stomach pain;
 - ii. Persistent vomiting;
 - iii. Unusual bleeding (nosebleeds, gum bleeding, bruising);
 - iv. Extreme drowsiness, irritability, or difficulty breathing;
 - v. Cold, clammy skin or fainting.

If any of these signs appear, the learner must be rushed to a hospital without delay.

4. **Support Fogging As a Last Resort or Only in Outbreak Situations**

- a. Schools should coordinate with their Barangay Health Workers and Local Health Offices to assess the necessity of fogging.
- b. Fogging should only be conducted in areas where a dengue outbreak has been officially declared

5. **Sustain Hydration**

- a. Schools are encouraged to provide safe and accessible drinking water via hydration stations and other appropriate means

- b. Learners and school personnel are encouraged to increase their fluid intake, particularly if experiencing symptoms such as fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, to prevent dehydration

COORDINATION WITH LGUS AND HEALTH AGENCIES

1. Schools are urged to closely coordinate with their respective Barangay Health Workers, Rural Health Units, and Local Government Units in monitoring and/or reporting dengue cases to ensure timely response at the community level.
2. Schools must stay informed on any issuances, advisories, and guidelines provided by the Department of Health, updating protocols and practices as necessary to align with the latest public health recommendations.
3. Schools must coordinate with DOH-accredited Dengue Centers of Excellence, as mandated by DOH Administrative Order No. 2021-0009, to ensure proper referral and treatment of severe dengue cases.
4. Schools are strongly encouraged to partner with their respective LGUs in implementing community-based dengue prevention initiatives.

MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

1. All Regional and Schools Division Offices shall ensure strict and consistent implementation of dengue prevention measures across all schools in their respective jurisdictions
2. Principals/School heads are required to:
 - a. Organize and conduct regular dengue prevention activities and submit reports to their respective Schools Division Office, following existing guidelines
 - b. Monitor absenteeism trends as early indicators of potential dengue outbreaks
 - c. Immediately report suspected dengue cases to the nearest health facility

For wide dissemination & strict compliance.