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Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

**DISSEMINATION OF DOH'S PUBLIC ADVISORY ON
HAND, FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Division
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads/OICs
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum NCR-680, s. 2022, dated October 25, 2022, on the above-captioned title, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. In this regard all schools are encouraged to educate the learners to practice preventive habits, hand hygiene, and cough etiquette to avoid the transmission of the infection.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CARLEEN S. SEDILLA CESOSA
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated

References: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

COMMUNICATION

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HEALTH EDUCATION

MML / DM –Dissemination of DOH's Public Advisory on HFM Disease
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. NCR - 680, s. 2022

TO : Schools Superintendent
School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM :  **WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III**
Regional Director

SUBJECT : **DISSEMINATION OF DOH'S PUBLIC ADVISORY ON
HAND, FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE**

DATE : October 25, 2022

For your information and/or appropriate action, enclosed is a copy of the Memorandum signed by Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary, Governance and Field Operation through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), Department of Education, Pasig City, regarding the **DISSIMINATION OF DOH'S PUBLIC ADVISORY ON HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE**, the content of which is self-explanatory.

In this regard, all SDOs, School Health Personnel, School Heads, and Teachers are encouraged to educate the learners to practice preventive habits such as **personal hygiene, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette** to avoid the transmission of the infection.

For more details, you may contact **Dr. Connie P Gapanayao**, (Medical Officer IV) of EESD-SHNU through (02) 8920 1490

For immediate dissemination.

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Republic of the Philippines
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GOVERNANCE AND FIELD OPERATIONS

OUGFO No. 2022-03- 690
MEMORANDUM
19 October 2022

FOR : Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Education
Schools Division Superintendents
School Health Personnel
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads and Teachers
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Governance and Field Operations

SUBJECT : **DISSEMINATION OF DOH'S PUBLIC ADVISORY ON HAND, FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE**

This Office, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), disseminates the Department of Health's (DOH) public health advisory (Annex A) against the highly infectious Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) common in young children.

This is to ensure the safety of the learners amidst of an outbreak of the disease in several towns in Batangas province, particularly in the areas of San Pascual and Cuenca, where over 100 children have been reported to have caught the viral infection, prompting the suspension of face-to-face classes in all public and private schools from elementary to high school.

In this regard, teachers and school health personnel are encouraged to educate the learners to practice preventive habits such as frequent hand-washing and to observe health and safety measures such as wearing of face mask and covering one's mouth when sneezing or coughing to avoid the transmission of infection.

For more information on this subject, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Program Officer, BLSS-SHD, through (02) 8632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination.

ANNEX A



PHILIPPINE HEALTH ADVISORIES

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is a common viral illness of infants and children. It should not be confused with foot-and-mouth (also called hoof-and-mouth) disease of cattle, sheep, and swine. Infected individuals are most contagious during the first week of their illness. HFMD cannot be contracted from pets or animals. Incubation period is 2-14 days

Cause

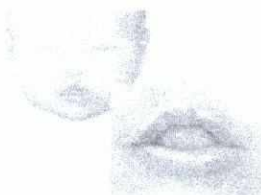
A virus of the family Picornaviridae, genus *Aphthovirus*

Mode of Transmission

Spreads by contact with nose and throat discharges, saliva of infected persons, or after touching contaminated objects

Signs and Symptoms

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Feeling of being unwell (malaise)
- Painful, red, blister-like lesions on the tongue, gums, and inside of the cheeks
- Red rash, without itching but sometimes with blistering, on the palms, soles, and sometimes the buttocks
- Irritability in infants and toddlers
- Loss of appetite



Treatment

- Treatment is directly toward relief of symptoms (fever and sore throat).
- There is no specific treatment. Signs and symptoms usually clear up in 7-10 days.
- A topical oral anesthetic may help relieve the pain of mouth sores.
- Over-the-counter pain medications other than aspirin, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, may help relieve general discomfort.

Prevention and Control

- There is no specific way to prevent the infection. Good hygiene (e.g., proper handwashing) can decrease the risk of spreading the disease.
- Disinfect premises and all infected materials (implements, cards, clothes, etc.).

References

- DOH Philippines. (2005). Health Advisory on Foot and Mouth Disease.
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