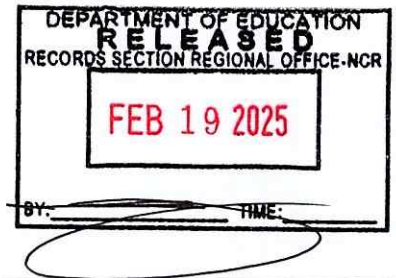




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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



February 14, 2025


REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 160, s. 2025

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Principals/School Heads/Teachers-In-Charge
All Other Concerned Staff

ADVISORY ON THE SCHOOL-BASED DEWORMING PROGRAM

1. Relative to OUOPS Memorandum No. 2024-08-00848, this Office, through the School Health and Nutrition Unit of the Education Support Services Division, hereby announces the resumption of the School-Based Deworming Program pending the signing of the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) on Health Services between and among the Departments of Education, Health and Interior and Local Government.
2. While awaiting the approval of the JAO on Health Services, the Interim Guidelines for the Implementation mentioned in the advisory shall be observed to ensure safety and effectiveness of the activity.
3. For inquiries, please contact Dr. Connie P. Gepanayao, MD, FPPS, Medical Officer IV/Head of SHNU at email address hnu.ncr@deped.gov.ph.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is desired.


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

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SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON THE SCHOOL-BASED DEWORMING PROGRAM

DATE : January 23, 2025



2/4/25

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) hereby issues this Advisory on the School-Based Deworming Program.

The resumption of the School-Based Deworming Program is hereby advised pending the signing of the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) on Health Services between and among the Departments of Education, Health and Interior and Local Government

While awaiting the approval of the JAO on Health Services, the following Interim Guidelines for Implementation shall be observed to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the activity:

- a. Schools will coordinate with local health units to ensure adequate technical support and the provision of deworming medicines;
- b. Written consent from parents or guardians must be obtained before administering deworming medicines;
- c. All personnel involved must adhere to prescribed health and safety protocols;
- d. Conduct of orientation sessions for school staff, parents, and learners to address concerns and provide accurate information;
- e. School Heads are required to monitor and promptly report any adverse reactions to deworming medicines to local health units for immediate action;



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- f. Deworming activities should be integrated into broader health education initiatives to highlight their benefits and importance; and
- g. Implementation schedules should be arranged in collaboration with school authorities, local health units and communicated clearly.

For queries regarding this concern, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao and/or Dr. Mariblanca C.P. Piatos, from the BLSS-SHD at telephone no. (02) 8632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

Your attention and adherence to this advisory is highly appreciated.