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Department of Education

REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO DIVISION OF MALAYBALAY CITY

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Division Memorandum No. 144 series of 2021

TO

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

All Others Concerned

FROM:

VICTORIA V. GAZO, PhD, CESO V File Schools Division Superintendent

DATE

March 23, 2021

RE

DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 117, s. 2021: USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS

VACCINATION CENTERS.

- 1. This Office hereby informs the field on the Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum from the Office of the Honorable Secretary dated March 13, 2021 re: USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS VACCINATION CENTERS.
- 2. Widest dissemination and compliance to this memorandum is enjoined.
- 3. Shall there be queries, contact **PAUL REGIE C. MABELIN, MD,** Medical Officer III, through **0932-890-4698**.

Encl.:

As stated Copy Furnished: SGOD-School Health Unit Records Unit



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM , s. 2021

USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS VACCINATION CENTERS

To: Schools Division Superintendents Public Elementary and Secondary Schools All Others Concerned

- Regarding the above-mentioned subject, attached is Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum from the Office of the Honorable Secretary dated March 13, 2021.
- 2. For compliance and immediate dissemination.

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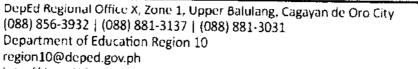
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USE OF CLASSROOMS AS VACCINATION CENTERS

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MEMORANDUM

TO

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Regional Directors

Schools Division Superintendents

Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

All Others Concerned

FROM

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Secretary

SUBJECT

USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS

VACCINATION CENTERS

DATE

13 March 2021

The use of DepEd classrooms and other facilities in times of emergencies has long been the subject of debate and controversy. This is because for decades, it has been a common practice for schools to be utilized for emergencies—whether for storms, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters, civic endeavors like elections, disruption of peace and order in conditions of ideological conflict, health emergencies and the like.

Under the present administration, the President himself reiterated that classrooms can only be used as a last resort. He himself encouraged local government units to construct their own multi-purpose schools so that learners will not be displaced in times of emergencies.

This policy was also confirmed by other departments like the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). With the onset of COVID 19, the demand for the use of school facilities further accelerated. Thus, schools are now used as quarantine and isolation centers in addition to serving as evacuation and *bakwit* refugee centers, as well as community shelters during natural calamities and so on.

Once more, DepEd is inundated with requests to use school facilities as vaccination centers. During the Joint EXECOM/MANCOM Meeting last March 10, I stated the following as the DepEd position. This same position was presented to IATF last March 11, 2021.

- 1. Existing policies with regards to the use of DepEd facilities still apply to vaccination centers.
- Not all DepEd facilities can comply with the DOH and IATF requirements for a vaccination center. Thus, the opinion and the assessment of DOH must first be sought on the suitability of a facility as vaccination center.
- In cases where there are already other health-related projects in a school, a vaccination center need not be put up anymore because of the risks involved. In other words, health-related activities should not be mixed with other activities in the same school facility.

For guidance and compliance.