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TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

FROM : *Alb* **VICTORIA V. GAZO, PhD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent *AV*

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**.

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**Office of the Regional Director**

March 16, 2021


REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 117, s. 2021

**USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES  
AS VACCINATION CENTERS**

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

1. 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.

  
**DR. ARTURO B. BAYOCOT, CESO III**  
Regional Director

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

USE OF CLASSROOMS AS VACCINATION CENTERS

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Republic of the Philippines  
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 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** Undersecretaries  
 Assistant Secretaries  
 Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM  
 Bureau Directors  
 Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
 Regional Directors  
 Schools Division Superintendents  
 Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
 All Others Concerned

**FROM :**   
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.