



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION I



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 983 s. 2024

**CONDUCT OF SCHOOL-BASED ORIENTATION FOR SCHOOL DIVISION
OFFICE MEDICAL OFFICERS AND NURSES IN REGION 1**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. This pertains to the attached letter from Director IV, Paula Paz M. Sydiogco of the Ilocos Center for Health Development, regarding the School-Based Orientation for the School Division of La Union scheduled for September 13, 2024.
2. The orientation aims to outline strategies for reducing the transmission of gastrointestinal and respiratory illnesses and managing potential outbreaks among children in school settings.
3. Accordingly, one (1) Medical Officer and one (1) Nurse from each School Division Office are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Ms. Ethelreina B. Sugando, Nurse V, at 8632-9935, 0908-338-1188, or via email at chd.ilocos@gmail.com.
4. Travel and other allowable expenses will be covered by the downloaded funds, in compliance with standard accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Attached is the memorandum for your reference. For information and guidance.

For the Regional Director:


ATTY. RHEA JOY L. CARBONELL
Chief Administrative Officer
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July 23, 2024

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO

Regional Director
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San Fernando City, La Union

Dear **Director Aquino**:

Children are commonly affected by gastrointestinal and respiratory illness, both of which are key causes of absence from school. They are recognized as important transmitters of infection, and schools are principal settings in the spread of infections and close household contact facilitates the spread of illness from schools into the wider community.

School attendance registers offer a novel dataset which could be used to provide more timely information regarding disease and possible outbreaks among children that will support the early identification of outbreaks within schools, enabling timely intervention to reduce the transmission of infections both within and outside of the school setting.

In order to capture diseases and to control possible impending outbreak in schools, the Department of Health Ilocos Center for Health Development through the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit will be conducting a School-Based Orientation for School Division Office Medical Officers and Nurses in the Region on **September 13, 2024, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** within La Union.

In line with this, may we invite the following to attend the aforementioned Orientation:

1. **Two (2) Health and Nutrition Focal Person** in the Region
2. **One (1) Medical Officer and one (1) Nurse** each School Division Office

Ethelreina B. Sugando, Nurse V, will be coordinating with your Office. She can be reached at her mobile number +63917-729-0293 or via email address **chd.ilocos@gmail.com**.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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