

# Republic of the Philippines Department of Education Cordillera Administrative Region DIVISION OF TABUK CITY City Hall Compound, Dagupan, Tabuk City



DIVISION MEMORANDUM

NO. 41 S. 2020

**Public Schools Division Supervisors** 

Public/ Private Elem. And Secondary School Heads

TO:

All School Health Personnel

Others concerned

FROM:

IRENES. ANGWAY

OIC - Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT:

REITERATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 038,S.2020, ENTITLED: " DEPED CAR

SCHOOLS' RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS OR 2019-nCoV"

DATE:

February 10,2020

1. Relative to the public health concerns brought about by the spread of the novel corona virus or 2019nCoV (from a family of virus that can cause various disease characterized by cough and colds, fever, difficulty in breathing and shortness of breathe that can lead to serious infections, pneumonia, acute respiratory syndrome, kidney problems and even death) in China, and the rest of the world, all schools are enjoined to support measures, awareness and initiatives through conducting activities to ensure proper information education campaigns on precautionary or preventive measures against the dreaded disease.

- 2. The following are suggested activities for implementation:
  - a. Reiteration or putting emphasis on sanitation and proper hygiene practices in health and other related subjects
  - b. Orientations for learners and parents by health authorities or expects or teachers during homeroom, meetings and flag ceremonies;
  - c. Posting of advocacy materials in conspicuous areas in the school;
  - d. Placement of free-flowing drinking water in canteens and classrooms to encourage the habit of ideal water consumption;
  - e. Close monitoring of students/pupils by school personnel.
- School health personnel are tasked to monitor their areas of responsibility as well as take the lead in the information campaign.
- 4. Enclosed are IEC materials for your reference or adoption
- 5. Widest and immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

# NS ABOUT CORONAVIRU

#### WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

## WHAT IS A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

A novel coronavirus (nCoV) is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.

# CAN HUMANS BECOME INFECTED FROM ANIMAL SOURCE?

Detailed investigations found that SARS-CoV was transmitted from civet cats to humans in China in 2002 and MERS-CoV from dromedary camels to humans in Saudi Arabia in 2012. Several known coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans.

# IS CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSIBLE FROM HUMAN TO HUMAN?

Yes, some coronaviruses can be transmitted from person to person, usually after close contact with an infected patient.

# WHAT ARE THE COMMON SIGNS OF INFECTION?

- · Fever
- Cough
- · Diarrhea
- · Shortness of breath
- · Breathing difficulties
- Gastro-intestinal symptoms

#### SEVERE CASES MAY CAUSE:

- Pneunomia
- Kidney failure
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome
- · DEATH

### WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT?

- No specific vaccines or antiviral drugs yet for treatment.
- Symptoms can be treated.

#### WHAT ARE THE WAYS OF PREVENTION?

- Practice proper handwashing and maintain proper hygiene.
- Practice cough and sneezing etiquette.
- Avoid contact with sick person especially those with respiratory conditions.
- Wash and cook food thoroughly.
- If signs and symptoms persist, proceed to the nearest health facility near your area.









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