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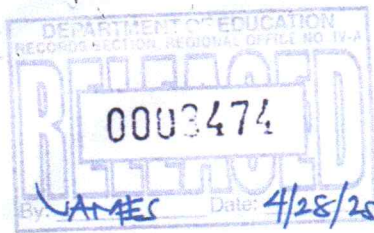
ADVISORY ON RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN SCHOOLS

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief- Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief- School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached herewith is the Regional Memorandum No. 305 s. 2025 dated April 24, 2025, entitled, Advisory on Rabies Prevention and Control in Schools.
2. For your information, guidance and widest dissemination.

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To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. Relative to Department Memorandum OUOPS-2025-08-01873¹, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division – School Health Section, disseminates this Advisory on Rabies Prevention and Control in Schools.
2. All Schools Division Offices shall ensure strict and consistent implementation of the stated prevention and control measures across all schools in their respective jurisdictions.
3. In adherence to existing guidelines, this Office requires the submission of reports on activities and cases through this link, <https://bit.ly/R4Ainfectiousdiseasesreporting>.
4. Attached is the aforementioned Memorandum.
5. For clarifications, kindly contact Pearl Oliveth S. Intia MD, Medical Officer IV at pearl.intia@deped.gov.ph.
6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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¹ Advisory on the Rabies Prevention and Control in Schools



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Assistant Secretary, Officer-in-Charge,
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN
SCHOOLS**

DATE : March 10, 2025

To strengthen efforts in protecting learners, school personnel, and the community from the dangers of rabies, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), issues this advisory outlining necessary measures for rabies prevention and control in schools.

Rabies is a deadly viral infection primarily transmitted through bites or scratches from infected animals, most notably dogs. The Philippines remain one of the high-risk countries for rabies, with cases reported every year. In our ongoing commitment to public health and safety, schools are encouraged to play a proactive role by implementing preventive measures and conducting awareness campaigns.

Signs and Symptoms:

1. Fever and headache
2. Pain or numbness of bite site
3. Delirium and paralysis
4. Muscle spasms
5. Hydrophobia and aerophobia

Recommended Preventive Measures:

1. Education and Awareness Campaigns:

- a) Conduct comprehensive awareness campaigns focused on rabies prevention, transmission, methods of transmission and symptoms identification.



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- b) Integrate rabies awareness topics into health education programs.
- c) Distribute materials, such as posters and leaflets, to educate learners and school personnel.
- d) Educate learners on recognizing rabies symptoms in animals, such as aggressive behavior, excessive drooling, fear of water and bright lights, and difficulty walking.
- e) Encourage learners and school personnel to avoid contact with unfamiliar animals, particularly those showing these symptoms.

2. Strict Pet Management within School Premises:

- a) Prohibit stray animals from entering school grounds. If complete prevention is not feasible, ensure that these animals receive vaccinations.
- b) Advise learners and personnel to avoid contact with unfamiliar or unvaccinated animals.
- c) Coordinate with local government units (LGUs) for animal control measures.

3. Vaccination and Responsible Pet Ownership:

- a) Encourage pet owners, including school staff and learners, to ensure their pets receive annual rabies vaccinations.
- b) Promote responsible pet ownership through school and community partnerships.
- c) Encourage proper pet care, including regular hygiene, proper feeding, and safe sleeping areas.
- d) Emphasize that all pet dogs and cats should be vaccinated annually to prevent the spread of rabies.

Proper First Aid Measures for Animal Bites:

- a) If bitten or scratched by an animal, immediately wash the wound with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes.
- b) Seek immediate medical attention at the nearest Animal Bite & Treatment Center for proper wound management and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- c) Learners should be encouraged to report any bites or scratches to teachers, parents or school authorities immediately, without fear of reprimand.
- d) For urgent concerns, contact:
 - i. 911 – National Hotline
 - ii. 1555 – DOH Hotline

Strengthening Collaboration with Health and Veterinary Authorities:

- a) Partner with the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Agriculture (DA), and LGUs for rabies vaccination drives.
- b) Participate in World Rabies Day and other related advocacy programs.
- c) Establish referral mechanisms for students and staff requiring rabies post-exposure management.

For further 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.

For wide dissemination and strict compliance.



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Annex A. Key Message Pillars adopted from Emergency Interagency Meeting led by the Department of Health last March 11, 2025

Behavioral Objectives	Iwasang makihalubilo sa mga hindi kilalang hayop lalo na kung ang mga ito ay agresibo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linisin ang sugat gamit ang sabon at dumadaloy na tubig • Magpakonsulta sa pinakamalapit na health center o Animal Bite and Treatment Center 	Pabakuhnahan ang mga alagang hayop taon taon; makipag-ugnayan sa inyong veterinary o local na pamahalaan para sa bakuna ng inyong mga alaga
Communication Objectives	Ipaliwanag ang mga sintomas o senyales ng mga hayop na may rabies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turuan kung paano ang tamang paghuhugas ng sugat. • Ipaalam ang pinakamalapit na health center o Animal Bite and Treatment Center 	Paalalahanan na taon-taon dapat pinapabakunahan ang mga alaga na hayop
Key Message Pillars	Basta WAIS, Iwas RABIES!		
	<u>Key Message 1</u> Huwag makihalubilo sa mga hindi kilalang hayop lalo na kung ang mga ito ay may mga sintomas o senyales ng rabies katulad ng: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pagiging agresibo • Naglalaway • Takot sa tubig at liwanag • Hirap lumakad Maging Wais, para Iwas Rabies!	<u>Key Message 2</u> Kapag nakagat o nakalmot ng hayop, siguraduhing hugasan ng maigi ang sugat gamit ang sabon at malinis na tubig. Maging Wais, para Iwas Rabies! Magpatingin agad sa pinakamalapit na health center o Animal Bite and Treatment Center para sa bakuna laban sa rabies	<u>Key Message 3</u> Siguruhing bakunado ang inyong mga alaga, taon taon, Maging Wais, para Iwas Rabies!