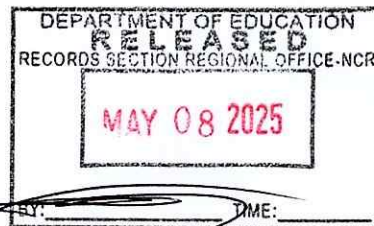




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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
School Health Personnel
All Others Concerned

ADVISORY ON THE SCHOOL-BASED DEWORMING PROGRAM

1. Relative to OUOPS Memorandum No. 2025-08-00848, dated January 23, 2025, regarding the Advisory on the School-Based Deworming Program, this Office, through the School Health and Nutrition Unit of the Education Support Services Division, hereby informs the field that the schedule of deworming activities for the upcoming School Year 2025 – 2026 shall be returned to July 2025 (1st Dose) and January 2026 (2nd Dose).

2. School authorities shall ensure that the implementation schedules should be arranged in collaboration with the local health units and communicated clearly with the parents/guardians through orientation. Likewise, it is reminded that **a parental consent is a must for deworming.**

3. SDOs that administered the 2nd Dose of Deworming in April 2025, may conduct the 1st Dose within July – August 2025 and the 2nd Dose in January – February 2026 to meet the ideal 4 – 6 months interval.

4. Deworming administration shall be repeated after 2 weeks if the child has expelled worms. A referral must be done for proper intervention and treatment. Additionally, there must be regular advocacies on the Helminth Control Program to disseminate broader health education on the importance and benefits of deworming.

5. More so, the School Health Personnel shall ensure prompt submission of the Integrated Helminthiasis Control Program (IHCP) Accomplishment Report including the Inventory of Deworming Tablets to the School Health and Nutrition Unit – Education Support Services Division (SHNU-ESSD) of DepEd NCR.



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6. For more information and/or clarification, you may contact Dr. Connie P. Gepanayao, Medical Officer IV and Head of School Health and Nutrition Unit, DepEd NCR through email at hnu.ncr@deped.gov.ph.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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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**
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Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : **ADVISORY ON THE SCHOOL-BASED DEWORMING PROGRAM**

DATE : January 23, 2025

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The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) hereby issues this Advisory on the School-Based Deworming Program.

The resumption of the School-Based Deworming Program is hereby advised pending the signing of the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) on Health Services between and among the Departments of Education, Health and Interior and Local Government

While awaiting the approval of the JAO on Health Services, the following Interim Guidelines for Implementation shall be observed to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the activity:

- Schools will coordinate with local health units to ensure adequate technical support and the provision of deworming medicines;
- Written consent from parents or guardians must be obtained before administering deworming medicines;
- All personnel involved must adhere to prescribed health and safety protocols;
- Conduct of orientation sessions for school staff, parents, and learners to address concerns and provide accurate information;
- School Heads are required to monitor and promptly report any adverse reactions to deworming medicines to local health units for immediate action;



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- f. Deworming activities should be integrated into broader health education initiatives to highlight their benefits and importance; and
- g. Implementation schedules should be arranged in collaboration with school authorities, local health units and communicated clearly.

For 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.

Your attention and adherence to this advisory is highly appreciated.