



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 540, s. 2024

TO : Schools Division Superintendents
 Public and Private Elementary Schools
 All Others Concerned

FROM : **JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA**
 Director IV

SUBJECT : **REACTIVATION AND MOBILIZATION OF SCHOOL DENGUE TASK FORCE**

DATE : June 03, 2024

1. Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Rio L. Magpantay, MD, PHSAE, CESO III, Director IV of the Metro Manila Center for Health Development of the Department of Health, dated May 22, 2024 requesting for assistance in implementing various activities under the National Aedes-borne Viral Diseases Prevention and Control Program (NAVDPCP).
2. In line with this, all elementary schools in NCR are hereby requested to reactivate and mobilize their School Dengue Task Force and implement the application of chemical insecticides on walls and surfaces, targeting mosquitoes' resting areas (Targeted Residual Spraying or TIRS) and nearby outdoor areas (Targeted Outdoor Residual Spraying or TORS).
3. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Chimmy Dawn Aquino at (0922)792-9086 or telephone no. 8531-0037 loc. 107 or email at idclhsd.dohnocr@gmail.com or chimmydawn@ncro.doh.gov.ph.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance to the Memorandum is desired.



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THROUGH: DR. CONNIE P. GEPANAYAO

Regional Medical Officer, DepEd NCR

Dear Dir. Andaya,

Based on the Morbidity Week 12 Report of the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU) of the Department of Health - Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD), there were 4,217 dengue cases admitted at different reporting institutions in the National Capital Region (NCR) from January 1 to March 25, 2024. This is 113% higher compared to the same period in 2023. Majority of the cases were school-aged children.

In accordance to the National *Aedes*-borne Viral Diseases Prevention and Control Program (NAVDPCCP) Manual of Procedures, implementation of Targeted Insecticide Residual Spraying (TIRS) must be conducted during weekends or holidays in schools to address the spread of *Aedes*-borne Viruses such as dengue (DENV), Zika (ZIKV), and chikungunya (CHIKV) among school-aged children.

Targeted Residual Spraying is one of the vector control strategies being implemented in the region which involves application of chemical insecticides on walls and surfaces, targeting mosquitoes' resting areas inside enclosed spaces (Targeted Indoor Residual Spraying or TIRS) and nearby outdoor areas (Targeted Outdoor Residual Spraying or TORS). Additionally, the said strategy provides high reduction of *Aedes* mosquito population at the same time guarantees high insecticide efficacy or residuality even after 3 to 6 months post-TIRS application making it one of the most cost-effective and long-lasting vector control intervention of the NAVDPCCP.

With this, the MMCHD requests your assistance in implementing TIRS/TORS through the reactivation and mobilization of School Dengue Task Force in all elementary schools in NCR. Our Regional NAVDPCCP Team together with the LGU NAVDPCCP Core Team will closely coordinate with your office for possible assistance that we can provide regarding this matter.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,


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