



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

January 7, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 021, s. 2025

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

TB-FREE GENERATION CAMPAIGN IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)

1. This is with reference to the attached letter from the Department of Health Metro Manila Center for Health Development (DOH-MMCHD) dated December 17, 2024 re: TB-Free Generation Campaign which aims to mobilize communities in the fight against TB.

2. Highlighting the critical roles of Contract Investigation (CI) and Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT) in preventing transmission and ensuring a healthier and TB-free future.

3. In line with this, as per DepEd Order No.9, series 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Engage Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, highlighting paragraph 4 which stated measures to be adopted for the **no disruption of classes**. The Regional Office recommended the following activities only:

- Essay Writing Contest
- Symposium on Tuberculosis Treatment and Prevention for thirty (30) minutes delivered health by doctors for parents, teachers, non-teaching staff and learners.
- Health Services such as:
 - Mobile Chest X-rays
 - Vaccination

4. The target of this activity are public high schools (Grades 10-12) within NCR and each of the 16 SDOs is encouraged to submit one entry for the Essay Writing Contest.

5. For further information, please contact Ms. Angeline M. Perfecto, Regional Project Officer of DOH-MMCHD through contact number 09295731094 or email at amperfecto.pbsp@gmail.com.



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6. Immediate and wide dissemination of the memorandum is desired.

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January 2, 2025

RIO L. MAGPANTAY, MD, PHSAF, CESO III
Director IV
Department of Health

Dear Dir. Magpantay,

Greetings of peace.

This is in response to the attached letter dated **December 17, 2024**, re: **TB- Free Generation Campaign** which aims to mobilize communities in the fight against TB by highlighting the critical roles of Contact Investigation (CI) and Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT) in preventing transmission and ensuring a healthier and TB- free future. We recognize the need to extend beyond communities to schools where significant potential exists for increasing awareness and action.


As per DepEd Order No. 9, series 2005 entitled **Instituting Measures to Engage Time- On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**, highlighting paragraph 4 which stated measures to be adopted for the **no disruption of classes**, our Office is recommending the lessening of activities to not include interactive games and information booths and allowing only the following activities:

- Essay Writing Contest
- Launching at Caloocan High School
- Symposium on Tuberculosis Treatment and Prevention
- Mobile Chest X-Rays
- Vaccination

We highly value your efforts in advocating health projects and programs and encourage you to explore alternative approaches that will align with DepEd policies.

Thank you for your understanding and continued commitment to learner welfare.

Very truly yours,


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December 17, 2024

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THROUGH: CONNIE P. GEPANAYAO, MD, FPPS

Medical Officer IV
School Health and Nutrition Unit

Dear **Dir. Andaya**,

The Philippines has long been a significant contributor to global tuberculosis (TB) cases. In response, the Department of Health (DOH) has declared TB a national priority, with a vision to achieve a TB-Free Philippines by 2035. Despite ongoing efforts, challenges remain, particularly in the areas of Contact Investigation (CI) and the recognition of Tuberculosis Preventive Treatment (TPT).

To address these gaps, the DOH – Metro Manila Center for Health Development (MMCHD), together with the 17 Local Government Units (LGUs) through the City Health Offices, initiated the TB-Free Generation Campaign in the National Capital Region (NCR). This initiative aims to mobilize communities in the fight against TB by highlighting the critical roles of CI and TPT in preventing transmission and ensuring a healthier and TB-free future. Recognizing the importance of broader engagement, the DOH – MMCHD seeks to extend this campaign beyond communities to schools, where significant potential exists for increasing awareness and action.

In this regard, we would like to formally request for a collaboration with the Department of Education – National Capital Region (DepEd – NCR) in the said campaign. We are expanding the TB-Free Generation Campaign to schools across the 16 Schools Division Offices (SDOs) within NCR. The TB-Free Generation Campaign aims to engage families in the vital mission of eradicating TB and to emphasize the importance of Contact Investigation and TB Preventive Treatment as essential strategies for preventing TB transmission across generations. By uniting families and communities, this event seeks to foster a collective commitment to achieving a TB-free future.

As part of engaging Generation Alpha and Generation Z, we will conduct advocacy activities including Digital Poster Making and Essay Writing Contest to raise awareness, to encourage participation, and to strengthen engagement of the TB-Free Generation Campaign. The target of this activity are the public high schools within NCR. Each of the 16 SDOs is encouraged and invited to submit one entry per contest. Attached herewith are the mechanics of the Digital Poster Making and Essay Writing Contests.

In addition to the advocacy efforts, the DOH – MMCHD, in collaboration with your School Health and Nutrition Unit, has developed a plan to conduct the TB-Free Generation Campus Caravan at five to six schools across Metro Manila. This initiative will be carried out in partnership with your respective SDOs. We propose to launch this activity at Caloocan High School on February 7, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN. The session aims to inform and prepare the SDOs, teaching and non-teaching staff, and students for the upcoming caravans at four other schools in Quezon City, Manila, Pasay, and Taguig, as well as one private school in the NCR.

The program will feature a 30-minute symposium on tuberculosis treatment and prevention, delivered by experts and doctors for parents, teachers, non-teaching staff, and students. The session will be carefully scheduled to avoid disrupting the school's regular activities and classes. Additionally, there will be interactive games and informational booths focused on TB control and prevention. The TB-Free Generation Campus Caravan will provide mobile health services, including:

- Mobile chest x-rays
- Vaccination

For further information, please contact our Regional Project Officer, Ms. Angeline M. Perfecto, via email at amperfecto.pbsp@gmail.com or through the contact number 0929 573 1094.

Your continuous support has been invaluable in the success of our programs, playing a crucial role in our shared goal of achieving a TB-Free NCR. Hoping for your positive response to this request.

Respectfully,



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