DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. OCT 14, s. 2020

2020 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, SGOD & CID
Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Officers-In-Charge
Public and Private Schools

1. Attached is a copy of DepEd Regional Memorandum No. 301, s. 2020 dated October 9, 2020 re: 2020 Global Handwashing Day Celebration, for information and guidance of all concerned.

2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph nos. 1-4 of the said memorandum.

3. To highlight this year’s Global Handwashing Day Celebration, all public elementary and secondary students all throughout this Division are enjoined to participate in a 5-minute Synchronized Virtual Handwashing Activity starting at exactly 9:30 in the morning on October 15, 2020.

4. A school consolidated narrative report with documentation on the Virtual Global Handwashing Day celebration shall be submitted to the Schools Division Office via email at schoolhealth.unit@deped.gov.ph.

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Office In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. NCR 3041, 2020

TO: School Division Superintendents
    Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

FROM: Regional Director

SUBJECT: 2020 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

DATE: October 9, 2020

This is to remind the field on the Philippine House of Representatives Resolution No. 1436 known as the "Implementation of Annual Global Handwashing Day", a Resolution Urging the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to use all resources available, to actively participate and assist the United Nations General Assembly in the successful implementation of the Global Handwashing Day every 15th of October.

The 2020 theme for the Global Handwashing Day (GHD) is "Hand Hygiene for All". It aims to remind us that we must work towards universal access and practice of handwashing with soap for a healthy and safe future.

In this regard, all Schools Division Offices and the public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to participate in this annual celebration. The Wash in Schools (WinS) and School-Based Management (SBM) Coordinators are encouraged to take initiatives by conducting innovative activities suitable for the new normal and distant learning in order to make the celebration more meaningful and fruitful to the learners, teachers, parents, stakeholders and the community.

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The suggested activities are, but not limited to the following:

- Hanging of streamers in strategic places within the school;
- Conduct of virtual webinars fora using various platforms to create awareness on the need for practice of proper handwashing;
- Mobilization of teachers to supplement and complement the online instruction on handwashing through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program;
- Coordinate with other government and non-government agencies and other private sectors in the conduct of related activities most especially in this time of COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Advocacy campaign on social media to increase awareness on the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

A narrative report with documentation on the virtual Global Handwashing Day celebration shall be submitted to the Regional Office through the School Health and Nutrition Unit – Education Support Services Division (SHNU-ESSD) not later than November, 2020.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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