



## Kagawaran ng Edukasyon

Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Kalihim



OUA MEMO \_\_\_\_ MEMORANDUM

13 January 2020

For:

All Regional Directors Concerned

All Schools Division Superintendents Concerned All School Principals, Heads and Teachers-in-Charged

All Concerned

Subject:

PREPAREDNESS MEASURES FOR SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY

THE ERUPTION OF TAAL VOLCANO

In view of the raising of the alert status of Taal Volcano to Alert Level 4 by the DOST-PHIVOLCS as of 8:00 PM yesterday, the schools within the Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ) and high-risk barangays are advised to take the following precautionary measures:

Measures	Details
Evacuate and shelter in place	<ul> <li>Stay calm and seek shelter indoors until the ashfall is over.</li> <li>Follow instructions/advice from local authorities if evacuation is needed.</li> <li>Prepare and carry your survival kit.</li> <li>Place damp cloths near windows and door openings to keep ashes out if you are indoors.</li> </ul>
Protect yourself and others.	<ul> <li>Cover your mouth and nose using the following:         <ul> <li>dust mask or N95 mask;</li> <li>damp cloth or towel; or</li> <li>2 surgical masks with 2 layers of tissue in between.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Wear hat, long sleeves, and long pants.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Wear eyeglasses or goggles instead of contact lenses to protect eyes from ashfall.</li> <li>Do not look up to watch the ashfall.</li> <li>If you feel ash enter your eye, use an eye lubricant to flush it out, or wash under clean running water for 5-10 minutes and consult a</li> </ul>





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	<ul> <li>doctor if the irritation continues.</li> <li>If you are caught in a rock fall, roll into a ball to protect your head.</li> <li>If near a stream or river, be aware of rising water and possible mudflows in low-lying areas. Move up slope as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>
Stay informed and alert.	<ul> <li>Keep listening to the news for the latest updates.</li> <li>Pay attention to emergency announcements like occurrence of "lahar" flow.</li> </ul>
Help others.	<ul> <li>Identify people who are experiencing difficulty in breathing and attend to them immediately.</li> <li>Apply first aid if capable and call for professional help.</li> </ul>
Maintain clean water and food.	<ul> <li>Cover food, water containers, and electrical appliances to keep ash particles out.</li> <li>If you find ash in drinking water, use another source such as bottled water.</li> <li>Wash food thoroughly before cooking and eating to avoid contamination from ash.</li> </ul>
Carefully clean-up outside.	<ul> <li>Remove outdoor clothing before entering a building to avoid bringing in ash particles indoors.</li> <li>If safe to do, remove accumulated ashfall in the roofs and gutters regularly to prevent damage. After removing ash, clean the roof and gutter with water to prevent corrosion.</li> <li>Remove ash from windows and doors.</li> <li>Collect the ashes and put them in an area far from water drainage to avoid clogging.</li> <li>Use a vacuum cleaner or shake the furniture to loosen and clean the ash. Wear dust masks or damp cloths while cleaning.</li> <li>Use powder detergent in washing clothes with ash.</li> </ul>

For more information and reports, you may directly contact the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) through (02) 637-4933 or email at <a href="mailto:drrmo@deped.gov.ph">drrmo@deped.gov.ph</a>.





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