



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III – CENTRAL LUZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE - SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ

October 8, 2020

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 184 , s. 2020

To: All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All other concerned

CONDUCT OF VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

1. The Global Handwashing Day (GHD) on October 15, 2020 is a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of hand hygiene, especially through handwashing with soap. The 2020 GHD theme is “Hand Hygiene for All”, a call to action to make hand hygiene a reality for all. This theme is aligned with the new Hand Hygiene for All Initiatives led by the WHO and UNICEF.
2. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical role of handwashing or hand hygiene in the prevention of disease transmission. The theme reminds us of the need to take urgent action on hand hygiene across all public and private settings to respond and control the spread of this pandemic. It also emphasizes that handwashing is a mainstay in public health interventions since therapeutic interventions such as vaccines are not yet available in mitigating this newly emerged disease.
3. In connection with this and in consonance with DepEd Order no.10,s.2016 entitled Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WinS Program) and Deped Order no.14 s.2020 entitled Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic DepEd Offices and Schools, all Public Elementary and Secondary Schools are highly encouraged to join with the celebration virtually using various social media platforms by sharing and posting of the GHD 2020 theme and by conducting various activities online such as posting of learners conducting hand hygiene in their homes, poster making contest and slogan making contest among others.
4. Let us all take part in this celebration, whether we are in the workplace, school or home and be a hand hygiene advocate and help fight infectious and communicable diseases in this trying times.



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5. Submission of School Accomplishment Report (soft copy) on Global Handwashing Celebration is on or before November 5, 2020 thru DepEd email: marianne.coronel@deped.gov.ph.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.



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