



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

March 3, 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CELEBRATION OF RABIES AWARENESS MONTH: EDUCATE TO ELIMINATE

To: School Health and Nutrition Section
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Health and Nutrition Coordinators
Elementary and Secondary Learners
Parents
All others concerned

1. Rabies is a viral illness spread via the saliva of an infected animal by the rabies virus known as Genus Lyssavirus and transmitted among mammals or any warm-blooded animal like dogs, cats, horses, cattle, bats and even to humans. Rabies exposure usually occurs through biting a human or another infected animal. Transmission can also occur through saliva or licks to an open wound or mucous membranes. In the developing world, like the Philippines, stray dogs are the most likely animal to transmit rabies infection.
2. Considered as one of the neglected tropical disease, Rabies has a 100% mortality rate in almost all cases and symptoms of human rabies can occur as fast as within the first week of the infection. Early symptoms are usually generalized and include weakness, fever, and headaches and eventually can progressed with the more classic signs and symptoms such as hypersalivation, hydrophobia, anxiety and confusion, aerophobia or fear of fresh air, difficulty swallowing and on much later stage, encephalitis, coma and eventually death.
3. In connection with this, rabies remains to be a public health problem in our country, with the declaration of March as Rabies Awareness Month, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 mandates DepEd to strengthen the national rabies education program through school health teaching in the K to 12 Curriculum. Awareness and intervention at an early age is expected to empower our lifelong learners and their families to protect themselves, save lives and become responsible pet owners.



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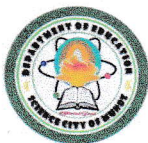
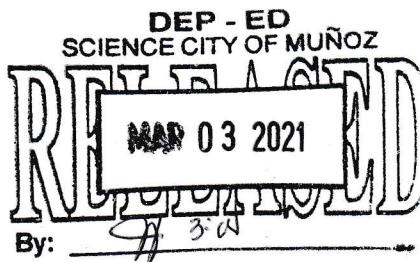


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4. In line with this, all Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools in the Division of Science City of Munoz are hereby instructed to join in the virtual celebration of Rabies Awareness Month via MS teams on March 9, 2021, 9 am in the morning. Learners and parents are highly encouraged to join in the webinar and conduct online activities like poster making contest, slogan making contest and coloring activity among kindergarten learners.
5. Submission of accomplishment report on Rabies Awareness Month Celebration (hard copy) is on or before March 31, 2021.
6. For queries, please contact CHARMAINE ELJIE R. RAYOS, RN, MAN, Nurse II thru DepEd email: charmaineeljie.rayos@deped.gov.ph or you may call at 09153484070.
7. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is earnestly desired.

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