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

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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REITERATION OF CORRESPONDING WORK-RELATED GUIDELINES PER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE CLASSIFICATION AND ENSURING OBSERVANCE OF STRICT HEALTH MEASURES IN WORK SETTINGS IN VIEW OF THE THREAT OF DELTA VARIANT TRANSMISSION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief ES CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Unit Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
Community Learning Centers (CLC)

1. Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the detection of the highly infectious delta variant of COVID-19 in the Philippines, the DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (DTFC) issued a memorandum to guide everyone in the Department on the guidelines and protocols that must be strictly observed in all DepEd Offices and Public Schools.
2. The safety, health and well-being of all DepEd employees and personnel shall be the topmost priority in any decision to be made by Heads of Offices regarding work arrangements, scheduling of official travel, conduct of meetings and other work – related concerns during this time of pandemic while well planned strategies and mechanisms were employed to ensure uninterrupted delivery of public service.
3. The Delta (B.1.617.2) variant is a mutated COVID-19 virus which was first described in India. And it is said to be associated with evading immune protection, reduced antibody neutralization and increased transmissibility. The Department of Health (DOH) mentioned that the Delta Variant is 60 to 100 percent more transmissible than the original COVID-19 strain. And in just a



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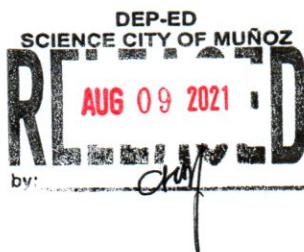


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matter of seconds, one can already be infected because Delta variant carriers have “1000 times more viral load than the other COVID-19 patients. Symptoms such as prolonged headache, sore throat, muscle pain, runny nose and fever are some of the symptoms observed among Delta variant patients.

4. Even with the ongoing National COVID-19 Vaccination Program in our country, strict implementation of the Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) still remain the cornerstone in the prevention and mitigation against the COVID-19 Infection. By correctly observing the MPHS at all times, immediate isolation upon experiencing flu -like symptoms, seeking early medical consultation, get vaccinated and complete the required doses give us a best chance to protect ourselves and others in the fight against the COVID-19 virus.
5. Attached herewith is the Deped Task Force COVID-19 Memorandum No.464 entitled Reiteration of Corresponding Work- Related Guidelines for Community Quarantine Classification and Ensuring Observance of Strict Health Measures in Work Settings in view of the Threat of the Delta Variant Transmission for your guidance and reference.
6. Also Heads of Offices or Schools are highly advised to limit face to face meetings/interactions and conduct activities using virtual or online modes of communication and allow personnel to work from home who are experiencing Flu- like symptoms and submit medical certificate upon returning in the office and strictly implement the following guidelines stipulated in the DepEd Task Force COVID-19 Memorandum mentioned.
7. For queries, please feel free to contact MARIANNE C. CORONEL, MD, Medical Officer III thru DepEd Email: marianne.coronel@deped.gov.ph or cellphone number: 09285040801.
8. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance of this memorandum is desired.



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