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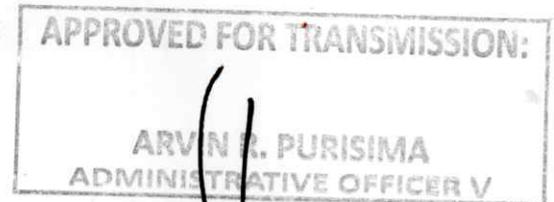
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 113, s. 2025

PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors (CID and SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary Heads
Health Personnel
All Others Concerned



1. Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is a highly contagious viral disease affecting various life stages but occurs most often in childhood. Most HFMD cases are mild, self-limiting and non-fatal if caused by the enterovirus Coxsackievirus A16 (CA16) but may progress to meningitis, encephalitis, and polio-like paralysis if left unmanaged, sometimes resulting in death, if caused by Enterovirus 71 (EV71).
2. The SDO Pangasinan II would like to reiterate information regarding the viral and infectious illness called Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease which is common to young children.
3. Relative to this, the following should be observed to protect our learners
 - a. *Teachers and School Health Personnel are encouraged to educate the learners to perform mandatory handwashing with soap and water, and hand hygiene using alcohol-based sanitizer, wearing of face mask and covering one's mouth when sneezing or coughing to avoid the transmission of infection.*
 - b. *School Heads shall ensure that parents are also given proper awareness and to observe family members with signs and symptoms and immediate medical care.*
 - c. *Regular classroom disinfection especially of frequently touched surfaces*
 - d. *School Health Coordinators are advised to immediately report all cases to the School Governance and Operations Division – School Health and Nutrition Section (SGOD-SHNS) and their respective Barangay Health Centers for monitoring and appropriate technical assistance.*
 - e. *Immediate disinfection for a day of classrooms if there's an identified case through proper coordination with their respective Barangay Health Centers.*
4. Attached herewith is a copy of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material that may be used in the prevention campaign.



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5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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