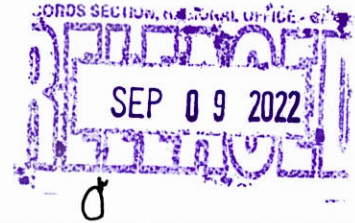




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CARAGA REGION



August 30, 2022

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 0771, s. 2022

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

STRENGTHENING SCHOOL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR SY 2022-2023

1. In reference to the Office of the Undersecretary on Governance and Field Operations (OUGFO) Memorandum No. 2022-03-024 dated August 15, 2022, all School Health and Nutrition (SHN) personnel shall initiate/participate in/continue their roles in the following:

- Monitoring and inspection of health and safety preparations for the opening of classes;
- Providing health and referral services to teaching, non-teaching staff and learners, including Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS);
- COVID-19 response and participation in vaccination campaigns;
- Management of school health programs under OK sa DepEd;
- Conduct of health and nutrition promotion and advocacy activities; and
- Providing necessary technical assistance to schools.

2. In view of the foregoing, the Regional Health and Nutrition Unit shall conduct a monitoring on the health-related preparations in the schools as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 34 s. 2022. This will also include the inspection of health facilities in schools such as handwashing and other WinS facilities, health corners, medical/dental clinics. The schedule of the monitoring are as follows:

Date	Division	School	Monitor
September 19, 2022	Bayugan City	Bayugan National Comprehensive High School	Ellen Grace M. Evangelio, RN
		Agusan del Sur Pilot Laboratory School	
		Noli Elementary School	
		Noli National High School	
September 19, 2022	Cabadbaran City	AB Dagani Integrated School	Jumer C. Carlon, MD
		FC Jongko Elementary School	
		Katugasan Elementary School	



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		Bay-ang Elementary School	
September 19, 2022	Surigao del Norte	Gigaquit National School of Home Industries	Anna Liza A. Lerio, DMD
		Gigaquit Central Elementary School	
		Surigao del Norte National High School	
		Mainit Central Elementary School	
September 20, 2022	Agusan del Norte	Doña Rosario Central Elementary School	Ellen Grace M. Evangelio, RN
		Sta. Ana Elementary School	
		Tubay Central Elementary School	
		Tubay National High School	
September 20, 2022	Butuan City	Sumilihon Central Elementary School	Jumer C. Carlon, MD
		Taligaman National High School	
		Alviola Central Elementary School	
		FR Sibayan Central Elementary School	
September 20, 2022	Surigao City	Rizal National High School	Anna Liza A. Lerio, DMD
		B. Vasques Central Elementary School	
		E. Borja Elementary School	
		Sabang Elementary School	
September 30, 2022	Bislig City	Requina Elementary School	Ellen Grace M. Evangelio, RN
		Balingan Central Elementary School	
		Maharlika Elementary School	
		San Vicente Elementary School	
September 30, 2022	Dinagat	Tubajon National High School	Anna Liza A. Lerio, DMD
		Tubajon Central Elementary School	
		Mabini Elementary School	

		Sta. Cruz Elementary School	
September 30, 2022	Siargao	Cancohoy Elementary School	Jumer C. Carlon, MD
		Oguing Elementary School	
		Del Carmen National High School	
		San Juan Elementary School	
October 12, 2022	Tandag City	Buenavista Elementary School	Nelia L. Balacuit
		Buenavista National High School	
		Carmen Integrated School	
		Tandag SPED Center	
October 13, 2022	Surigao del Sur	Gamut National High School - Tago	Nelia L. Balacuit
		Tagbalidbid Elementary School	
		Mararag Elementary School	
		Gata Integrated School	
October 14, 2022	Agusan del Sur	Sibagat National High School	Nelia L. Balacuit
		San Luis National High School	
		Talacogon Central Elementary School	
		Sta. Maria Elementary School	

3. As the Regional Health and Nutrition Unit cannot monitor all schools in the region, division counterparts are requested to monitor and cover as many schools as possible and shall submit the monitoring reports to the Regional Office via email through caragaessd.hnu@deped.gov.ph not later than October 25, 2022.

4. Further, there shall be a Regional Kick-off of OK sa DepEd for SY 2022-2023 to launch local directives and opportunities for OK sa DepEd and its flagship programs, to be participated by all school health personnel. The date and venue shall be announced in a separate issuance. Divisions may conduct their kick-off ceremonies within September – October 2022. Classes shall not be interrupted during the conduct of the said kick-off activities.

5. School-based One Health Week may be held from October 31 – November 4, 2022, that shall focus on how OK sa DepEd and its flagship programs ensure that

DepEd schools are “healthy learning institutions” for the health, safety, and well-being of learners, amid the pandemic and beyond.

6. Attached is a copy the OUGFO Memorandum for your reference.

7. For your information and dissemination.


MA. GEMMA MERCADO LEDESMA
Director IV 

Encls.: As stated

Reference: OUGFO Memorandum No. 2022-03-024

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OUGFO No. 2022-03-024

MEMORANDUM

15 August 2022

TO: **REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

FROM: **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**
Undersecretary
Governance and Field Operations

SUBJECT: **Strengthening School Health Support for SY 2022-2023**

In view of the upcoming full resumption of face-to-face classes in the basic education sector, Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are enjoined to provide their full support to their respective School Health and Nutrition (SHN) personnel in initiating/participating in/continuing their roles in the following:

1. Monitoring and inspection of the health and safety preparations for the opening of classes

All regional and division School Health and Nutrition (SHN) units are enjoined to initiate/participate in monitoring and inspection activities to check on the health-related preparations of schools for the opening of classes, guided by the mechanisms and standards, particularly on health and safety protocols during the 5-day in-person classes, as provided for by DepEd Order No. 34, s. 2022 titled *School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023*, and/or any subsequent issuances.

This shall also include inspection of health facilities in schools such as handwashing and other WINS facilities, health corners, medical/dental clinics.

The Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) will generate status reports on the schools' health and safety preparations prior to planned full resumption of classes on November 2, 2022. Thus, all SHN personnel are encouraged to cover as many schools as possible up to October 28, 2022.

2. Providing health and referral services, including PFA and MHPSS, to teaching and non-teaching personnel and learners

3. COVID-19 response and participation in vaccination campaign

This shall include continued coordination with LGU counterparts, submission of reports on COVID-19 cases/vaccination data, and amplifying vaccination campaign initiatives.

4. Management of school health programs under *OK sa DepEd*

SHN personnel shall continue to implement activities under the flagship and support programs of *OK sa DepEd* guided by issuances from BLSS-SHD particular to such programs and/or activities. For reference, attached is an overview of expected national activities for *OK sa DepEd*. (**Annex A**)

5. Conduct of health and nutrition promotion and advocacy activities

6. Providing necessary technical assistance to schools in any matter mentioned above and related topics on the implementation of *OK sa DepEd* programs.

For questions and concerns, please contact **Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao**, Chief, BLSS-SHD, through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

Annex A

Overview of *OK sa DepEd* Activities for SY 2022-2023

For the guidance of school health and nutrition personnel across all governance levels particularly in their coordination with offices concerned, the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) provides this overview of the *Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OK sa DepEd)* activities for SY 2022-2023 as summarized below:

Dates	Activity
August 15 to October 28, 2022	Monitoring and inspection of the health and safety preparations for the opening of classes (including submission of reports)
September 26-28, 2022	National Kickoff of <i>OK sa DepEd</i> for SY 2022-2023
September - October	Regional/Division Kickoff of <i>OK sa DepEd</i> for SY 2022-2023
October 31-November 4, 2022	School-Based One Health Week
All-year	Sustaining the Activities of <i>OK sa DepEd</i> Flagship Programs throughout the School Calendar
September - November	BLSS Monitoring of <i>OK sa DepEd</i> Programs, particularly Medical and Dental Clinics under the School Dental Health Care Program (SDHCP), WASH in Schools (WinS) Program, and School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP)

1. National Kickoff of *OK sa DepEd* for SY 2022-2023

- a. Enclosure No. 2 to DO 34, s. 2022 mentions "*Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd*" in the month of September (TBA) for the Monthly School Calendar of Activities for SY 2022-2023.
- b. Given that co-curricular activities shall not be held until after the quarter examinations, as stipulated in DO 34, s. 2022, the **conduct of the *OK sa DepEd One Health Week* (per DO 28, s. 2018) shall be moved to the 11th week of the first quarter.** (More details in Item No. 3 of this Annex.)
- c. As such, the *OK sa DepEd* activity in September shall pertain to the **National Kickoff** that will be held on **September 27, 2022** (exclusive of travel time and pre-event and post-event activities).
- d. The National Kickoff shall serve as the venue to provide updates and directions on the implementation of *OK sa DepEd* for the school year, as well as to showcase the selected practices of the regions as well as partnership opportunities for school health.
- e. Expected participants in the National Kickoff are representatives from the Regional Office including ESSD Chiefs and Regional SHN Personnel. A separate issuance will be issued to provide more details.

2. Regional/Division Kickoff of OK sa DepEd for SY 2022-2023

- a. Between the National Kickoff in September and the school-based *One Health Week* in November, Regions and Divisions may conduct their respective regional and/or division kickoff ceremonies to launch local directives and opportunities for *OK sa DepEd* and its flagship programs.
- b. Classes shall not be interrupted during the conduct of the said local kickoffs.

3. School-Based One Health Week

- a. The week after the quarter examinations when co-curricular activities may be held in schools—October 31-November 4, 2022—coincides with the date when all schools are expected to have already transitioned to full face-to-face classes—November 2, 2022.
- b. Given this, the *One Health Week* that will take place during that week shall focus on how *OK sa DepEd* and its flagship programs ensure that DepEd schools are “healthy learning institutions” for the health, safety, and well-being of learners, amid the pandemic and beyond.
- c. Given that November 1 is a non-working holiday, in-person activities for the *One Health Week* shall be primarily on November 2-4, 2022, while virtual and home-based activities may be done on October 31 and November 1. Activities on November 1 shall be those that encourage learners to spend a healthy time with their families.
- d. A separate issuance will be released providing guidance on the recommended activities during the *One Health Week*, including the theme for the week-long celebration.

4. Sustaining the Activities of OK sa DepEd Flagship Programs throughout the School Calendar

Activities showcased during the *One Health Week* shall be sustained throughout the school year, guided by existing issuances per program and guidelines on the conduct of such activities.

5. BLSS Monitoring of OK sa DepEd Programs, particularly medical and dental clinics under the SDHCP, WinS Program, and SBFP

- a. Monitoring of *OK sa DepEd* programs, particularly the SDHCP and the SBFP, which started during the last quarter of 2021 shall continue to cover the remaining regions that still need to be visited.
- b. Focal persons at the Central Office directly coordinate with the regions to be visited for the details and necessary preparations.

Funding for the conduct of *OK sa DepEd* activities coordinated by the ROs and the SDOs for SY 2022-2023, including the regional/division kickoff and the simultaneous monitoring activities may be sourced from the program support funds downloaded to the regions, with

guidelines in the **OUA Memorandum** dated June 2, 2022 titled *Guidelines on the Utilization of the Downloaded Program Support Funds for the Implementation of OK sa DepEd*.

For questions and concerns regarding BLSS-coordinated monitoring activities, please contact Dr. Cynthia D. Coronado, Dentist III, (for SDHCP monitoring), or Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga, Senior Education Program Specialist, (for SBFP monitoring), through (02) 8-632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph

For questions and concerns about *OK sa DepEd* activities, please contact Gian Erik M. Adao, Education Program Specialist II, or Belinda C. Beltran, Nutritionist-Dietitian III, BLSS-SHD, through the same contact information above.