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## Kagawaran ng Edukasyon

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## OUA MEMO 00-0322-0077 MEMORANDUM

08 March 2022

For: Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones

**Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries** 

Bureau and Service Directors DepEd Task Force COVID-19

Subject: GRAVE COERCION CASE AND INQUIRIES ARISING FROM A

GUIDELINE FOR UNVACCINATED ON-SITE DEPED

**EMPLOYEES TO UNDERGO COVID-19 TEST** 

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) respectfully transmits copies of the following attached documents to your offices:

- 1. Counter-affidavit of the undersigned refuting allegations of grave coercion and violation of labor laws stemming from a memorandum on inoculations issued by the DepEd Task Force COVID-19
- 2. Reply to the letter of inquiry from teacher Conchita H. Delos Reyes
- 3. Reply to the letter of inquiry from teacher Geraldine Y. del Carmen

The counter-affidavit was submitted to the Office of the City Prosecutor in Naga City. It stated, among others, that OUA used the resolution of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) as basis when it issued the advisory that required unvaccinated Department of Education personnel to go through RT-PCR test prior to performing on-site work.

Meanwhile, the two letters were responses to the related questions raised by our teachers. OUA communicated to them the directive from the IATF as well. It also expressed that while government's immunization programs do not give absolute immunity against the coronavirus, at the very least, the initiatives reduce the risk of infection and transmission. The undersigned also conveyed to our teachers that a labor advisory they were citing on the administration of vaccines had been superseded by an IATF pronouncement.

For your information and reference.

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Undersecretary Chairperson, DepEd Task Force COVID-19





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