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DepEd Task Force COVID-19 MEMORANDUM No. 030

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For: DepEd Task Force COVID-19

Regional School Health and Nutrition Personnel

Regional DRRM Coordinators

Division School Health and Nutrition Personnel

Division DRRM Coordinators

Subject: INVITATION TO THE WEBINAR SERIES ON COVID-19

With the declaration of a state of public health emergency in the Philippines due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, and the enactment of the *Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*, the Department of Education (DepEd) is enjoined to mobilize the necessary resources to contribute to the state's response to COVID-19, in accordance with law and applicable policies and directives.

DepEd thus issued OM-OSEC-2020-002, providing guidance to Regional Directors (RDs) for action on requests by Local Government Units (LGUs) to used DepEd schools as quarantine or isolation areas for COVID-19. Mindful of the requests from LGUs for the use of DepEd facilities for other purposes (e.g. distribution center for food vouchers, venue for mobile market, food packaging for distribution, showering and changing of clothes of health workers), and for the participation of DepEd personnel to help LGUs efforts, DepEd has begun to formulate guidelines and build capacities to better engage in the respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Currently, a DepEd Task Force COVID-19 operates at the national level, and Quick Response and Recovery Teams (QRRT) for COVID-19 at the Regional, Division, and school levels serve as its counterparts on the field. As DepEd's frontliners responding to the unique needs of its learners and personnel, technical and practical knowledge on the nature, causes, and means of prevention and control for the disease, as well as the initiatives of partner agencies and organizations, must be strengthened. This improved understanding, especially when cascaded, will better build DepEd's institutional capacity to continue with its service delivery in the midst of a crisis. Moreover, as the situation continues to evolve, the gains of better equipped DepEd field units will redound to respective school-communities.





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In order to flatten the curve, the outbreak led to stringent physical distancing measures that challenges the mental health of some people. The mass quarantine situation is causing fear and anxiety to learners and personnel that disrupts their normal daily functioning. The mental aspect and coping mechanism for personnel, learners and other stakeholders shall also be reinforced as a means for battling the consequences of the pandemic.

In light of this, a **Webinar Series which shall serve as a Training of Trainers** for selected DepEd School Health and Nutrition Personnel and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Coordinators – who primarily lead and man the QRRTs for COVID – is proposed.

The schedules are as follows:

Topic	Date & Time	Participants
COVID-19	13 April 2020 9:00 – 11:40 AM	DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (approximately 70 pax)
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS)	14 April 2020 1:30 – 3:50 PM	
COVID-19	15 April 2020 9:00 – 11:40 AM	School Health and Nutrition Personnel and DRRM Coordinators – Luzon Cluster (approximately 250 pax)
COVID-19	16 April 2020 9:00 – 11:40 AM	School Health and Nutrition Personnel and DRRM Coordinators – Visayas Cluster (approximately 125 pax)
MHPSS	16 April 2020 1:30 – 3:50 PM	School Health and Nutrition Personnel and DRRM Coordinators – Luzon Cluster (approximately 250 pax)
MHPSS	17 April 2020 1:30 – 3:50 PM	School Health and Nutrition Personnel and DRRM Coordinators – Visayas Cluster (approximately 125 pax)
COVID-19	20 April 2020 9:00 – 11:40 AM	School Health and Nutrition Personnel and DRRM
MHPSS	21 April 2020 1:30 – 3:50 PM	Coordinators – Mindanao Cluster (approximately 150 pax)





At the end of the webinar, the participants are expected to be able to better support their principals in COVID-19-related decision-making and operations, and moreover, shall be equipped to capacitate other DepEd field personnel. They specifically shall be able to:

- Understand and articulate the epidemiological characteristics of COVID 19, and the appropriate protection and response measures for front-liners, support staff, and other DepEd personnel and learners;
- Understand and apply the legal and operational frameworks governing the State's response to COVID-19, with a focus on the roles and responsibilities of DepEd; and
- Devise an appropriate design for cascading the training to other DepEd and school personnel.

The following shall participate in the online training:

- DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (School Health Division and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service Personnel)
- Regional School Health and Nutrition Personnel
- Regional DRRM Coordinators
- Division School Health and Nutrition Personnel
- Division DRRM Coordinators

Attached is the indicative program for reference. **Microsoft Teams** will be used for the Webinar; please see attached user guide for instructions and guidelines.

For confirmation, kindly contact the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service via drrmo@deped.gov.ph using the attached confirmation slip.

Together, let's guard our physical defenses and strengthen our mental health amidst the crisis.

Thank you.

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Undersecretary
Chairperson, DepEd Task Force COVID-19



Confirmation Sheet

Please accomplish this sheet and email to drrmo@deped.gov.ph. We would appreciate receiving the form on or before **09 April 2020**. For inquiries and clarifications, the DRRMS may be reached through the said email address.

Full Name	
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INDICATIVE PROGRAM: WEBINAR ON COVID-19

TOPIC	TIME ALLOTMENT	RESOURCE SPEAKER		
COVID-19 WEBINAR				
PRELIMINARIES	9:00 AM - 9:10 AM (10 minutes)			
 Understanding COVID-19 What is COVID-19 Signs and Symptoms Modes of Transmission Persons most at risk How to slow down Transmission Appropriate Protection and Preventive Measures Response Measures for Frontline Responders 	9:10 AM – 9:50 AM (40 minutes)	DepEd Task Force COVID- 19 Department of Health		
BREAK	9:50 AM – 10:00 AM			
Lessons Learned from Other Countries on COVID-19	10:00 AM- 10:20 AM (20 minutes)	UNICEF		
Philippines' National Action Plan against COVID-19	10:20 AM- 10:40 AM (20 minutes)	Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process		
BREAK	10:40 AM- 10:50 AM			
DISCUSSIONS AND OPEN FORUM: Roles and Responsibilities of School Health and Nutrition Personnel and DRRM Coordinators	10:50 AM – 11:30 AM (40 minutes)	DepEd Task Force COVID-		
CLOSING AND WAYS FORWARD	11:30 AM - 11:40 AM (10 mins)	DepEd Task Force COVID- 19		
MHPSS WEBINAR				
PRELIMINARIES RATIONALE	1:30 PM - 1:40 PM (10 minutes) 1:40 PM - 1:50 PM	DepEd Task Force COVID-		
Importance of Mental Wellness in COVID-19 Crisis Overview of MHPSS Pyramid Providing PFA at a distance	(10 minutes) 1:50 PM – 2:30 PM (40 minutes)	Psychological Association of the Philippines		
BREAK	2:30 PM - 2:40PM			
Arts-Based Coping Activities	2:40 PM – 3:10 PM (30 minutes)	Cultural Center of the Philippines or Unilab Foundation		
Mindfulness Meditation	3:10 PM - 3:40 PM (30 minutes)	Pranic Healer		
CLOSING AND WAYS FORWARD	3:40 – 3:50 (10 mins)	DepEd Task Force COVID-19		