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Department of Education
Region VII, Central Visayas
DIVISION OF CEBU PROVINCE
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM **August 9, 2019**

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Prioritization of Grades 1, 4 and 7 for Measles Outbreak Response Immunization and the 2019 School-Based Immunization

TO: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendents**
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary/Secondary School Administrators
All Nurses
And All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd RO7 Advisory 128, s. 2019 Prioritization of Grades 1, 4 and 7 for Measles Outbreak Response Immunization and the 2019 School-Based Immunization, DOH recommends to prioritize and to intensify the continuation of Measles Outbreak Response Immunization for Grades 1, 4 and 7 only.

2. Furthermore, the DOH also advises to manage the use of vaccine efficiently so as to reduce wastage to maximize the number of children who can avail of the vaccine and get the protection they need.

3. Herewith are the general and specific immunization guidelines from DOH for the conduct of the immunization.

4. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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PRIORITIZATION OF GRADES 1, 4 AND 7 FOR MEASLES OUTBREAK RESPONSE IMMUNIZATION AND THE 2019 SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNIZATION

1. The Department of Health (DOH) program on the provision of free vaccines and vaccination for measles to school children, recommends to prioritize and to intensify the continuation of Measles Outbreak Response Immunization and the conduct of the 2019 School-Based Immunization for Grades 1, 4 and 7 only.

2. Further, The DOH also advise to manage the use of vaccine efficiently so as to reduce wastage to maximize the number of children who can avail of the vaccine and get the protection they need.

3. For details, see attached communication.

4. Please be guided accordingly.

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To: **ALL PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICERS, CITY HEALTH OFFICERS, MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PERSONNEL AND OTHER CONCERNED UNITS AND AGENCIES**

SUBJECT: **Prioritization of Grades 1, 4 and 7 for Measles Outbreak Response Immunization and the 2019 School-based Immunization.**

Vaccination has been proven to be the most effective public health intervention. The Department of Health is committed to protect the population against serious and often fatal vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles, through provision of free vaccines and vaccination. Measles remains the leading cause of vaccine preventable mortality and morbidity among children. In the current measles outbreak, data from the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU), there were 1,984 measles cases reported in Central Visayas from 01 January to 20 July 2019. This is 672% higher compared to the same period of last year. Out of the 1,984 reported cases with a total of 15 deaths, majority of the cases were from Cebu City (519 cases) followed by Lapu-Lapu City (153 cases), Talisay City (118 cases), Mandaue City (76 cases), Toledo City (58 cases), Bais City (45 cases), Guihulngan City (43 cases), Dumaguete City (38 cases), Naga City (36 cases), and Sibulan (33 cases).

In view of this and due to the limited supply of measles-containing vaccines, we recommend to prioritize and to intensify the continuation of Measles Outbreak Response Immunization and the conduct of the 2019 School-based Immunization for Grades 1, 4 and 7 only. We advise you to manage the use of vaccine efficiently so as to reduce wastage for us to maximize the number of children who can avail of it and get the protection they need.

For your reference and guidance.

Jaime S. Bernadas, MD, MGM, CESO III
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