



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

19 March 2021

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 103, s. 2021

**USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES
AS VACCINATION CENTERS**

To: **All Public and Private Elementary Schools**
All Public and Private Secondary Schools
All Others concerned
This Division

1. Pursuant to the RM No. 117, s. 2021 reiterating the unnumbered memorandum dated March 13, 2021 from the Office of the Honorable Secretary Leonor Magtulis Briones, regarding the position of DepEd on the use of classrooms during emergencies which was presented to the IATF.
2. Further, the except of the said department's position are as follows:
 - a. Existing policies with regards to the use of DepEd facilities still apply to vaccination centers;
 - b. Not all DepEd facilities can comply with the DOH and IATF requirements for a vaccination center. Thus, the opinion and the assessment of DOH must first be sought on the suitability of a facility as vaccination center;
 - c. In cases where there are already other health-related projects in a school, a vaccination center need not be put up anymore because of the risks involved. Health-related activities should not be mixed other activities in the same school facility.
2. This Office shall adhere to Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP) in receiving requests from stakeholders relative to the use of DepEd classrooms and other facilities as vaccination centers. Hence, all decisions and actions shall be based on guidelines set forth, with no discrimination on the account of age,





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gender, identity, sexual orientation, civil status, religion, ethnicity, or political affiliation.

3. For guidance and strict compliance.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 117, s. 2021

**USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES
AS VACCINATION CENTERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Regarding the above-mentioned subject, attached is Unnumbered DepEd Memorandum from the Office of the Honorable Secretary dated March 13, 2021.
2. For compliance and immediate dissemination.


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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : 
LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary 

SUBJECT : **USE OF DEPED CLASSROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES AS VACCINATION CENTERS**

DATE : 13 March 2021

The use of DepEd classrooms and other facilities in times of emergencies has long been the subject of debate and controversy. This is because for decades, it has been a common practice for schools to be utilized for emergencies—whether for storms, floods, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural disasters, civic endeavors like elections, disruption of peace and order in conditions of ideological conflict, health emergencies and the like.

Under the present administration, the President himself reiterated that classrooms can only be used as a last resort. He himself encouraged local government units to construct their own multi-purpose schools so that learners will not be displaced in times of emergencies.

This policy was also confirmed by other departments like the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). With the onset of COVID 19, the demand for the use of school facilities further accelerated. Thus, schools are now used as quarantine and isolation centers in addition to serving as evacuation and *bakwit* refugee centers, as well as community shelters during natural calamities and so on.

Once more, DepEd is inundated with requests to use school facilities as vaccination centers. During the Joint EXECOM/MANCOM Meeting last March 10, I stated the following as the DepEd position. This same position was presented to IATF last March 11, 2021.

1. Existing policies with regards to the use of DepEd facilities still apply to vaccination centers.
2. Not all DepEd facilities can comply with the DOH and IATF requirements for a vaccination center. Thus, the opinion and the assessment of DOH must first be sought on the suitability of a facility as vaccination center.
3. In cases where there are already other health-related projects in a school, a vaccination center need not be put up anymore because of the risks involved. In other words, health-related activities should not be mixed with other activities in the same school facility.

For guidance and compliance.