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Department of Education

REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO SCHOOLS DIVISION OF EL SALVADOR CITY

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VIRTUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD AIDS DAY 2021

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor CID/SGOD
Elementary School Heads
Secondary School Heads
ARH Secondary School Coordinators
Division Youth Formation Coordinator
Alternative Learning System Focal Person
Supreme Pupil Government Advisers and Student Leaders
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel

- 1. With reference to OUA MEMO 00-1121-0231, Re: Virtual Observance of the World Aids Day 2021. The World Aids Day is conducted yearly, on 01 December, to raise awareness and knowledge, show support for people living with HIV (PLHIV) and to make a call to end the HIV epidemic. It is also a celebration of the successes of all HIV stakeholders and the PLHIV community in their collaborative efforts to end the stigma and reduce the HIV infection in the Philippines.
- 2. The theme for 2021 is "Ending the HIV Epidemic: Equitable Access, Everyone's Voice." This is in line with the campaign of the Department of Health to enable Filipinos to have access to quality health care, which is mandated in the HIV and AIDS policy and the Universal Health Care Act.
- 3. The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), shall conduct a Virtual Observance of the World Aids Day 2021 on December 01, 2021, from 3:00 5:00 pm via DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.





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- 4. The live webinar shall be made available through DepEd Professional Development-Learning Management System (PD-LMS) on December 10, 2021 and Certificates of Attendance shall be issued upon completion of an evaluation. You may access the site through https://training.deped.gov.ph/
- 5. Moreover, the Division Focal Person are requested to hold related activities from December 1-15, 2021 such as:
 - a. Online or public display of World AIDS Day 2021 banner in offices and schools.
 - b. Online or face-to-face HIV/AIDS educational session that adheres to minimum public health standards for COVID-19.
- 6. Logos, Facebook frame and banner materials can be downloaded through https://bit.ly/DepEdWAD2021. Please use #WADph2021, #HIVFreePINAS, #OKsaDepEd when posting on online platforms.
- 7. This initiative adheres to the Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP). Hence, all actions shall be based solely on guidelines set with no discrimination on the account of age, gender, identity, sexual orientation, civil status, disability, religion, ethnicity or political affiliation.
- 8. For information and guidance.

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