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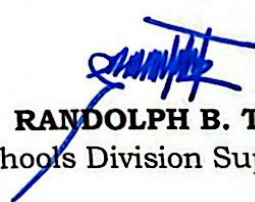
UNNUMBERED MEMORANDUM

To: Elementary/Secondary School Heads
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
This Division

1. In reference to DOH-10 Advisory dated September 26, 2023, for now, there are no cases of NIPAH Virus in the country, as there is no laboratory confirmed cases of the infection. Nevertheless, this Office is encouraging schools to conduct preventive measures specially when there are occurrences of flu illness by;

- a. Practicing hand washing;
- b. Wearing of face mask when necessary;
- c. Adopting school learning modules incase learners have cough and fever.

2. For information and compliance.


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ADVISORY

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SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON CIRCULATING INFORMATION RE: NIPAH VIRUS

On September 26, 2023, a memorandum was released and circulated by a certain university in the City of Cagayan de Oro for the implementation of online classes for basic education in relation to "contamination by the New Nipah Virus".

Nipah virus (NiV) was first discovered in 1999 following an outbreak of disease in pigs and people in Malaysia and Singapore. It is a zoonotic virus, meaning that it initially spreads between animals and people. People can become infected if they have close contact with an infected animal or its body fluids (such as saliva or urine). Human infections range from asymptomatic infection to acute respiratory infection (mild, severe), and fatal encephalitis. Infected people initially develop symptoms including fever, headaches, myalgia (muscle pain), vomiting and sore throat. This can be followed by dizziness, drowsiness, altered consciousness, and neurological signs that indicate acute encephalitis. The current Nipah Virus outbreak occurred in India with 5 reported cases.

However, currently, the Department of Health's stand is that there are no cases of Nipah Virus in the country, as there are no laboratory confirmed cases of the infection. While there are indeed cases of students and faculty experiencing similar signs and symptoms, it is not conclusive to declare such a virus as the causative agent. We do encourage preventive measures to ensure no further similar infections are spread, such as hand washing, proper wearing of masks and other minimum public health standard measures.

Currently the Department of Health Center of Health Development Northern Mindanao and the City Health Office of Cagayan de Oro are coordinating to investigate this further.

Please be guided accordingly.

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