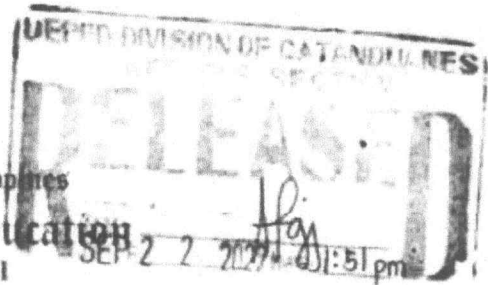




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**SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CATANDUANES**



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
SGOD-SHN-DM- 462 s. 2022

**SCHOOL COVID INFECTION INTERVENTION PLANS**

To: Assistant School Division Superintendent  
Chiefs, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary/Secondary School Heads  
Administrative Officers  
Teaching/Non-Teaching Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepED Order No. 34, s 2022, entitled **“School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023”**, all schools are required to create a COVID-19 Infection Control Plan. The latest IATF/DOH Guidelines must be reflected in the said plan.
2. The attached enclosure which contains the following updates on the quarantine and isolation protocols based on IATF Guidelines issued on June 4, 2022 must be strictly observed:
  - a. Anyone with fever, cough, colds, sore throat, or flu-like symptoms, must stay at home and report to his/her adviser/School Head.
  - b. Any learner or staff with symptoms of COVID with either one of the following:
    - i. Known case in the same area/school,
    - ii. History of travel,
    - iii. History of exposure to a known COVID case,Shall be considered suspect or probable case (the latter if with Positive Antigen Testing results). Classroom arrangement for these situations are based on confirmed cases as in the attached table.
  - c. As suspects or probable cases, testing is highly recommended. Information on the kind of testing, usage and/or results may be referred to the Clinic Teachers, who will in turn be referred to the District/Division Nurses for Referral.



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- d. These learners/employees who became sick, may return to school or office from isolation, if all of the following are met:
- i. No fever for 24 hours without the use of Antipyretics/ medicines for febrile episodes,
  - ii. Improving symptoms,
  - iii. Completed at least 7 days for Vaccinated, and 10 days for Unvaccinated (counting of days starts upon onset of symptoms as Day 0); continuous use of good quality masks at home and in public places for 10 days;
  - iv. Close monitoring of symptoms must be continued by all close contacts and other personnel in the school.
- e. A medical certificate from the Rural Health Office, or attending physician must be presented upon returning to work or classes, and/or a Negative Antigen or RT-PCR Test results must be presented.
- f. All close contacts must follow the minimum number of quarantine days set in the updated guide. This will prevent transmission as cases can be infectious one or two days prior to manifestations of sickness.
- i. Exposure of 4 to 8 hours in the classroom where social distancing was not completely followed will be considered as close contacts until with further guidelines defining this.
  - ii. In these circumstances, the school must shift immediately to provision of distance learning to these students following the minimum number of days depending on the vaccination status.
  - iii. School heads may decide if the whole classroom or up to what extent of the classroom will be shifted as long as the minimum days are applied for each individual (at least 5 days for the vaccinated, or 14 days for the unvaccinated conferring longer days for additional protection).
  - iv. Close monitoring of symptoms must be continued by all close contacts and other personnel in the school.
3. Each school has their own COVID19 Referral Systems as per coordination with their respective Barangay/Rural Health Units as compliance to the School Safety Assessment Tool. These arrangements shall remain and shall be reinforced.

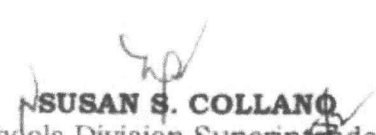




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4. Parents should be informed of the infection control plan even prior to arising cases. Communication plans should be carefully co-created by the school team and stakeholders if applicable to avoid panic from parents.
5. The school heads, clinic teachers, and DRRM coordinators are encouraged to watch the DepED Press Conference on Pinas Lakas on BIDA KID Webinar:  
<https://fb.watch/fl2RsfTIL-/>
6. All schools are enjoined to continuously promote the IEC Materials and conduct stakeholders' meetings and dialogues regarding COVID19 prevention and campaign the DepED BIDA Kid and PinasLakas Health Advocacy.
7. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Enclosure 1 (Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease)



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE**  
 FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**Annex B: Updated Quarantine and Isolation Protocols for General Public & Healthcare workers and authorized sectors**

		General Public	Healthcare workers and authorized sectors**
<b>QUARANTINE</b>			
<b>Asymptomatic close contact***</b>	Fully vaccinated	0 days	Same
	Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	At least 14 days from exposure	Same
<b>ISOLATION</b>			
<b>Asymptomatic confirmed case</b>	Fully vaccinated	At least 7 days* from positive test (sample collection date)	Same IPCC may shorten up to 5 days if with booster
	Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	At least 10 days* from positive test (sample collection date)	Same
<b>Symptomatic, suspect, probable or confirmed case with MILD symptoms</b>	Fully vaccinated	At least 7 days* from onset of symptoms	Same IPCC may shorten up to 5 days if with booster
	Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated	At least 10 days* from onset of symptoms	Same
<b>Symptomatic, suspect, probable or confirmed case with MODERATE symptoms</b>	Regardless of vaccination status	At least 10 days* from onset of symptoms	Same
<b>Symptomatic, suspect, probable or confirmed case with SEVERE and CRITICAL symptoms</b>	Regardless of vaccination status	At least 21 days* from onset of symptoms	Same
<b>Severely Immunocompromised****</b>	Regardless of vaccination status	At least 21 days* from onset of symptoms with negative repeat RT-PCR	Same

\*Isolation can be discontinued upon completion of the required days, provided that they shall not develop fever for at least 24 hours without the use of any antipyretic medications and shall have improvement of respiratory symptoms. Except for immunocompromised individuals, repeat testing nor medical certification is not required for safe reintegration into the community. This final decision is sufficient provided the absence of multi-focal lesions in asymptomatic.

\*\* Hospital IPCC, PHO coordinated with provincial IPCC, and other sectors authorized by the IATF with strict industry standards on IPCC shall be authorized to implement further shortening of quarantine and isolation protocols for their fully vaccinated workers with boosters who are close contacts, suspect, probable, and confirmed cases whether asymptomatic, mild, or moderate, based on the institution's individualized risk and needs assessment.

\*\*\* All asymptomatic close contacts should continue symptom monitoring for 14 days, strictly observe MPHS which includes wearing well-fitted masks, physical distancing, among others.

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