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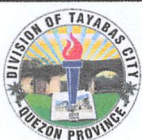
**REMINDING OF STRICT OBSERVANCE TO MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH
STANDARDS IN THE WORKPLACE AND PREVENTION OF CLOSE CONTACT
BETWEEN AND AMONG EMPLOYEES AND CLIENTS AT ALL TIMES**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
Heads, Unit/Section
All Others Concerned

1. The City Schools Division of Tayabas is strengthening the strict observance of minimum public health standards in the workplace and prevention of close contact between and among employees and clients pursuant to DepEd Order No.11, s. 2020.

2. For clarification purposes, the following terms are defined based from DOH Department Memorandum No. 189, s. 2020:

- a. Minimum Public Health Standards – guidelines set by Department of Health (DOH) in Administrative Order No. 2020-015, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by national government agencies, to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19. For this purpose, the Department of Tourism and Department of Public Works and Highways are recognized as the sector-national agencies with respect to tourism and construction, respectively. For basic education, it is DepEd, and its sector relevant guidelines shall be issued as *Required Health Standards in Schools and Offices*.
- b. Close Contact – a person who may have come into contact with the probable or confirmed case two days prior to onset of illness of the confirmed COVID-19 case (use date of sample collection for asymptomatic cases as basis) until the time that said cases test negative on laboratory confirmation or other approved laboratory test through:
 1. Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
 2. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;



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3. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment; OR
4. Other situations as indicated by local risk assessments

3. To strictly observe the prevention of close contact to any personnel and clients in the workplace, concerned offices in the Schools Division Office may adopt business continuity plans to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including the adoption of Alternative Work Arrangement provided the following shall be considered:

- a. Prevailing quarantine classification;
 - b. Prioritizing the delivery of essential services and other parameters cited in DepEd Order No. 11, s. 2020;
 - c. Other directives from higher offices.
4. For information and guidance.

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