

Republic of the Philippines **Department of Education** REGION IV-A CALABARZON CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 327 s. 2024

MITIGATING MEASURES FOR EXTREME HEAT/EL NIÑO

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors Education Program Supervisors/Parent Supervisors Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools All Others Concerned

1. With reference to **Memorandum OUOPS No. 2024-04-02477**, titled **Mitigating Measures for Extreme Heat/El Nino** and **DepEd Order No. 003**, **s.2024**, titled **Amendment to DepEd Order No. 002**, **s. 2023**, this Office recommends that the schools adopt the mitigating measures to ensure that the commitment of the Department of Education (DepEd) articulated in the MATATAG Agenda to "Take good care of learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusive education, and a positive learning environment placing the highest priority on ensuring health, safety, and well-being of learners.

2. In light of these considerations, this Office also recognizes the monthly calendar of activities for School Year 2023-2024 and other deliverables by the schools, thus the following mitigating measures shall be implemented:

Key Areas	Mitigating Measures
Learning Delivery-related	Implement shortened classes and conduct in- person classes preferably from 6-10a.m. (morning shift) and 2:00-6:00p.m. (afternoon shift).
	Avoid outside classroom activities. Instruct learners to limit their outside activities to avoid direct exposure to heat.
	Implement applicable learning modalities as necessary to ensure continuity of learning from suspension of in- person to other learning modalities.
	Ensure there is sufficient instructional materials, self- learning modules, textbooks, and activity sheets for appropriate learning modalities.
Safety and Health-related	Ensure availability of first aid kit
	Ensure there is enough supply of water in the school.
	Drink plenty of water.
	Encourage learners to bring their personal tumblers or water containers in schools.
	Develop strategies on water management/conservation.



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	Ensure electrical equipment and appliances are regularly checked to prevent faulty wirings.
	Explore ventilation upgrade of classrooms and other school facilities for conducive for learning.
	Dress appropriately by wearing light, breathable clothing.
Risk Assessment and Planning	Conduct comprehensive risk assessments including health risk to understand the potential impacts of El Nino in the schools.
	Develop a contingency plan for El Nino/Extreme Heat to address potential threats and hazards.
IEC and Advocacy related	Conduct orientation to parents for the impacts of El Nino and the implementation of ADM.
	Develop/Disseminate IEC materials on El Nino. Use of local dialect is recommended.
	Conduct information dissemination e.g. health risk, communication plan, announcement during flag ceremony, posting of IEC materials through social media and in schools
Monitoring	Regular updates on the daily heat index in your locality.
	Monitor the health status of the learners and personnel.
	Continuously monitor and track learners' performance progress.
	Monitor teacher's daily implementation of learning delivery.

3. Furthermore, it is also reiterated that in case local declaration of classes suspension arise the teaching and non-teaching personnel shall not be required to report except those who are mandated to render security safety, finance, engineering, sanitation, health, and disaster response duties. Schools on the other hand must always be ready to implement remote work with measured output as stipulated in DO 37, s.2022.

4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is hereby desired.

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Encl.: None Reference: Memorandum OUOPS No. 2024-04-02477 and DepEd Order No. 002, s. 2023 To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

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