

## 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. <u>346</u> s. 2022

## RESPONSE TO ALL LETTERS, COMPLAINTS, AND INQUIRIES ON THE ISSUANCE OF DEPED TASK FORCE COVID19 MEMORANDUM NO.575 AND ALL RELATED ISSUANCES

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

1. For the information of all concerned please refer to the attached **OUA MEMO 00-0322-0102** titled Response to all letters, complaints, and inquiries on the issuance of DEPED Task Force Covid19 Memorandum No 575 and all related issuances.

- 2. Attached is the OUA MEMO 00-0322-0102 for your reference.
- 4. Strict compliance and widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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**OUA MEMO 00-0322-0102 MEMORANDUM** 04 March 2022

	For:	Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister Schools Division Superintendents School Heads
		Teachers All Others Concerned
	Subject:	RESPONSE TO ALL LETTERS, COMPLAINTS, AND INQUIRIES ON THE ISSUANCE OF DEPED TASK FORCE COVID-19 MEMORANDUM NO. 575 AND ALL RELATED ISSUANCES

As a response to all letters, complaints, and inquiries (i.e., personnel's refusal to be subjected to weekly antigen testing and allegations of grave coercion, violation of labor laws, and the Constitution) on the issuance of DepEd Task Force COVID-19 (DTFC) Memorandum No. 575 and all related issuances, the Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA) provides the following information:

On 11 November 2021, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued IATF Resolution No. 148-B<sup>1</sup> which provides that:

A. In areas where there are sufficient supplies of COVID-19 vaccines as determined by the National Vaccines Operation Center (NVOC), all establishments and employers in the public and private sector shall require their eligible employees who are tasked to do on-site work to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Eligible employees who remain to be unvaccinated may not be terminated solely by reason thereof. However, they shall be required to undergo RT-PCR tests regularly at their own expense for purposes of on-site work. Provided that, antigen tests may be resorted to when RT-PCR capacity is insufficient or not immediately available.<sup>2</sup>

IATF Resolution No. 148-B took effect on 01 December 2021 as part of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's whole-of-government solution to increase the demand for COVID-19 vaccination, regardless of brand, for a healthier and resilient Philippines.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IATF Resolution No. 148-B is attached hereto as Annex 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IATF Resolution No. 148-B, p. 2.