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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
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**SDO KABANKALAN CITY RESPONSE ON HEALTH PROBLEMS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS  
AND RE-EMERGENCE OF POLIO IN THE PHILIPPINES**

TO: OIC, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chiefs, CID and SGOD  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Concerned

1. Relative to health concerns brought about by the spread of novel coronavirus in China and the rest of the world, all school personnel and students shall take precautionary measures against possible spread of the virus.
2. Coronavirus comes from a family of viruses that can cause various diseases characterized by cough and colds, fever, difficulty in breathing and shortness of breath that can lead to serious infections, pneumonia, acute respiratory syndrome, kidney problems and even death.
3. Accordingly, everyone is advised to observe the following:
  - a. Make handwashing a habit;
  - b. Always cover one's mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing;
  - c. Avoid close contact with people who show signs of respiratory illness;
  - d. Drink plenty of water;
  - e. Ensure food are cooked properly, and
  - f. Consult a health professional if symptoms of cough and colds persist.
4. Moreover, with the re-emergence of polio in the country, this office reiterates the support needed by DOH to attain the outbreak response goal of immunizing children under 5 years old and to leave no child behind. Towards this end, all schools and SDO health personnel are expected to implement the following:
  - a. Raise awareness about the outbreak and on areas covered by mass immunization campaign and schedules;
  - b. Promote correct information about polio and its lifelong and irreversible impact on children; and
  - c. Support health workers and volunteers in vaccinating ALL children especially those hard-to-reach areas.
5. For dissemination and compliance of all concerned.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Reference: DepEd OUA Memorandum dated January 24, 2020

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