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Region VI-Western Visayas
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF KABANKALAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**DISSEMINATION OF DOH'S PUBLIC ADVISORY ON HAND,
FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE**

To: OIC-Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
CID & SGOD Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum OUGFO No. 2022-03-1690 from Undersecretary Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Office of the Governance and Field Operations re: *Dissemination of DOH's Public Advisory on Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease.*
2. Anent this, teachers and school health personnel are reminded to encourage all learners to practice preventive habits and safety measures by frequent hand-washing, wearing of face mask and covering one's mouth when sneezing or coughing,
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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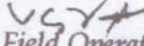




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MEMORANDUM
19 October 2022

FOR : **Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Education**
Schools Division Superintendents
School Health Personnel
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads and
Teachers
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO 
Undersecretary for Governance and Field Operations

SUBJECT : **DISSEMINATION OF DOH'S PUBLIC ADVISORY ON HAND,**
FOOT, AND MOUTH DISEASE

This Office, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), disseminates the Department of Health's (DOH) public health advisory (Annex A) against the highly infectious Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) common in young children.

This is to ensure the safety of the learners amidst of an outbreak of the disease in several towns in Batangas province, particularly in the areas of San Pascual and Cuenca, where over 100 children have been reported to have caught the viral infection, prompting the suspension of face-to-face classes in all public and private schools from elementary to high school.

In this regard, teachers and school health personnel are encouraged to educate the learners to practice preventive habits such as frequent hand-washing and to observe health and safety measures such as wearing of face mask and covering one's mouth when sneezing or coughing to avoid the transmission of infection.

For more information on this subject, please contact Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao, Chief Program Officer, BLSS-SHD, through (02) 8632-9935 or email at blss.shd@deped.gov.ph.

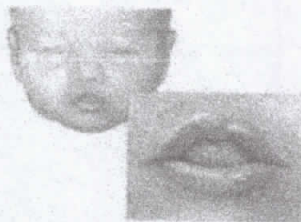
For immediate dissemination.



Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is a common viral illness of infants and children.

It should not be confused with foot-and-mouth (also called hoof-and-mouth) disease of cattle, sheep, and swine. Infected individuals are most contagious during the first week of their illness. HFMD cannot be contracted from pets or animals. Incubation period is 2-14 days



Cause

A virus of the family Picornaviridae, genus *Aphthovirus*

Mode of Transmission

Spreads by contact with nose and throat discharges, saliva of infected persons, or after touching contaminated objects

Signs and Symptoms

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Feeling of being unwell (malaise)
- Painful, red, blister-like lesions on the tongue, gums, and inside of the cheeks
- Red rash, without itching but sometimes with blistering, on the palms, soles, and sometimes the buttocks
- Irritability in infants and toddlers
- Loss of appetite

Treatment

- Treatment is directly toward relief of symptoms (fever and sore throat).
- There is no specific treatment. Signs and symptoms usually clear up in 7-10 days.
- A topical oral anesthetic may help relieve the pain of mouth sores.
- Over-the-counter pain medications other than aspirin, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, may help relieve general discomfort.

Prevention and Control

- There is no specific way to prevent the infection. Good hygiene (e.g., proper handwashing) can decrease the risk of spreading the disease.
- Disinfect premises and all infected materials (implements, cards, clothes, etc.).

References

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