

Republic of the Philippines Department of Education

REGION IV-A CALABARZON GATE 2, KARANGALAN VILLAGE 1900 CAINTA, RIZAL



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Regional Memorandum

STRICT COMPLIANCE TO MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS FOR SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) AND OTHER CONCERNS

To Schools Division Superintendents

- In view of the resumption of milk and nutritious food product distribution for the School-Based Feeding Program, all schools are reminded to strictly follow the minimum health protocols during the implementation of SBFP to get away from the spread of COVID-19.
- The Division School Health and Nutrition Section are also requested to monitor the distribution in schools either online or onsite. Please refer to Regional Memorandum 125, s. 2021 entitled School-Based Feeding Program Monitoring Tool, which includes observance to health protocols.
- 3. In addition, the procurement of masks, face shields, alcohol, disinfectant, and plastic covering sheets are chargeable against the Operational Funds of the SBFP subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations based on the DepEd Order 23, s. 2020 entitled Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program for School Year 2020-2021.
- 4. The School Feeding Coordinators may request for Service Credits for the tasks beyond regular functions or beyond regular work hours/days in relation to School-Based Feeding Program for approval of the Schools Division Superintendent as per DepEd Order 53 s. 2003.
- 5. For further information, you may contact Mr. Neil B. Evangelista, Nutritionist-Dietitian II at +639472998999 or email at neil.evangelista@deped.gov.ph.



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6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Annex A. PRECAUTIONS TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD PRODUCTS FOR SBFP IN SCHOOLS

- Distribution of milk and nutritious food products shall be conducted in an open air area where air is constantly moving, dispersing the droplets and the distribution/dispatching area shall be with plastic covering sheet to avoid exchange of droplets.
- 2. If the school has no available open air area and the distribution will be conducted in an enclosed area or in a classroom, the windows shall be opened to provide good ventilation and installing a plastic covering sheet in the distribution/dispatching area to avoid the exchange of droplets.
- 3. Available alcohol in the dispatching area
- 4. Wearing of face mask and face shield at all times during the conduct of distribution.
- 5. Observance of physical distancing in the distribution area
- 6. Avoid eating with others and gathering during snack or lunch breaks
- 7. Washing of hands frequently and avoid touching of face.

Adapted from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention