

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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Regional Memorandum

**REITERATION ON THE ADHERENCE TO FOOD SAFETY
STANDARDS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order 31, s. 2021 entitled **Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP)**, DepEd Order 10, s. 2022 entitled **Supplemental Guidelines on DepEd Order 31, s. 2021 (Operational Guidelines on the Implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program)** and Regional Memorandum No. 23 s. 2022 entitled **School-Based Feeding Program SY 2021-2022 Food Safety and Quality Checklist**, the Regional Office through the Education Support Services Division hereby reiterates the adherence to food safety standards on the implementation of the School-Based Feeding Program.
2. **To avoid possible incidence of food poisoning and foodborne illness on the implementation of the SBFP, the Schools Division Offices shall strictly monitor the adherence to food safety standards of the schools during the implementation of the SBFP and all schools shall strictly observe and adhere to the quality and standards on food safety.**
3. Attached are the safe handling of milk during delivery, storage and distribution and the roles and responsibilities of the personnel involved on food safety and on the incidence of food poisoning and foodborne illness in schools.
4. The Food Safety and Quality Checklist to be used during the deliveries of the items for SBFP, Food Safety Monitoring Tool, and other reference materials related to food safety can be downloaded at: **bit.ly/FOODSAFETYSBFPCALABARZON**
5. The Schools Division Offices are requested to conduct orientation on basic food safety and proper milk handling every start of the SBFP implementation and provide infographics on food safety and proper milk handling to each



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school. Expenses relative to these activities shall be charged against the SBFP Program Support Funds downloaded to SDO.

6. For clarification and inquiries, kindly contact Mr. Neil B. Evangelista, Nutritionist-Dietitian II and the Regional SBFP Coordinator through Viber at +63-947-299-8999 or through email at neil.evangelista@deped.gov.ph

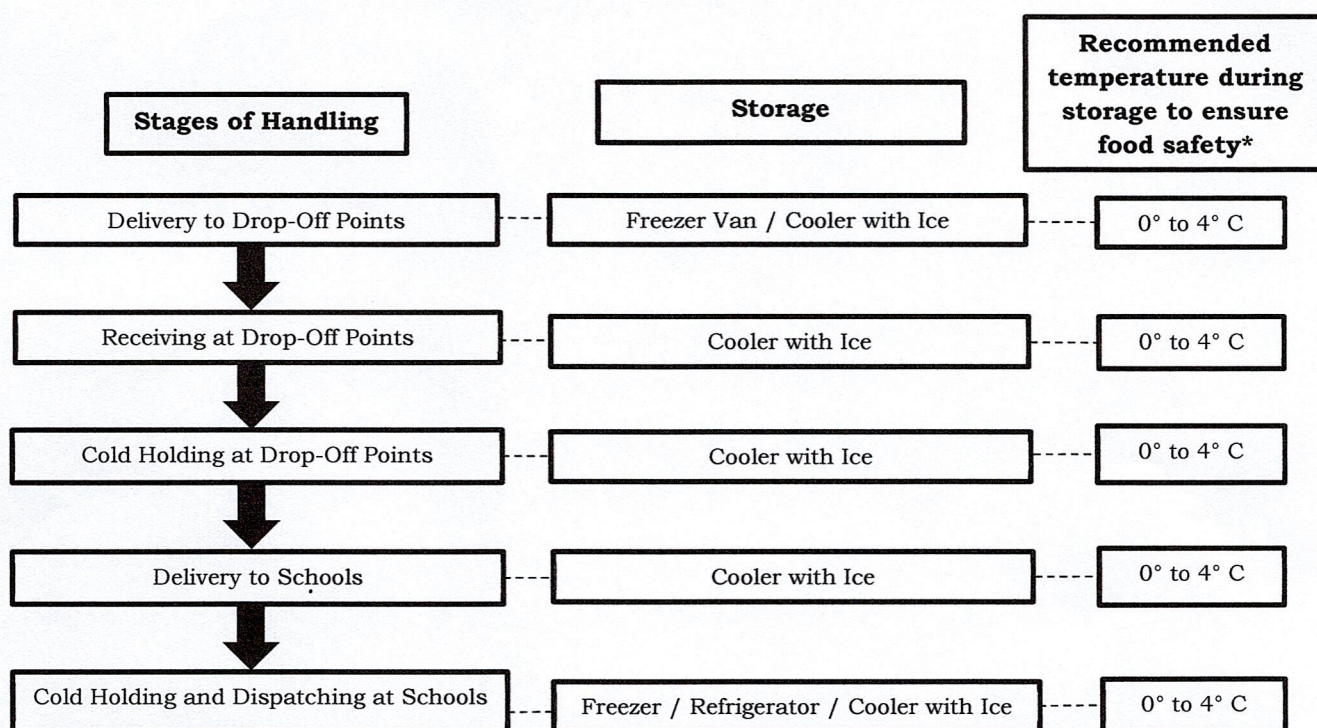
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Enclosure A. **SAFE HANDLING OF MILK DURING DELIVERY, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION**

To avoid milk spoilage and to ensure that it is safe for consumption by the beneficiaries, the following shall be strictly observed:



***If there is no available thermometer to measure storage temperature, ensure that products are placed in coolers with ice.**

Source: FoodSHAP Basic Food Safety

**Enclosure B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ON FOOD SAFETY AND ON THE
INCIDENCE OF FOOD POISONING AND FOODBORNE ILLNESS DURING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM**

SCHOOL LEVEL

For Advisers

1. Report any symptoms of food poisoning or foodborne illness (such as vomiting, nausea and diarrhea) to the School Feeding Coordinator and School Head.

For School Feeding Coordinator

1. Check and report to the supplier any discoloration, foul odor/smell from the milk, molds from the breads and any other signs of poor quality on all the nutritious food products.
2. Ensure the quality of all the items using the Food Safety and Quality Checklist and coordinate with the SIT before accepting the deliveries.
3. Report possible incidence of food poisoning or foodborne illness to the Division Nurses and Division Medical Officers

DIVISION LEVEL

For Division SBFP Coordinator / Division Nurses

1. Conduct orientation to schools on basic food safety and provide infographics or reference materials related to food safety.
2. Coordinate with National Dairy Authority and Philippine Carabao Center on the conduct of orientation on proper milk handling.
3. Coordinate with the supplier on the delivery of the milk and nutritious food products to avoid late deliveries in schools
4. Monitor the adherence to food safety standards during the deliveries and distribution in schools
5. Report possible incidence of food poisoning and foodborne illness to the Medical Officer.

For Medical Officers

1. Closely monitor cases of food poisoning and foodborne illness among the SBFP beneficiaries.
2. Conduct orientation to schools on basic food safety and provide infographics or reference materials related to food safety.
3. Monitor the adherence to food safety standards during the deliveries and distribution in schools