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
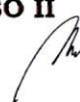
Regional Memorandum

**SCHOOL CANTEEN OPERATIONS FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order 34, s. 2022 entitled **School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2022-2023**, the following health protocols shall be strictly observed to reduce COVID-19 transmission while inside the school canteen.
 - a. Availability of alcohol or hand sanitizers.
 - b. Ensuring physical distancing through seating arrangement and layout inside the canteen.
 - c. Windows with no obstructions for proper ventilation.
 - d. Availability of fan for ventilation and dispersal of droplets.
 - e. Posting of reminders on wearing of face mask when picking up meals/food and when finished eating.
 - f. Posting of reminders on physical distancing when picking up meals/food and when eating inside the school canteen.
2. Furthermore, **DepEd Order 08 s. 2007** entitled Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteen in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools emphasizes that sanitary permits and medical certificate of canteen cooks and helpers shall be secured and the net income shall be utilized accordingly based on the percentage breakdown, and **DepEd Order 13, s. 2017** entitled Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverages Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices emphasizes that selling of Red Category foods shall not be allowed.
3. For clarification and inquiries, kindly contact Mr. Neil B. Evangelista, Nutritionist-Dietitian II through Viber at +63-947-299-8999 or through email at neil.evangelista@deped.gov.ph

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