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**Department of Education**

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**AN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BAKUNAHANG  
BAYAN FROM DECEMBER 5 TO 7, 2022**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Section 15 Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. The Department of Education (DepEd) seeks to further protect its high-risk teaching and non-teaching personnel from COVID-19 death with booster vaccinations and provide opportunities for its learners to make informed decisions on COVID-19 and vaccinations. DepEd is in full support of the COVID-19 vaccination of the Department of Health (DOH), specifically the *Bakunahang Bayan* from December 5 to 7, 2022.

2. Nonetheless, the COVID-19 vaccination program is not mandatory and will remain to be voluntary for all school personnel and learners. There shall be no discrimination of individuals who choose not to get vaccinated or who refuse a booster. Continued counselling and education should be provided by health personnel to allow everyone the right to an informed decision. All minors who volunteer to be vaccinated should have the consent of their parent or legal guardian. All minors who want to be vaccinated but cannot secure the consent of their parents or legal guardian should seek the assistance of social workers from the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

3. Consistent with the DepEd policy of strict adherence to the school calendar, and all school efforts to be poured into recovery from learning losses and to unloading non-teaching work of teachers, this Order is hereby issued for the guidance of learners, personnel, parents, guardians and other stakeholders.

4. To effectively implement the *Bakunahang Bayan* and maximize the resources, time, and effort of health workers, the following are hereby ordered:

4.1 All DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel, including officials, employees, job order personnel, contracts of service personnel, and support staff, who will volunteer to be vaccinated or take booster

shots during the period of *Bakunahang Bayan* on December 5 to 7, 2022, shall automatically be excused from absence on the day of their vaccination or booster, provided that: they should present to their respective head/s of office/s a copy of their COVID-19 vaccination record card or any acceptable proof of vaccination (which shall clearly indicate the date of vaccination, the name and signature of the administering doctor or health official, and the details of the latest vaccine availed). This will be properly coordinated with the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development within Schools Division Offices, Regional Offices, and the Central Office.

Likewise, all learners who volunteer to be vaccinated during the aforesaid period shall be considered excused from attending their classes on the day of their vaccination, *provided that*: they should present to their respective class adviser or school teacher a copy of their COVID-19 vaccination record card or any acceptable proof of vaccination (which shall clearly indicate the date of vaccination, the name and signature of the administering doctor or health official, and the details of the latest vaccine availed).

4.2 Schools shall be encouraged to use the *Bakunahang Bayan* campaign and information materials, which may be accessed through [bit.ly/BakunahangBayanToolkit2](http://bit.ly/BakunahangBayanToolkit2).

4.3 The DepEd, through the **Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD)**, shall conduct information sessions to provide relevant information on COVID-19 vaccines and the process of vaccination. The BLSS-SHD shall coordinate with their counterparts from the DOH to provide the necessary support and assistance for the effective implementation of the abovementioned vaccination efforts. Sessions can be integrated in Science and Health classes. No cancellation or postponement of classes are allowed during these sessions.

4.4 For purposes of monitoring the vaccination efforts within the DepEd Central Office (CO), the Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, Schools (only for teaching and non-teaching personnel), as well as DepEd's attached agencies, regular reporting of the vaccination status should be done by the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development through [bit.ly/NGAAnnexes](http://bit.ly/NGAAnnexes).

Meanwhile, reports on the inventory within and among learners should be done by the personnel of the DOH or through the Municipal or City Health Officers in every municipality or city and should be recorded through [bit.ly/DepEdVaxTemplate](http://bit.ly/DepEdVaxTemplate) in order to identify the remaining unvaccinated or unboosted eligible learners. No teaching or non-teaching personnel shall be required to collect, collate, encode or keep records of vaccinated and unvaccinated learners within their respective schools.

4.5 The DepEd Central Office Manager, in coordination with the CO Clinic personnel, shall facilitate the scheduling of vaccination and boosters among the CO employees from December 5 to 7, 2022. The Regional Directors, Schools Division Superintendents and DepEd

attached agencies should coordinate with their DOH counterparts in the scheduling of their personnel for the *Bakunahang Bayan*.

Vaccinations can be conducted in the Central Office, in Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and DepEd attached agencies' offices. Vaccinations in all the aforementioned offices should be open to the general public who volunteer to be vaccinated or to get their boosters. The CO, ROs, SDOs, and the attached agencies should promote the vaccination in their venues.

5. All DepEd schools cannot be used as vaccination centers or hubs. There will also be no cancellation or suspension of classes in schools during the *Bakunahang Bayan* from December 5 to 7, 2022.
6. The DepEd shall promote the DOH KIRA chatbot to provide real-time and vetted information about COVID-19 through the link [bit.ly/KIRAPromos](https://bit.ly/KIRAPromos).
7. Private schools and community learning centers, as well as state/local universities and colleges (SUCs/LUCs), have the option to abide by the provisions of this DO.
8. For more information on the DepEd's Minimum Public Health Standards, other related health protocols, guidance on COVID-19 vaccination and testing, as well as efforts to promote COVID-19 vaccination, please contact the **Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division** through their email at [blss.shd@eped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@eped.gov.ph) or at telephone number (02) 8632-9935.
9. This order shall take effect immediately after its publication on the DepEd website as well as its filing with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar (ONAR) at the University of the Philippines (UP) Law Center, UP Diliman, Quezon City.
10. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

Encl.: None

Reference: None

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