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**Department of Education**  
REGION X – NORTHERN MINDANAO  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL

**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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**INFORMATION ON THE SUSPECTED SPREAD OF NIPAH VIRUS**

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/DICs  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Teachers  
Health Personnel  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Health (DOH) has announced that there are no confirmed cases of Nipah virus in the Philippines. However, there have been reports of cases involving Influenza like Illness in Misamis Oriental which bear similarities with the Nipah Virus which is currently endemic in India. As a precaution, we are issuing this memorandum to provide you with information about the virus and how to protect yourself from it.

2. Nipah virus is a zoonotic virus, which means that it can be transmitted from animals to humans. The virus is found in bats and can be spread to humans through contact with infected bats or their bodily fluids. Nipah virus can also be spread through contact with contaminated food or water.

3. The symptoms of Nipah virus can vary from person to person. Some people may only experience mild symptoms, such as fever, headache, and muscle aches. Others may experience more severe symptoms, such as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), meningitis (inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord), and respiratory problems.

4. There are a number of things you can do to protect yourself from the virus, including:

- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water
- Avoiding contact with contaminated food or water
- Getting vaccinated against the flu
- Wear masks

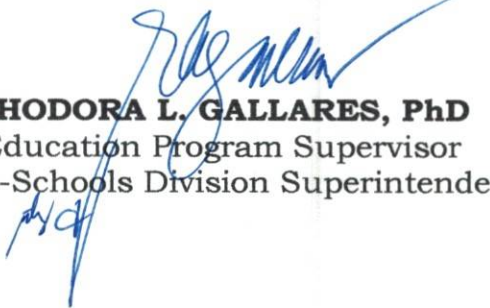


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5. In addition to the steps listed above, you can also take the following steps to avoid flu-like illnesses, such as the flu and COVID-19:
  - a. Get vaccinated against the flu every year
  - b. Avoid close contact with people who are sick
  - c. Stay home if you are sick
  - d. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze
  - e. Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
  
6. If you have any questions or concerns about flu-like illnesses, please do not hesitate to contact the Division Health and Nutrition Section, Attention: Dr. Miggy Degamo.
  
7. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

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