

### Republic of the Philippines Department of Education **REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO**

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL



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#### HEALTH ADVISORY ON RAINY SEASON

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/District In-charge School Heads, Elementary and Secondary School Health and Nutrition Section Personnel All Others Concerned

- Rainy days are always fun to welcome, especially after experiencing a long period of summer. But along with the rains and change in temperature come something we certainly must avoid ushering in. It is the troublesome rainy-day illnesses. This season increases the transmission of water-borne diseases and increases the risk of catching diseases associated with cold and wet weather.
- As in every season, personal hygiene, environmental sanitation, and resistance-building such as getting immunization shots against vaccinepreventable illnesses play vital roles in fighting off diseases.

Common Rainy-Day Illnesses

a. **Dengue** is a viral infection transmitted through the bite of a denguecarrying mosquito.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- High fever that may last for 2 to 7 days
- Joint and muscle pains
- · Pain behind eves
- Weakness
- Skin rashes
- Bleeding (nose, gums, stool, urine or menstruation)
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain



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b. **Malaria** can be transmitted through the bite of a mosquito infected with the Plasmodium parasite.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Sweats
- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Body aches
- c. **Leptospirosis** comes from flood water, vegetation and moist soil contaminated with the urine of an animal, especially rats, infected with Leptospira bacteria.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever
- Muscle pain
- · Reddish eyes
- Yellow discoloration of the skin (jaundice)
- Dark-colored urine
- · Light-colored stools
- d. **Cholera** is caused by the Vibrio cholerae bacteria found on food or water contaminated with human waste. It is transmitted when contaminated food or water is consumed.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Frequent painless watery stools
- Vomiting
- Rapid dehydration (sunken eyeballs, wrinkled and dry skin)
- e. **Hepatitis A** is transmitted through consuming food and water contaminated with human waste and urine of a person with Hepatitis A.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever
- Weakness



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- Muscle and joint aches
- Loss of appetite
- Dizziness
- Vomiting
- Abdominal discomfort
- Yellow discoloration of the skin (jaundice)
- f. **Typhoid Fever** is caused by Salmonella typhi bacteria which are transmitted through consuming food and water contaminated with human waste.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Sustained fever
- Weakness
- Headache
- · Loss of appetite
- · Abdominal discomfort and constipation
- Diarrhea
- g. **Influenza** commonly known as "flu", is a contagious viral infection caused by an influenza virus which attacks the respiratory system (nose, throat and lungs). Symptoms usually manifest about 1 to 4 days after exposure to the virus. People who are already infected with the flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness starts.

#### Signs and Symptoms:

- Fever (at least 38 degrees Celsius)
- Headache
- Runny nose, sore throat, cough or other respiratory symptoms
- Muscle and joint pains
- h. Prevent Waterborne infections- Acute Gastroenteritis and Amoebiasis
  - Drink and carry filtered/boiled water from home, bottled water when outside
  - Wash hands frequently, especially before and after meals, after visiting the washroom
  - Use and carry hand sanitizers with you



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- Avoid eating outside, especially raw, pre-cut, and uncovered food sold in the open, like street foods.
- Eat freshly made home cooked food and discard leftovers as far as possible
- i. Guard against Airborne infections- Viral fever, Conjunctivitis, and Influenza
  - Avoid shaking hands, sharing food, water, and clothes, with someone who is sick, or when sick yourself
     Wash hands frequently, as well as use hand sanitizers often, to avoid being infected
  - Minimize contamination of hands, avoid touching door handles, table tops, lift buttons, stair banisters, railings in public places
  - Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, to avoid infecting people around you
  - Use disposable tissues if you have cough and cold and discard them immediately after use Improve your immunity by getting adequate sleep, at least 8 hours, drinking 3 liters of water every day and eating a healthy diet with fruits.
  - Take rest and stay at home if feeling unwell for a speedy recovery and to avoid infecting others.

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3. For information and guidance.

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