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Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Division of City Schools – City of Tagbilaran

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**DISCONTINUANCE OF SPRAYING OR MISTING DISINFECTANTS AND THE USE OF
DISINFECTION BOOTHS OR SANITENTS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, CID and SGOD
Public Elementary and Secondary School heads
All Others Concerned

1. Enclosed is a copy of DepEd Task Force Covid-19 memo no. 034 issued on April 16, 2020, titled "Discontinuance of Spraying or Misting Disinfectants and the Use of Disinfection Booths or Sanitents" for dissemination. Such memorandum was issued following the warnings of the Department of Health (DOH) and the World Health Organization against such practices.
2. Accordingly, "there is no evidence to support that spraying of surfaces or large-scale misting of areas, indoor or outdoor with disinfecting agents, kills the virus. That such practices can even damage clothes or one's mucous membranes (in the eyes, mouth, and respiratory system).
3. The WHO Philippines, however, clarifies that alcohol, chlorine, and other chemicals can still be used to disinfect objects based on approved recommendations. Furthermore, physical distancing, frequent hand washing, and avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth, remain to be the effective measures against contracting the virus.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this memorandum is desired.

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