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

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**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**



DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
*No. 353 s. 2021*

September 13, 2021

**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MASS DEWORMING ACTIVITIES  
(MDA) FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN**

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

1. Enclosed is a copy of Regional Memorandum no. 0760 s.2021 issued on September 2, 2021 , titled " *Guidelines For Implementation of Mass Deworming Activities (MDA) for School Aged Children*" for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Attached is a copy of the said memorandum for your reference.
3. All School Heads are directed to prepare the attached consent form to be given to parents during module distribution. School Clinic in Charge shall collect the parent consent prior to Mass Deworming Activity
5. For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

  
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No. **0760**, s. 2021

**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF MASS DEWORMING ACTIVITIES  
(MDA) FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Health Central Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH CVCHD) in partnership and coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) will continue its efforts in the conduct of deworming activities to our learners inspite of the pandemic. Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH) is one of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) that remains a public health problem affecting marginalized and vulnerable groups.
2. In line with this, one of the core strategies of STH is the use of preventive Chemotherapy through Mass Drug Administration (MDA) which is in accordance to Department Memorandum No. 2016-0212 dated June 1, 2016 Re: Guidelines on the Implementation of the Harmonized Schedule and Combined Mass Drug Administration (HSCMDA) for the Prevention and Control of Schistosomiasis and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis.
3. Furthermore, it has been agreed by the Department of Health, Local Government Unit representatives, stakeholders and the Department of Education the following were unanimously agreed for the MDA implementation :
  - 3.1 Return of MDA services from community to school-based platform through individual approach during module distribution;
  - 3.2 Ensure that DepEd, will prepare the master lists of enrolled public school age children to easily identify the recipients of the deworming services and to account all school-aged children;
  - 3.3 Ensure that schoolteachers and school nurses will prepare the consent form to be given during module distribution and collected prior to MDA;
  - 3.4 Facilitate the transfer of commodities from LGUs to schools to ensure readily available drugs and related supplies to prevent disruption of services;



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**REGIONAL CIRCULAR**

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**TO : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED) REGIONAL OFFICE  
DEWORMING FOCAL PERSONS, LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS,  
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (DMOs) IV AND V OF  
THE PROVINCIAL DOH OFFICES (PDOHOs) AND ALL OTHERS  
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : Regional Guidelines on the Implementation of Mass Deworming  
Activities (MDA) for School Aged Children in Public Schools**

Soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH) is one of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) that remains a public health problem in the Philippines affecting marginalized and vulnerable groups including children, indigenous communities, pregnant women, and women of reproductive age.

One of the core strategies of Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis (STH) is the use of Preventive Chemotherapy, through Mass Drug Administration (MDA). This is in accordance to Department Memorandum No. 2016-0212 dated 01 June 2016 *Re: Guidelines on the Implementation of the Harmonized Schedule and Combined Mass Drug Administration (HSCMDA) for the Prevention and Control of Schistosomiasis and Soil-Transmitted Helminthiasis.*

Unforeseen events such as the COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Integrated Helminth Control Program (IHCP) to shift MDA services in both community and schools to individual approach using the community-based platform in delivering deworming and MDA services following the said guidance, Department Memorandum No. 2020-0260 dated 19 May 2020 *Re: Interim Guidelines on the Integrated Helminth Control Program and Schistosomiasis Control and Elimination Program During the COVID-19 Pandemic.* And further supplemented with Department Circular No. 2020-0302 dated 23 June 2020 *Re: Delivery of Routine Deworming Services under the Integrated Helminth Control Program (HCP) during the COVID-19 Pandemic* which provided the detailed procedure on the conduct of routine deworming. In lieu of Mass Drug Administration (MDA), two options were given as platform for the deworming activities: (1) Fixed Post Approach and (2) Outreach or Home Visit Approach.

In relation to the implementation of deworming activities and after series of discussion and meetings with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Local Government Units (LGUs) and the stakeholders facilitated by the Department of Health Central Visayas Center for Health Development (DOH CV CHD), all are hereby enjoined to implement the following:

1. Return of MDA services from community to school-based platform through individual approach during module distribution;

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