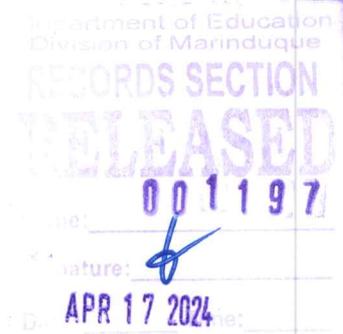




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM: 
LYNN G. MENDOZA, EdD
OIC, Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **ADVISORY ON THE INCREASING CASES OF PERTUSSIS IN THE REGION**

DATE: April 17, 2024

Please find attached Regional Memorandum ESSD-2024-051 from the Office of the Regional Director Nicolas T. Capulong, PhD, CESO III titled **“Advisory on the Increasing Cases of Pertussis in the Region,”** dated April 12, 2024, for information, guidance, and reference of all concerned.

Immediate dissemination of and compliance with the contents of this Memorandum are desired.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

ESSD-2024-051

TO : ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL OFFICE PERSONNEL

FROM : NICOLAS T. CAPULONG, PhD, CESO III
Director IV
Regional Director

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON THE INCREASING CASES OF PERTUSSIS IN THE
REGION

DATE : APRIL 12, 2024

Attached is the Advisory from the Department of Health Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) MIMAROPA Region, issued last March 25, 2024, regarding the increased cases of Pertussis in the Region, which is self-explanatory.

Relative to this, all Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel and Learners are advised to practice the following precautionary measures:

- Observe proper respiratory hygiene and etiquette – cover mouth and nose when sneezing/coughing, proper disposal of used tissues/masks/wipes.
- Frequent handwashing with soap and water. If water is not easily accessible, use alcohol-based sanitizer for hand hygiene.
- Catch-up vaccination for those with partial or no vaccination against pertussis and other vaccine-preventable illnesses.
- Seek immediate medical consultation in the presence of symptoms e.g. violent coughing, post tussive vomiting (vomiting after cough), prolonged colds (1-2 weeks).
- Cooperate with the LGU on disease surveillance efforts.

Since pertussis or whooping cough is a highly communicable infection of infants and young children, which may be transmitted through respiratory droplets (from coughing or sneezing), and may also affect older children and adults, this Office highly encourages all concerned to wear face masks if exhibiting influenza-like illness (ILI) symptoms like cough, colds, and /or fever. However, it is emphasized that wearing face masks is not mandatory for personnel and learners who are asymptomatic.

For immediate dissemination and appropriate action.

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ADVISORY

DATE : **MARCH 25, 2024**

TO : **PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICES, MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICES, PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICES, HEALTH FACILITIES AND ALL OTHER CONCERNED OFFICES**

FROM : **MARIO S. BAQUELOD, MD, MPH, CESO IV**
Director IV

SUBJECT : **GUIDANCE ON THE INCREASING CASES OF PERTUSSIS IN THE REGION**

This advisory is being issued to Provincial Health Offices, Municipal Health Offices, Provincial Department of Health Offices, Health Facilities, and all other concerned offices to provide guidance on the increasing number of Pertussis cases in the region. As of Morbidity Week 11, the MIMAROPA Center for Regional Epidemiology & Technology Enhancement (CRE@TE) has reported 23 cases of Pertussis in the region compared to NO reported cases in the same morbidity week of the previous year.

Transmission of pertussis occurs from person to person through respiratory droplets (i.e., from coughing or sneezing). In this regard, concerned facilities/ offices are reminded to advise the community on the following preventive strategy:

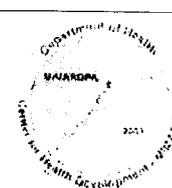
1. Observe the following respiratory hygiene especially when sneezing or coughing:
 - a. Cover mouth and nose with tissue or wipes
 - b. Properly dispose of used tissues or wipes
 - c. If tissue is not available, use one's upper sleeves or arms
 - d. Avoid coughing into hands which can easily spread germs
 - e. Wash hands after coughing or sneezing, or after contact with infected person.

2. Individuals who are unvaccinated or have not completed their vaccination series or at risk of severe illness should avoid or limit contact with individuals with known or probable disease.

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3. **In household settings:** Practice standard precautionary measures such as mandatory hand washing with soap and water as well as hand hygiene using alcohol-based sanitizer, in all opportunities and occasions
4. **In Health Facilities:** Health workers should strengthen infection prevention and control measures by observing standard precautions complemented by droplet precautions
 - a. Wear medical mask before entering patient room and remove it upon exit. Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) may be worn upon risk assessment.
 - b. Perform hand hygiene before and after the use of PPEs, and caring for patients.
 - c. Use disposable or dedicated-care equipment (e.g., stethoscopes) and regularly clean and disinfect equipment before and after use.
 - d. Limit contact with patients and adequately space beds if possible.
 - e. **If transport is necessary:** Instruct the patient to wear a mask and follow respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.

Health Care facilities from different levels of care, health care provider networks, LGUs, and other private organizations/ institutions including business establishments, schools, other public facilities, and formal and informal sectors shall familiarize themselves with the DOH interim Guideline on the Prevention, Detection, Isolation, Treatment, and Reintegration (PDITR) Strategy for Pertussis and Diphtheria (<https://bit.ly/PDITRpertussis>) and report/ coordinate information on cases to the DOH through the Epidemiology Bureau (EB) and CHD MIMAROPA.

Local Government Units are advised to intensify surveillance, ensuring timely and accurate reporting. Improve and sustain high-level of immunity against Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs) with available vaccines and conduct catch-up immunization in areas with high number of defaulters/ missed children. Plan for the activation of Emergency Operation Center and be ready to mobilize resources if the need arises.

For information and wide dissemination.

Malasakitang isang bansa. Kalusugan ay nangangailangan ng MIMAROPA