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# Department of Education

# REGION III SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY

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#### **DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 113

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#### LOCALIZED MITIGATING MEASURES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING HIGH HEAT INDEX CONDITIONS IN SDO ANGELES CITY

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Concerned

- 1. The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has reported rising temperatures, leading to extreme heat indices that may result in heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps, and heat stroke. In accordance with DepEd policies on child protection, health, and safety, schools are directed to take proactive measures to mitigate the risks associated with high temperatures.
- 2. In response to the increasing heat index and its potential health risks to learners and personnel, the Schools Division Office of Angeles City requests all public elementary and secondary schools to implement necessary mitigating measures to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone within the school premises.
- 3. Similarly, the Schools Division Office of Angeles City issues this memorandum on Localized Mitigating Measures for Public Schools during High Heat Index Conditions for your reference and guidance.
- 4. Additionally, School Heads are mandated to:
  - a. procure thermometer with hygrometers chargeable to School MOOE or local funds, subject to proper accounting and auditing procedures.
  - b. **install thermometers with hygrometers** in a representative sample of classrooms free from direct sunlight and heat-emitting appliances for accurate readings.
  - c. designate school personnel to record the temperature and humidity levels at least three (3) times daily, with data encoded daily at this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/PHExtremeHeat">https://bit.ly/PHExtremeHeat</a>.
- 5. The School Heads are directed to ensure the strict implementation of these mitigating measures. Reports on school compliance and any heat-related incidents shall be submitted to the Schools Division Office through the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)-DRRM Unit.
- 6. Enclosed is the Localized Mitigating Measures for Public Schools during High Heat Index Conditions.









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Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is 7. earnestly desired.

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References: Memorandum No: DO 22, s2024, Joint Memorandum OM-OSEC-OUOPS-2025-01-01456

and Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-05-01727

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

SCHOOL SAFETY **POLICY** 

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Enclosure No. 1, Division Memorandum No. 13 s.2025

#### Localized Mitigating Measures for Public Schools during High Heat Index Conditions in SDO Angeles City

# 1. Classroom and School Environment Adjustments

- > Maximize natural ventilation in classrooms and learning areas.
- > Utilize electric fans and open windows to enhance air circulation.
- Create shaded areas for outdoor activities and undertake treeplanting initiatives.
- Install thermometer with hygrometer in areas free from direct sunlight and heat-emitting appliances for accurate readings.

## 2. Hydration and Health Promotion

- Encourage learners and personnel to drink water regularly and frequently.
- Provide access to potable drinking water in schools.
- > Forbid sales of caffeinated and sweet beverages which can cause dehydration.

## 3. Modified School Activities and Schedules

- Place high-intensity tasks like physical activities, flag ceremonies, and outdoor programs during early morning or late afternoon hours.
- > Option for alternative learning delivery modes or flexible class schedules whenever necessary, but subject to DepEd regulation.

# 4. Monitoring and Preparedness of Heat-Related Conditions

- > Delegate focal persons or school nurses to provide monitoring on signs of heat-related symptoms among learners and personnel.
- > Take necessary measures to make first aid kits and cooling methods like cold compresses available.
- > Develop an emergency response plan for heat-related accidents.

## 5. Awareness and Information Dissemination

- Conduct information drives on heat-related illnesses and preventive measures.
- Integrate heat safety tips in morning announcements and homeroom discussions.



