

<u>15</u> Oct **2025**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 641, s. 2025

CELEBRATION OF THE GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY 2025

To: OIC - Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

OIC - Curriculum Implementation Division

OIC - SGOD Chief Education Supervisor

School Heads/OICs (Public Elementary and Secondary Schools)

All Others Concerned

- 1. Relative to DepEd Order No. 10, s. 2016, titled "The Policy and Guidelines for the Comprehensive Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools (WinS) Program)" which aims to promote proper hygiene and sanitation practices among school children, this Office, through the School Health and Nutrition Section, announces the celebration of Global Handwashing Day on October 15, 2025 (Wednesday).
- 2. With this year's theme, **"Be a Handwashing Hero!"**, the celebration highlights the global effort to raise awareness on the importance of handwashing in safeguarding public health, preventing infections, and promoting overall well-being.
- 3. In line with this, a **virtual program** will be **broadcasted live via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page** on **October 15, 2025 (Wednesday), from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** This activity aims to showcase best practices and strengthen a culture of hand hygiene among learners, emphasizing handwashing as a vital public health measure in ensuring safe school communities.
- 4. All public schools are encouraged to participate by implementing relevant activities by doing the following:
 - a. Simultaneous handwashing activities of all learners (schedule to be set by the schools;
 - b. Posting of IECs/ infographics on social media platforms focusing on handwashing habits;







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- c. Incorporation of the importance of handwashing in different subjects related to health; and
- d. Other related activities.
- 5. Video recording of simultaneous handwashing activity shall be uploaded to https://bit.ly/GHWD2025. Narrative report and photo/video documentation shall be uploaded on or before October 30, 2025.
- 6. For inquiries and clarification, please get in touch with Gian Paul G. Creencia, Medical Officer III / Virginie Monique C. Javier, Technical Assistant I at sgod.medical@deped.gov.ph.
- 7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

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Encl.: None

Reference: As stated

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