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ADVISORY ON JOINT WHO-UNICEF GLOBAL WEBINAR ON HAND HYGIENE IN
SCHOOLS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division, disseminates the attached Advisory from **Dr. Miguel Angelo S. Mantaring, Director IV**, dated September 14, 2026 regarding the participation to the "**Joint WHO-UNICEF Global Webinar on Hand Hygiene in Schools**," which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Reference: As Stated
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The Bureau of Learner Support Services – School Health Division -Nutrition and Hygiene Unit (BLSS-SHD-NHU) extends the invitation to DepEd Regional and Schools Division Offices to participate the **Joint WHO-UNICEF Global Webinar on Hand Hygiene in Schools**.

1. The webinar will focus on how we can turn the **WHO/UNICEF Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Community Settings** into everyday practice in schools. Bringing together global expertise and country experience, the session will explore practical approaches to strengthening hand hygiene routines, facilities and systems that support healthier learning environments for children.
2. This event provides opportunities to: (a) hear country experiences and lessons learned from implementing hand hygiene interventions in schools; (b) explore practical guidance for translating global recommendations into action; (c) discuss challenges and opportunities for strengthening sustainable hand hygiene practices; and (d) engage in a live discussion with colleagues and experts from WHO and UNICEF.
3. Participants are hereby informed and reminded of the following details:
 - a. The webinar is scheduled on **September 17, 2026**, 14:00-15:30 CEST (**8:00 PM – 9:30 PM** Philippine Standard Time).
 - b. Participants are requested to register in this link:
<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/396857cb-175f-47f0-a9a4-acc89ea64edb@f610c0b7-bd24-4b39-810b-3dc280afb590>.
4. In view of the webinar's relevance in the implementation of DepEd's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools (WinS) program, this Office encourages the participation of the Regional and Division WinS Coordinators. The Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are hereby enjoined to encourage the participation of identified personnel to the said activity.
5. For clarification and further information, please contact **Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga**, Supervising Health Program Officer, **Mr. Vonerich Berba**, Education Program Specialist II, or **Mr. Dranoel Cyrus C. Baguio**, Technical Assistant II of BLSS-SHD through email at wins@deped.gov.ph.

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