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TIMELY REPORTING OF SUSPECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN BY ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), disseminates the attached letter from the Department of Health–Negros Island Region Center for Health Development dated August 17, 2026 regarding the **Timely Reporting of Suspected Notifiable Diseases and Health Event of Public Health Concern by All Public and Private Educational Institutions,** which is self-explanatory.

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Regional Director

Reference: As Stated
Incl: As Stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:
HEALTH PROGRAMS STUDENTS
MMG/ESSD-RM/Timely Reporting of Suspected Notifiable Diseases and Health Event of Public Health Concern by All Public and Private Educational Institutions
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August 17, 2026

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Director IV
Department of Education - Negros Island Region

Dear **Director Uytico**,

The Department of Health – Negros Island Region Center for Health Development (DOH–NIR CHD), through the Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU), respectfully seeks the support of your office in promoting the timely reporting of all suspected notifiable diseases and health events of public health concern by all public and private educational institutions within the Negros Island Region to their respective City/Municipal Health Offices and Provincial/City Epidemiology and Surveillance Units. The relevant legal and policy references are provided in **Annex A** for your reference and guidance.

In this regard, we respectfully request your assistance in reminding all schools to:

1. Promptly report suspected or confirmed notifiable diseases and health events to their respective City/Municipal Health Office (C/MHO) and Provincial/City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (P/CESU);
2. Designate a school health/surveillance focal person to facilitate reporting and coordination with local health authorities; and
3. Coordinate with health authorities during disease investigations, outbreak response, and other public health emergencies.

For queries and concerns, your authorized representative may contact **Ms. Ronalyn E. de la Torre,** Senior Health Program Officer at **09166369663** or email resu@nir.doh.gov.ph cc: nirchd@nir.doh.gov.ph..

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director IV
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Annex A.

1. Republic Act No. 11332 (Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act) (https://tinyurl.com/RA-11332)

2. Implementing Rules and Regulations (https://tinyurl.com/IRR-surveillance)

3. Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2020-0013 (Guidelines for the Implementation of the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response [PIDSR] System) (https://tinyurl.com/DOH-AO-2020-0013)

4. Case Investigation Forms : https://tinyurl.com/Case-Definitions