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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 1045 ,s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads
All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Others Concerned

OBSERVANCE OF WORLD RABIES DAY 2026

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the **Bureau of Learner Support Services–School Health Division (BLSS-SHD)**, enjoins SDOs and schools to observe **World Rabies Day 2026**, by integrating related activities, into the instructional block as part of the regular teaching and learning process.
2. The observance aims to promote awareness on rabies prevention and emphasize that rabies can be prevented through **awareness, proper first aid, and vaccine immunization**.
3. The suggested school-based activities include, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. after-class activities;
 - b. End-of-term block activities;
 - c. Pep talks or similar activities during flag ceremonies; and
 - d. Distribution or display of printed information, education, and communication (IEC) materials and behavioral nudges, which may be maintained throughout the school year.
4. All Schools are encouraged to promote the key advocacy message **“#StraySAFE – Keeping Learners Rabies-Free”** through school-based strategies that emphasize responsible animal management, avoidance of contact with stray animals, appropriate first aid, and immediate reporting of animal-related incidents.
5. In case of an animal bite or scratch, the affected area shall be **washed immediately with soap and running water for at least five minutes**. The incident shall be reported to school personnel or the school clinic for appropriate wound management and referral to the nearest animal bite treatment center.
6. Learners and personnel are likewise encouraged to immediately inform teachers, parents, guardians, or school authorities of any animal-related encounter or incident within or outside school premises. When necessary, emergency hotlines such as **#911**, the **DOH Hotline #1555**, or the local health emergency center may be contacted.





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7. All expenses related to the reproduction and dissemination of IEC materials may be charged against Program Support Funds or local funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Teaching and non-teaching personnel are encouraged to utilize the World Rabies Day 2026 resources and references provided by the BLSS.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Observance of World Rabies Day 2026

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The Global Alliance Rabies Control (GARC) advocates for rabies elimination through the one-health approach by 2030. Rabies remains one of the most fatal viruses and continues to be a public health concern around the world but through awareness, proper first aid and vaccine immunization, rabies can be 100% preventable.

Pursuant to Section V.B. Co-Curricular Activities and Legislated Celebrations of **DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2026**, titled "*Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*" and **OUGOPS Memorandum No. OM-OUGOPS-2026-08-02274** titled "*Learner Support Observances SY 2026-2027*", DepEd through the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) strengthens and promotes the integration of Learner Support-related observances, including "**World Rabies Day 2026**" as part of instructional block through integration in regular teaching and learning process. Additionally, observance of World Rabies Day 2026 may be incorporated as part of the following:

- a. After-class activities
- b. End-of-term block activities
- c. Pep talks or similar activities during flag ceremonies
- d. Printed IEC materials and behavioral nudges (which can be kept throughout the school year)

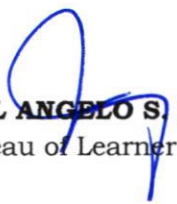
DepEd highlights the importance of rabies prevention through by practicing "#StraySAFE – Keeping Learners Rabies-Free", which promotes school-based strategies and actions on how to prevent rabies-related cases within the school premises:

How to be #StraySAFE in DepEd offices and schools
Strict animal management within school premises by • Prohibiting stray animals from entering the school vicinity; • Conducting routine checks
Avoid touching or provoking stray animals by • Practicing to only look and observe them; • Keeping your distance to prevent bites and scratches.
First Aid Measures when bitten or scratched • Washing the affected area immediately with soap and running water for at least 5 minutes; • Reporting any incident to school personnel or clinic for wound management and referral to nearest animal bite treatment center.
Encourage to report and tell an adult by • Informing teachers, parents, guardians, or school authorities immediately on any animal-related encounter or incident within or outside school premises; • Contacting emergency hotlines such as #911 (National Hotline), #1555 (DOH Hotline) or your local health emergency center, when necessary.

BLSS enjoins teaching and other non-teaching personnel to utilize the Word Rabies Day-related resources and references accessible through this link <https://tinyurl.com/WorldRabiesDay2026>.

All expenses related to the reproduction and dissemination of IEC materials for World Rabies Day 2026 may be charged to Program Support Funds or local funds, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information and clarification, please contact **Mr. Gideon John Tuliao**, Health Education and Promotions Officer II, or **Ms. Julia Andrea Aguila**, Technical Assistant II, via email (blss.shd@deped.gov.ph).


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