



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLIO

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-178

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1.0 Background

- 1.1. The Philippines was one of the countries who has successfully eliminated Polio in 2000. Although certified to be polio-free, polio has re-emerged with the presence of positive samples of Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus (VDPV) through environmental surveillance and two (2) human cases of Polio.
- 1.2. Immediate action must be taken and the single most effective intervention is the provision of supplemental vaccination in priority areas. This should be complemented by sustained and intensified advocacy campaigns using various platforms and heightened surveillance survey and practice proper hygiene, environmental sanitation, and zero defecation. In the case of polio, coverage of the target population should reach a level of at least 95% to protect everyone and halt transmission.
- 1.3. Recognizing the challenges in implementing the supplemental polio vaccination that will start in October 2019 until January 2020, the Department of Health (DOH) convened the Health Cluster on September 27, 2019. The DOH shared the Polio Outbreak Response Plan "Sabayang Patak Kontra Polio" which aims to immunize children under 5 years old in the National Capital Region and Mindanao with no child being left behind.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this Circular is to encourage LGUs to support the DOH's polio campaign and intensify efforts to rebuild the trust of the public in the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI).

3.0 Scope/Coverage

- 3.1 All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Directors, BARMM Chief Minister, and all others concerned

4.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1. All Local Chief Executives are directed to:
 - 4.1.1. Take the lead in the synchronized Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) vaccination and in strengthening the Expanded Immunization Program to achieve the 95%

coverage of the target population to protect individual and community from vaccine-preventable diseases;

4.1.2. Mobilize and fully support local health workers, volunteers, and partners in the simultaneous OPV vaccination through:

- 4.1.2.1. Provision of transport;
- 4.1.2.2. Orientation of health workers and volunteers;
- 4.1.2.3. Communication;
- 4.1.2.4. Meal allowance;
- 4.1.2.5. Collaterals/kits for mothers;
- 4.1.2.6. Conduct of advocacy campaigns to Punong Barangays for their support;
- 4.1.2.7. Distribution/posting of streamers/posters; and
- 4.1.2.8. May do "Bandillo".

4.2. The following is the schedule of Synchronized Polio Vaccination:

Rounds	Dates	Areas	
		Luzon	Mindanao
0	August 19-27, 2019	Manila	
	October 14-27, 2019		Lanao del Sur, Marawi, Davao del Sur, Davao City
1	November 25-December 7, 2019	Whole of NCR	Whole of Mindanao
2	January 6-18, 2020	Whole of NCR	Whole of Mindanao

5.0 Effectivity

5.1 This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6.0 Approving Authority


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 Secretary



7.0 Feedback

7.1 For related queries, kindly contact the Health Emergency Management Bureau, Department of Health, at Telephone No. (02) 740-5030.