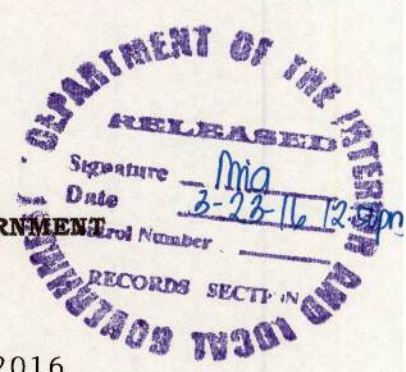




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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
 NO.2016-41

FOR : PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF REGIONS III, IV-A AND NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)

SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF 2016 SCHOOL-BASED IMMUNIZATION OF TETRAVALENT DENGUE VACCINES

The Department of Health (DOH) in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is spearheading the implementation of a School-Based Immunization of Tetraivalent Dengue Vaccines for all enrolled Grade 4 public elementary students, aged 9 years old and above for School Year 2015-2016 in Regions III, IV-A and NCR .

This is part of the current actions of DOH in strengthening the National Dengue Prevention and Control Program through the implementation of a School-Based Immunization Program (SBIP). Moreover, this will be the first implementation of the dengue vaccine called **Dengvaxia** which was recently approved by the Philippine Food and Drug Authority (FDA), and will be added to the list of free vaccines for public school children under the Expanded Program for Immunization.

In view of the foregoing, all Local Government Units (LGUs) concerned are hereby enjoined to provide the necessary support in the implementation of the said activity, including but are not limited to the following:

- a. Provide vaccinators during the actual vaccination activity in public schools;
- b. Assist the schools through mobilization of the parents of eligible students for orientation on the disease, program and immunization activities; and
- c. Submit reports of program implementation and accomplishments to DOH.

Likewise, all DILG Offices and personnel concerned are also hereby enjoined to participate in meetings and trainings relative to the implementation of the program and to extend the appropriate assistance for the successful conduct of the aforesaid activity. For coordination and additional information, please contact the Dengue Immunization Technical Working Group at Tel. No. (02) 6517800 local 2352/2354 and your respective DOH and DepEd regional offices counterpart.

All DILG Regional Directors concerned are hereby directed to cause the wide dissemination of this Circular within their areas of jurisdiction.

For compliance.


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 Secretary

