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**MEMORANDUM**

20 January 2022

For: **Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional Supervising Dentists  
School Health Personnel  
Principals and School Heads  
All Others Concerned**

Subject: **CELEBRATION OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH  
MONTH**

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), enjoins all field offices and schools to participate in activities related to the celebration of the **18<sup>th</sup> National Dental Health Month** from **30 January – 27 February 2022**. This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559, s. 2004, titled Declaring the month of February of Every Year as National Dental Health Month.

The theme for this year's celebration is **"Brushing is a Must, kahit naka-Mask,"** to strengthen awareness and reiterate the importance of good oral hygiene habits by reaching out to all Filipinos to keep their teeth, gums and entire mouth healthy.

The dentists and other school health personnel in the regions and schools' divisions shall take the lead in the following activities related to the national celebration:

1. Utilization of tele-dentistry for home-based consultation and oral health promotion.
2. Preventive Oral Health Services and Interventions through the following:
  - a. Distribution of hygiene supplies to learners.
  - b. Strengthen awareness and reiterate the importance of good oral hygiene through health education using various social media platforms;

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- c. Topical application of fluoride varnish by the dentists to Kinder to Grade 3 learners in low-risk areas and where face-to-face classes are allowed.
3. Promotion of oral health at home including oral health education and instructions.
4. Coordinate and collaborate with other government agencies and local PDA Chapters and Affiliates, in support of the activities of the month-long celebration.

It is reiterated that the provision of the dental services, if applicable, shall observe the required health standards as per DepEd Order (DO) No. 14., s. 2020 "Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools."

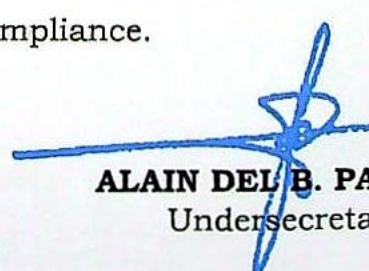

In relation to this, all are requested to support the upcoming virtual activities of the Philippine Dental Association (PDA). Details for the activities mentioned below may be coordinated with the PDA local chapter of your respective areas.

Activity	Date
Opening Ceremonies simultaneous with Virtual Inter-Religious Eucharistic celebration and Billboard Unveiling to be streamed via Zoom	January 30, 2022
World Oral Health Day Social Media Campaign	January 10 - February 10, 2022
Visayas Kick-off to be Hosted by Bacolod Dental Chapter	February 6, 2022
Feast of St. Apollonia hosted by Manila Dental Chapter & Fil-Chi	February 9, 2022
Mindanao Kick-off to be Hosted by Davao del Sur Dental Chapter	February 10, 2022
PDA Blood-letting	February 20, 2022
Indigency Clinic	TBA

The ROs are requested to submit a consolidated narrative and pictorial report on the activities done by the SDOs through email at [shd-sdhcp@deped.gov.ph](mailto:shd-sdhcp@deped.gov.ph) on or before 18 March 2022.

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