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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 142, s. 1976

THE EXPANDED IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

To the: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents

1. Inclosed is a copy of the letter of the Director, Bureau of Health Services and Bureau of Disease Control, dated May 10, 1976, relative to the Expanded Immunization Program of the Department of Health.
2. The program which is directed to the mass immunization of infants and Grade I school children against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and tuberculosis will start in June-July of this year and a follow-up immunization will be given in January-February of next year.
3. In this connection, attention is invited to the features of the program, copy likewise inclosed, particularly those pertaining to the immunization periods, schedule of immunizations and the participation of the teachers. It is desired that classes in health education and science take up the preventive aspects of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and tuberculosis.
4. It is requested that this Department Memorandum be given immediate, wide publicity, and that full support and cooperation be given by all concerned.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
as stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4 (D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Department Index under the following subjects:

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Course of Study, HEALTH EDUCATION	SICKNESS
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(Inclosure to Department Memorandum No. 142, s. 1976)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Bureau of Health Services
Office of the Director
Manila

May 10, 1976

Dr. Lorenzo Cesar
Acting Director
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Manila

S i r :

The Immunization Program in the Department of Health has been reviewed and revised in line with recent developments in the field of immunization. We have come up with an Expanded Program that is essentially directed to the immunization of infants and Grade I school children against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and tuberculosis.

To be more effective in our outreach to these target groups, it is planned that the immunization teams from the local health unit/center undertake the actual immunization of infants and Grade I school children in the primary schools, public and private, inasmuch as primary schools are more geographically and socially more convenient to the mothers.

The success of this Expanded Program is therefore contingent on the continued support and collaboration of school authorities, especially the Grade I school teachers. In this connection, may I take this opportunity to acknowledge such support and collaboration that you have always extended to our health program especially in the field of immunization. With this Expanded Program, more than ever, the support and collaboration of the school authorities is so vital.

May I therefore request that the school authorities concerned in the field in both the public and private primary schools be advised accordingly, before the scheduled start of the Program in June-July this year. To serve as guidelines in the preparation of a Circular you may wish to issue in this connection, I have attached herewith a brief statement in the features of this Program and the expected participation of the primary school teachers.

Thank you again for your continued support and collaboration. The favor to receive a copy of such circular you may issue will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) J. C. DIZON, M.D., M.P.H.
Director
Bureau of Health Services &
Bureau of Disease Control
Chairman
IMMUNIZATION COMMITTEE

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Department of Health
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I. FEATURES:

1. The Expanded Immunization Program is a national program essentially directed to the mass immunization of infants and Grade I school children against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and tuberculosis.

2. The mass immunization of infants and Grade I school children shall be performed in all the primary schools, public as well as private, rather than in the health centers.

3. Immunization teams headed by a public health nurse shall be constituted from the local health personnel.

4. The immunization teams shall visit all the primary schools in the locality twice a year, first in June-July as the schools open and second in January-February after the Christmas holidays. Each of these immunization periods will last 4 weeks during which period, the team shall visit one primary school each day.

5. The schedule of immunization is as follows:

1) June-July - Infants, 3-8 months - 1st dose DPT
Grade I school children - BCG

2) January-February - Infants, 9-14 months - 2nd dose DPT
DPT + BCG

6. There shall be a yearly assessment of immunization coverage, through scar surveys for the presence of BCG scars in the upper arm of Grade I school children.

II. PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS:

1. Advise the mothers in their area of the scheduled visits of the immunization team to the school and enjoin them to come with their infants.

2. Provide physical arrangements in the schools, so as to facilitate immunization of infants and Grade I school children.

3. Assist the immunization teams in preparing the infants and school children.

4. Report to the local health unit any late side-reactions to immunization that may occur, when school health personnel are not available.

5. Conduct a scar survey on Grade 1 school children every December, by counting the number of school children with BCG scars on their left or right arms, and report findings to the local health officer, using the prescribed form.

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