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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 25, s. 1984

COMPULSORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Presidential Decree No. 996 provides for the compulsory basic immunization for infants and children below eight years of age, and requires educational institutions to provide for basic immunization services. Quoted hereunder is the pertinent provision of the Decree.

"Sec. 5. Responsibility of the Head of a School or Institution. - The head of an institution where infants or children are educated, treated, cared for, or committed by law for preventive or rehabilitative services shall provide basic immunization services . . ."

2. The aim of requiring immunization is to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio and measles among school children.

3. All heads of schools and institutions, public and private, are to help attain this objective by seeing to it that all school children have been provided with the basic immunization. They are to make arrangements with the Ministry of Health for free immunization services. The submission of certificates of immunization are to be required from school children.

4. School physicians, dentists, nurses, teachers and school administrators are enjoined to actively participate in the immunization campaign by coordinating with the Ministry of Health personnel and by educating parents, guardians and persons having custody of infants and children regarding their responsibility in presenting their infant or child for basic immunization services, the values of immunization, and penal provisions of P.D. 996, to wit:

"Sec. 7. Penalty. - Violations of any provisions of this Decree shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding one month or a fine not exceeding two hundred pesos or both, such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court, unless a higher penalty is provided for in the Revised Penal Code or special laws."

5. Heads of schools, colleges, and universities are to submit a report on the immunization of school children to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Attention: Executive Director, School Health and Nutrition Center, at the end of the first semester of each school year.

6. Strict compliance with and immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum are desired.

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Reference:

Department Memorandum: No. 111, s. 1977

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

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