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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 107, s. 1987

DECS FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM IN THE CONTROL OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS
AMONG THE SCHOOL POPULATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Reports from the schools division medical officers reveal a considerable number of school personnel to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. Recent statistical data of the Department of Health show that tuberculosis is the second leading cause of death, accounting for 10.4% to 11.5% of death from all causes every year. A national prevalence survey conducted from 1981 to 1983 by the National Institute of Tuberculosis and Department of Health also showed that 6.6 persons for every 1000 population were found positive for tuberculosis by sputum microscopy.

2. In line with the thrust of the national government, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports through the School Health and Nutrition Center, in coordination with the Department of Health, is embarking on a 5-year intensive control program against tuberculosis among the school population.

3. Beginning school year 1987-88 up to school year 1991-92, all teachers and other school personnel in both public and private schools shall be required to undergo a yearly physical examination including sputum examination at the nearest rural health unit (RHU) and/or chest X-ray at any government or Philippine Tuberculosis Society chest centers or pavilions. Pupils and students showing signs and symptoms of tuberculosis shall also be required to undergo sputum examination.

4. School personnel and students/pupils found to be positive on sputum microscopy or with cavitary lesions on X-ray shall be referred to the nearest rural health unit for free treatment of at least six months. The school personnel shall be advised to go on leave for at least one month or until such time that they are rendered non-infectious as determined through follow-up examinations. Those with non-cavitary or non-infectious lesions shall also be treated accordingly without necessarily going on leave.

5. The school physician shall be the overall coordinator of the TB Control Program. In the absence of the school physician, the health supervisor shall take charge of coordinating and monitoring all activities.

6. The school health personnel shall have the following responsibilities.

- a. disseminate information regarding the TB control program.
- b. coordinate with the RHU/HRU in the case-finding of teachers and students.

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- c. assist the rural health personnel in the case-finding and sputum collection;
- d. follow-up treatment of teachers and students recommended for treatment and certify for their return to service;
- e. see to it that the BCG immunization of all school entrants as embodied in MECS Memorandum No. 25, s. 1964, are complied with; and
- f. intensify health education on tuberculosis, its prevention and control.

7. The school physician/health supervisor shall render a quarterly report specifically regarding the following data as per attached form:

- a. Number of teachers/students who submitted for sputum and chest X-ray examinations.
- b. Number of teachers/students found with cavity lesions.
- c. Number with non-cavity lesions.

8. This Memorandum supersedes MECS Memorandum No. 30, s. 1965.

9. The cooperation of all school administrators in the effective implementation of this TB control program is enjoined.

(SGD.) LAURDES R. CUISUMBING
Secretary

Incl.:

As stated

References:

MECS Memorandums: (Nos. 25, s. 1964 and
30, s. 1965)

Allotment: 1-2--(P.O. 1-84)

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(Enclosure to DECS Memorandum No. 107, s. 1987)

DECS TB CONTROL PROGRAM REPORT
Quarter, 19_____

Region: _____ Division: _____

*School: _____ # Prov./City/County _____
*(For Institutions/Colleges/Universities)

	Teachers	Pupils/ Students (Enrolment)	Other School Personnel
Present number of _____	_____	_____	_____
Number with Sputum Examination	_____	_____	_____
No. of Sputum Positive - 1st Exam	_____	_____	_____
- 2nd Exam	_____	_____	_____
- 3rd Exam	_____	_____	_____
Number X-rayed	_____	_____	_____
Number with Cavitory Lesions	_____	_____	_____
Number with Non-cavitory Lesions	_____	_____	_____
- Far Advanced	_____	_____	_____
- Moderately Advanced	_____	_____	_____
- Minimal	_____	_____	_____
Other findings (specify)	_____	_____	_____
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Submitted by:

(School Physician/Health Supervisor)

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