



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Region VIII  
TACLOBAN CITY DIVISION



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To: SGOD and CID Chiefs  
Unit Heads  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
School Heads  
Division and School NDEP/BKD/Tobacco Control Coordinators  
Health & Nutrition Section  
All others concerned

From: **MARIZA S. MAGAN, Ed.D., CESO V**  
Public Schools Division Superintendent

Date: May 17, 2022

Subject: **NATIONAL NO SMOKING MONTH AND POLICY ON PROHIBITION OF SELLING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS WITHIN 100 METERS FROM SCHOOL VICINITY**

The Department of Education fully supports a smoke-free school community under RA 9211 also known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, an omnibus law regulating smoking in public places, tobacco advertising, promotion, sponsorship, and sales restriction, among other requirements. Furthermore on section 10 prohibits the sale or distribution of cigarettes and other tobacco products within 100 METERS from any point of the perimeter of a schools, public playground, or other facilities frequented by minors. It was also supported by the recent EO no 106 (2020), CSC Memorandum Circular No. 17, s. 2019; and DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016.

As part of the Annual World No Tobacco Day on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and the National No Smoking month throughout the month of June, we shall jumpstart our Smoke-free policy within our respective school by simply re-enforcing no smoking policy in school with context taken from DepEd Order No. 48, S, 2016 (Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control), anti-tobacco posters and IEC materials posted in a conspicuous places and conduct different activities that will discourage smoking of our learners. Attached also is the letter template to be sent to your respective Barangay Captain on the reinforcement of RA 9211.

Furthermore you may access NDEP IEC materials and slide presentation via our FB group chat NDEP/BKD Tacloban Division

For questions and concerns, please contact Mr. Bryan M. Fuentes, Division Tobacco Control Program Coordinator, through 0998-576-3956 or email at [bryan.fuentes@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bryan.fuentes@deped.gov.ph).

For strict and wide compliance.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Greetings of safety and good health!

Our school community will celebrate Annual world No Tobacco day on 31<sup>st</sup> of May and National No Smoking Month throughout the month of June. With regards to this, we would like to request reinforcement on the 100% ban on selling/distribution/advertising or postering of cigarette products and vaping/electronic nicotine and non-nicotine delivery system within the 100 meters perimeter from the school throughout each year.

The absolute smoking/vaping van in schools is also consistent with national laws like RA 9211 or the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, and government issuances including Executive Order No. 106 (2020); Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 17, s 2009; and DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016 (Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control).

Our local government also fully supports city-wide smoking ban in compliance with RA 9211 and EO 106 that no tobacco and related products shall be sold or advertise within 100 meters from any point of the perimeter of the school or any place frequented by minors.

We are looking forward to a smoke-free school and community through your support.

Thank you!

Very Truly Yours,

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School head