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**Department of Education**  
Region VIII  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TACLOBAN CITY**

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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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For: **All Public Schools District Supervisors**  
**Division DRRM Officer**  
**All Public Elem. & Secondary School Heads**  
**All Public Elem. & Sec. School DRRM Coordinators**  
**All Others Concerned**

Subject: **SDO TACLOBAN CITY'S PREVENTION, MITIGATION, AND CONTROL MEASURES TO COMBAT CHOLERA**

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In response to the issuances of Tacloban City Health Office on the occurrence of Cholera positive cases in Tacloban City, the Schools Division of Tacloban City through its Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service hereby enjoins all public elementary and secondary schools to implement proactive prevention, mitigation, and control measures effective immediately to combat Cholera in order to ensure the safety of all learners, teachers, and non-teaching personnel.

As per the Department of Health Eastern Visayas and Tacloban City Health Office, Cholera is an acute diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine with *Vibrio cholerae* bacteria. Sources of infection or mode of transmission is through food borne and water borne or transmitted by consumption of food and drinks contaminated with bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*. Usual symptoms are diarrhea in large amount or sudden onset of frequent painless watery stools, vomiting, leg cramps, weakness, and dehydration.

In order to prevent the infection and transmission of Cholera and to mitigate and control its impact, the following prevention, mitigation, and control measures must be implemented:

- Washing hands before touching food and after using the toilet
- Washing utensils, food ingredients and cutlery with soap and clean water
- Cooking food well and keeping it at a safe temperature
- Only drink clean/boiled water
- Sanitizing shared washrooms
- Keep surroundings clean to prevent flies and other insects and rodents from breeding
- All learners, teachers, and non-teaching personnel must bring their own covered water container and water for their own consumption
- All public elementary and secondary schools with Operational School Canteen must suspend its operations until further notice.
- Consumption of street foods and drinks is being discouraged
- Make sure that unconsumed water and food are always covered

