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MEMORANDUM-CIRCULAR

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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED.

SUBJECT : REITERATION OF *DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 2005-74, DATED 02 AUGUST 2005, SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH [DOH] ON THE ERADICATION OF DENGUE FEVER*

Recent reports of the National Epidemiology Center (NEC), Department of Health (DOH) revealed that Dengue fever cases admitted at different hospitals nationwide are increasing.

Figures released last year, for the period January to December 8, 2007, showed that there were 43,983 dengue cases reported. Of these cases, 407 resulted in death of patients. For this year, covering the period of January 1-19, 2008, the NEC has reported a total of 546 dengue cases, which is 365 cases or 202 percent (202%) higher compared to the same period last year.

With the reported steady increase of dengue fever cases, all local chief executives are hereby enjoined to support the call of the DOH in initiating concerted and coordinated efforts involving every sectors in their localities to prevent and contain the spread of this highly infectious disease in their areas of responsibility.

In view thereof, the provisions of **DILG MC No. 2005-74** are hereby reiterated, enjoining LGUs to, among others,

- Conduct intensified massive information and education campaign on dengue fever with emphasis on environmental control of breeding sites especially in endemic areas.
- Identify potential breeding places of dengue carrying mosquitoes and carry out appropriate preventive and control measures, and

- Enforce environmental sanitation such as dredging of clogged canals, esteros and other waterways, pruning thick bushes/tree branches, and removal/drainage of receptacles containing stagnant water.

As recommended by the DOH, LGUs may adopt the “**FOURmula (4- S) against DENGUE**” in initiating efforts against the spread of Dengue, viz :

- **Search and destroy** – Remove all possible breeding places of mosquitoes.
- **Self-protection measures** – Wear long sleeves shirt and pants and use mosquito net and repellent during daytime.
- **Seek early consultation** – If you have rashes and fever for 2 days, immediately consult the doctor at the nearest health center or hospital.
- **Say no to indiscriminate fogging unless there is an outbreak -** Fogging Can only be done if there is an outbreak

All Regional Directors are hereby directed to coordinate with their respective DOH. Regional counterparts for proper dissemination and implementation of this Circular by the LGUs.

For information and guidance.


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