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Department of Education
REGION XII
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SOUTH COTABATO

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD No. **046** s. 2025

ADVISORY ON MPOX PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROTOCOL
IN SCHOOLS AND WORK SETTING

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-Charge
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Teaching and Nonteaching Personnel
All School Health Section Personnel
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 107, s. 2025 titled, **Advisory on Mpox Prevention and Control Protocol in Schools and Work Setting**, all teaching and nonteaching personnel are strongly encouraged to be aware, follow protocols to stop the possible transmission and report suspected cases of Mpox formerly known as monkeypox.
2. Any individual who develops signs and symptoms of Mpox shall contact their health care provider for risk assessment and diagnostic evaluation. Mpox is considered as a notifiable disease as defined under Republic Act No. 11332 otherwise known as **Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations**.
3. Reintegration to the workplace or school in the case of learners and personnel who has recovered from an infection shall comply with the following:
 - a. Clearance to return to work shall be provided by the attending physician and subsequently verified by the division medical officer.
 - b. A reintegration plan shall be implemented to bring back the worker's confidence in performing tasks, avoid possible stigma, and maintain confidentiality in terms of his medical condition.



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- c. Ensure constant implementation of the minimum public health standards as appropriate.
- d. School heads shall ensure/arrange for the provision of workplace entitlements e.g. use of leave credits, medical benefits, alternative work arrangements.
4. Enclosed are the sample pictures of Mpox rashes and Regional Memorandum for more information.
5. For further information and clarification, please contact Dr. Mc Darlcel Canta, Medical Officer III or Ms. Lilibeth E. Funa, Nurse In-Charge at mobile numbers 09566551184 or 09051380646.
6. For information and compliance.


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TEACHERS

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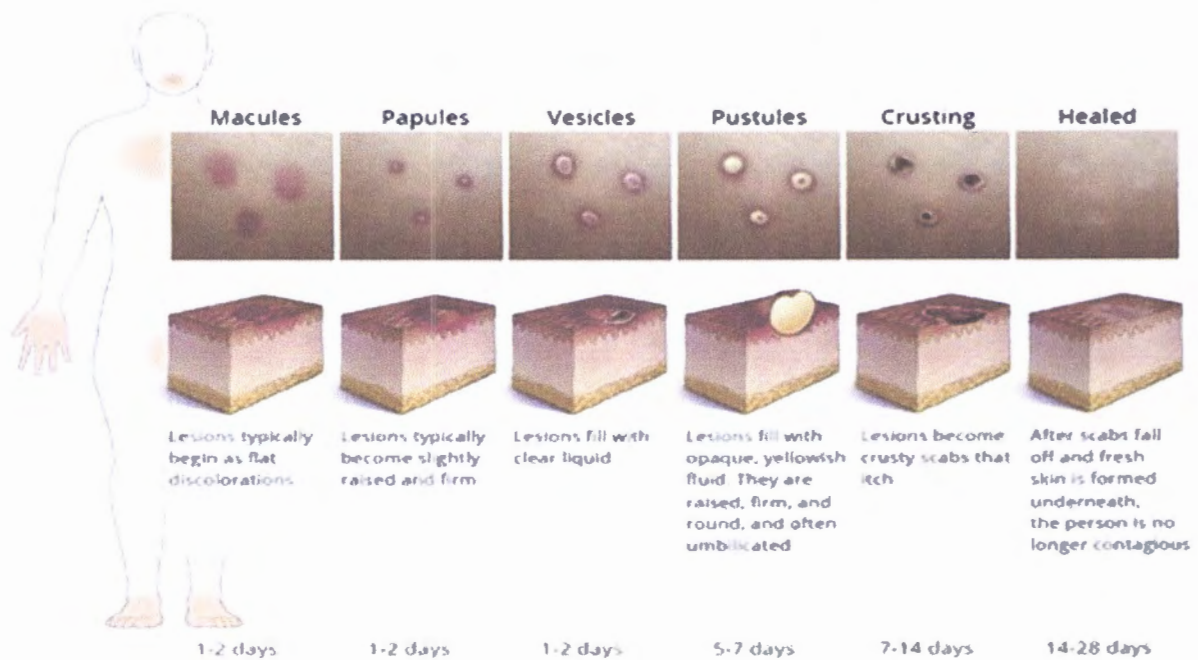
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SKIN RASH PROGRESSION OF MPOX



Source: CDC

MPOX ACTIVE LESIONS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE BODY



Source: Atlas of Mpox Lesion Version 1.0 WHO



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**ADVISORY ON MPOX PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROTOCOL IN SCHOOLS
AND WORK SETTING**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. MPOX, previously called monkeypox, is an infection that causes fever and a painful rash. There has been an increase in new cases starting 2022 and was declared as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) last Aug 14, 2024 by WHO (World Health Organization).

2. For everyone's awareness, here are some important information about the disease:

What are the symptoms of mpox?

- a. Fever
- b. Skin rash or mucosal lesions that look like blisters or raised firm lesions which may last for 2 - 4 weeks, it may present on face, palms and soles of the feet
- c. Swollen lymph nodes or sore throat
- d. Muscle aches and back pain
- e. Headache and low energy

How does mpox spread?

- a. Person-to-person transmission through direct contact with skin or mucosal lesions (talking or breathing, kissing, touching, hugging, or sexual intercourse, and/or through respiratory secretions)
- b. Indirect contact with contaminated bedding, clothing, or linens or other objects

3. Teaching and nonteaching personnel are enjoined to do the following in order to stop the possible transmission of mpox:

- a. Adapt Distance Learning Delivery Modality for students who have manifested the symptoms of mpox.
- b. Arrange work from home for personnel who have been possibly afflicted with the disease.
- c. Adapt a skeletal workforce for office or section who had been in contact with personnel suspected/confirmed with mpox. Coordination and cooperation of the office and/or personnel with the local health authority for management and containment of the disease shall be followed.
- d. Teaching and nonteaching personnel and students who have signs/symptoms or have the disease shall only resume face-to-face transactions after securing clearance from their doctor or from the local health authority.



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- e. Practice and teach the disease prevention in classes and offices:
- i. Observe respiratory etiquette such as covering your mouth and noses when coughing or sneezing.
 - ii. Use masks when going out in a crowded public space and when experiencing respiratory signs and symptoms such as coughing and sneezing and runny nose
 - iii. Ensure good airflow/ventilation in the office or classroom
 - iv. Wash hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - v. Refrain from contact with individuals who have signs and symptoms
4. For information and compliance.

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