

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
DM-2019-011

MEMO TO : School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
 SUBJECT : **NATIONAL SCHOOL DEWORMING MONTH ROUND TWO**
 FROM : Schools Division Superintendent
 DATE : January 6, 2020

1. The Department of Education recognizes the effect of Deworming in the cognitive development and school attendance as per A.O. No. 2010-0023.
2. School-Based Mass Deworming Program shall be conducted by DepEd Nurses, Clinic Teachers/Deworming Coordinators and Local Health Personnel in all Elementary/Secondary Schools **TWICE A YEAR or EVERY SIX MONTHS** during the month of **January and July** as per A.O. No. 2006-2008.
3. Albendazole 400mg/ Mebendazole 500mg Tablet is the Drug of Choice for Mass Deworming Program due to its excellent safety record. The drug shall be taken **ON FULL STOMACH**.
4. All eligible School Children (5 to 12 yrs. old) and Secondary Students (12 yrs. and above) shall be given Deworming Drug (Albendazole) **with PARENTAL CONSENT (No Permit, No Purga)**. Use of **NOTIFICATION LETTER AND CONSENT FORM** is desired. As per A.O. No. 2010-0023, Albendazole 400mg Tablet can be given regardless of the child's last Deworming.
5. **The following Precautionary Measures on Deworming Program Implementation shall be observed:**
 - a. The target clients or their caregivers shall be adequately informed of the possible adverse reaction to the drug and how to manage this in case this occurs.
 - b. Adverse reactions shall be accurately recorded and proper authorities (AEFD Team) shall be informed.
 - c. Health Personnel at the community level shall be informed of the ongoing Deworming activity. Support Drugs shall be available at the nearest health facility.
6. The following individuals are advised **NOT** to take Deworming Drugs.
 - **Seriously ill Child/Individual**
 - **Child/Individual with Abdominal Pain**
 - **Child/Individual with Diarrhea**
 - **Child/Individual who previously suffered hypersensitivity (Allergy) to the Drug (Albendazole/Mebendazole).**
 - **Severely malnourished (Underweight) Child/Individual.**

7. Adverse reactions following Deworming (AEFD) and its Management.

Below are the most commonly met adverse effects of the Drug(Albendazole) which are expected to manifest within the 1st Ten (10) hours after Drug intake which are mild and transient. Majority of cases need no further treatment.

- Supportive Drugs may be given in few cases.

Common Adverse Effect	How to Manage
Local Sensitivity or Allergy	Give Anti-Histamine
Mild Abdominal Pain	Give Anti-Spasmotic
Diarrhea	Give Oral Rehydrating Solution
Erratic Worm Migration	Pull out the worm from the Mouth/Nose

7. If with AEFD is encountered, check-up/consultation and medication will be shoulder by the DOH (CHO or WPDH) for **FREE**.
8. Please report and submit any untoward AEFD to the School Health Section following the format below:

ADVERSE EFFECT FOLLOWING DEWORMING (AEFD)

Name of Pupil	Year	Age	Symptoms	Treatment Done	Remarks

9. Use of new and updated Deworming Report Form should be used and to be submitted to the School Health Section office a week after the date of deworming.
10. **In this regard, kindly allow your designated School Deworming Coordinator to attend a short meeting/re-orientation on the above activity on January ____, 2020 at around 1:30 PM to be held at the SDO Conference Room.**
11. For your guidance and Strict Compliance.

References:

- Administrative Order No.2010-0023 DOH
- Administrative Order No.2006-2008 DOH


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