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MEMORANDUM  
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**FOR:** Minister for Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM  
 Regional Directors  
 Schools Division Offices  
 School Heads  
 All Others Concerned

**FROM:**   
 JESUS L.R. MATEO  
 Undersecretary

**SUBJECT:** *Reiteration of DM 111 s.2019 Prohibiting the Use of E-Cigarettes and other Electronic Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Delivery System (ENNDS) and Reiterating the Absolute Tobacco Smoking Ban in Schools and DepEd Offices*

**DATE:** 18 November 2019

A recent report concerning a probable first vaping related lung injury in the country, a 16-year old girl from Central Visayas, has come to the Department's attention. This validates the warnings of health authorities about the serious health risks posed by vaping, which refers to the use of electronic cigarettes, to users and those around them.

In light of this, the Department is reminding all officials and personnel to observe the absolute ban on the distribution, sale, offering, and use of e-cigarettes and tobacco products in all DepEd premises and DepEd activities. This is contained in DepEd Memorandum No. 111, s. 2019 titled "Prohibiting the Use of e-Cigarettes and Other Electronic Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Delivery System [ENDS/ENNDS] and Reiterating the Absolute Tobacco Smoking Ban in Schools and DepEd Offices."

The Department is also reminding all school authorities and teachers to regularly inform learners about the dangers of vaping and cigarette smoking through curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. Further, school administrators must ensure implementation of the ban on any form of advertising and promotion of ENDS/ENNDS and tobacco products and on sponsorships by e-cigarette and tobacco companies in the guise of Corporate Social Responsibility projects among others, in all activities and premises of all DepEd offices and schools.

Violations of this prohibition and related DepEd issuances by learners shall be dealt with in accordance with DepEd Order 40 s.2012 DepEd Child Protection Policy, while those committed by DepEd personnel shall be subject to DepEd Order 49 s.2006 Revised Rules of Procedure in Administrative Cases and related Civil Service Commission issuances.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.

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To : Schools Division Superintendents  
 All Division

For information, guidance & appropriate action.

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To All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers In-Charge  
 (Elementary & Secondary)  
 FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

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