

OPERATION OF SCHOOL CANTEEN DURING COVID-19 TIME OF EMERGENCY

1. The school canteen may be operated as:
 - a. School-Managed Canteen (Laboratory Canteen)
 - b. Teachers' Cooperative Managed Canteen

Note: Please refer to DO 8, s. 2007 as to management of school canteen per 4.2 and 4.3 sections of the policy guidelines.
2. When operating the school canteen, health and safety protocols shall be strictly observed at all time.
 - a. Wearing of facemask of all canteen personnel and staff.
 - b. Wearing of facemask of all learners within and outside school canteen premises.
 - c. Physical Distancing whenever lining up to buy food.
 - d. Physical distancing when taking meals/snacks. When hot meals are served, and dining tables are available, ensure that learners observe health protocols at all times.
 - e. No sharing of food, utensils, drinking glasses.
 - f. Disposing of food wastes and wrappers must observe segregation. It is advised that waste bins must not be touched by anyone except when collecting the garbage by the utility workers who use proper gloves and personal protective equipment and gears.
3. School canteen staff and personnel must observe health hygiene and sanitation practices, such as but not limited to:
 - a. wearing of facemask, hand gloves, hair net, aprons, and open mouth shield;
 - b. securing health certificate for staff (valid and updated); and
 - c. securing sanitary permit for canteen operation (valid and updated).
4. All school canteens and offices must strictly follow the provisions in DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017-*Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices*. The food products sold or even brought to school and offices as categorized as Green, Yellow, and Red must be checked by the teachers, school heads, unit heads and school health personnel and staff. Food under RED category must not be sold in school canteen. When brought to school or office, the teacher/unit heads shall be responsible in checking and reminding the end-takers.
5. Food to be served in school canteen must be prepared in the school. Any food which is prepared at home and/or shall be brought as food item to be sold by anyone is prohibited. Further instructions are stipulated in DO 13.
6. During orientation and PTA conferences, homeroom advisers and school heads are advised to include discussing the topics on these regard.
7. Schools which do not have canteen shall hold conferences with parents and advise them to send their children to school with their 'baons' preferably in food packs, wrapper, or foil-packs. Other reminders to be discussed with the parents must be in consonance with the DepEd Orders and Issuances.
8. No food peddlers must be allowed to enter the school premises. Whenever possible, secure health and sanitary permit of those who sell home-cooked food peddling in around the school. Carinderia and food centers near the school where learner may

buy food must also be compliant to food safety, and sanitation and hygiene. Coordination with and/or reporting to the Sangguning Barangay in this regard must be undertaken.

9. All provisions in DepEd Order 8, s. 2017, DO 13, and s. 2017 must be strictly observed.